

NEWS AND NOTICES

ST EDMUND'S HAS A JOB VACANCY for a Part-time Parish Administrator (8 hours per week / £12.21 per hour.) For a copy of the role description and details on how to apply, please contact vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 16th January 2026 with interviews expected week commencing 19th January.

THE MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP will resume on 5th January at the back of church from 10:30 till 12. We start with a chat and coffee, with the main meeting starting at 11. We will be looking at the following Sunday's readings, Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 3:13-17.

TEA COSY+ Memory Cafe for those living with dementia will be on **Thursday 8th January 11-1.30** at The Highwood Building, Brackenwood Drive, off Lidgett Lane. We will be enjoying singing, reminiscing, group conversation, a craft activity and music quiz, and offering support for carers. A light lunch will be provided including hot drinks, homemade sandwiches and cakes. £3 per person. If you have a question to ask then please do contact Susie Broome on 2666476 or Gillian Mathie on 2888633.

THE JULIAN PRAYER MEETING, on Thursday 8th January at 2pm. We are an ecumenical group following the traditions of Julian of Norwich, meeting for a guided short reflection and a time of contemplative prayer, followed by refreshments if you would like to stay on for that. Information is available from Julie Meakin at jmeakin@hotmail.co.uk or from Terry Robson at terry1robson@icloud.com

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Youth Group 13th January
for young people in 27th January
school years 10th February
11, 12 & 13 24th February
Spring term 2026 10th March
Tuesdays 24th March
7-8.30 pm
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MID-WEEK WALKS Tuesdays 13th & 27th January. We meet in the church car park for a 9.30am start, Please contact Brian Livesey at b.livesey@ntlworld.com or on 293 7403 for more information.

YOUTH GROUP for school years 11 to 13 meets fortnightly during term time on Tuesdays. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th January from 7 - 8.30pm** in the church hall. There will be pizza! Please join us: term dates are listed above.

A HOPE EXPLORED COURSE will be run on **Saturday mornings on 17th, 24th and 31st of January.** It will start with coffee and pastries at 9.30am with the study starting at 10(ish) and conclude by 11.30. Attendance is limited to 14, so please 'book early' and let Michelle know via email if you would like to attend. Please send emails to vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk or give Michelle a call.

PLEASE STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS after the 10am service, served at the back of the church.

A warm welcome from St Edmund's Parish Church

Sunday 4th January 2026 The Feast of Epiphany

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who will worship with us whether in church or at home.

- 8am** **HOLY COMMUNION.**
Revd Michelle Lepine is presiding and preaching.
- 10am** **FIRST SUNDAY, ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP**
Led by Revd Michelle Lepine, Peter Marles is preaching.
- 6.30pm** **TAIZE SERVICE**
Led by Terry Robson.

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The 10am service is streamed live on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/StEdsRoundhay>
You do not need a Facebook account to watch it.
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<u>Services this week</u>		<u>Services next Sunday</u>	
<u>Wednesday 7th January</u>		<u>Sunday 11th January</u>	
11am	Holy Communion	8am	Holy Communion.
	Led by Revd Michelle Lepine	10am	Holy Communion
<u>Thursday 8th January</u>		4pm	Christingle Service
8.30am	Morning Prayer		

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Instagram: [@StEdsRoundhay](https://www.instagram.com/StEdsRoundhay)

COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY

**Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's
end in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:1-12 Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a

servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12 The Visit of the Wise Men

² In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the

people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



Christingle



**Please join us for the Christingle
service on
Sunday 11th January
at 4pm**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who have asked for prayer:
Martin, Joanne, Doreen, Wayne,
Rachael, Andrea, Julie, Evelyn,
Sarah and Jocelyn.**

**The recently departed,
among them Meryl Cowling,
Simon & Amanda's mother.**

**Andy & Kati, our CMS mission
partners in Brazil.**

**Andi & Kati's latest letter from
Brazil will be found here:
[Andy & Kati](#)**