St Edmund's

Tyseley

Parish Profile



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Welcome

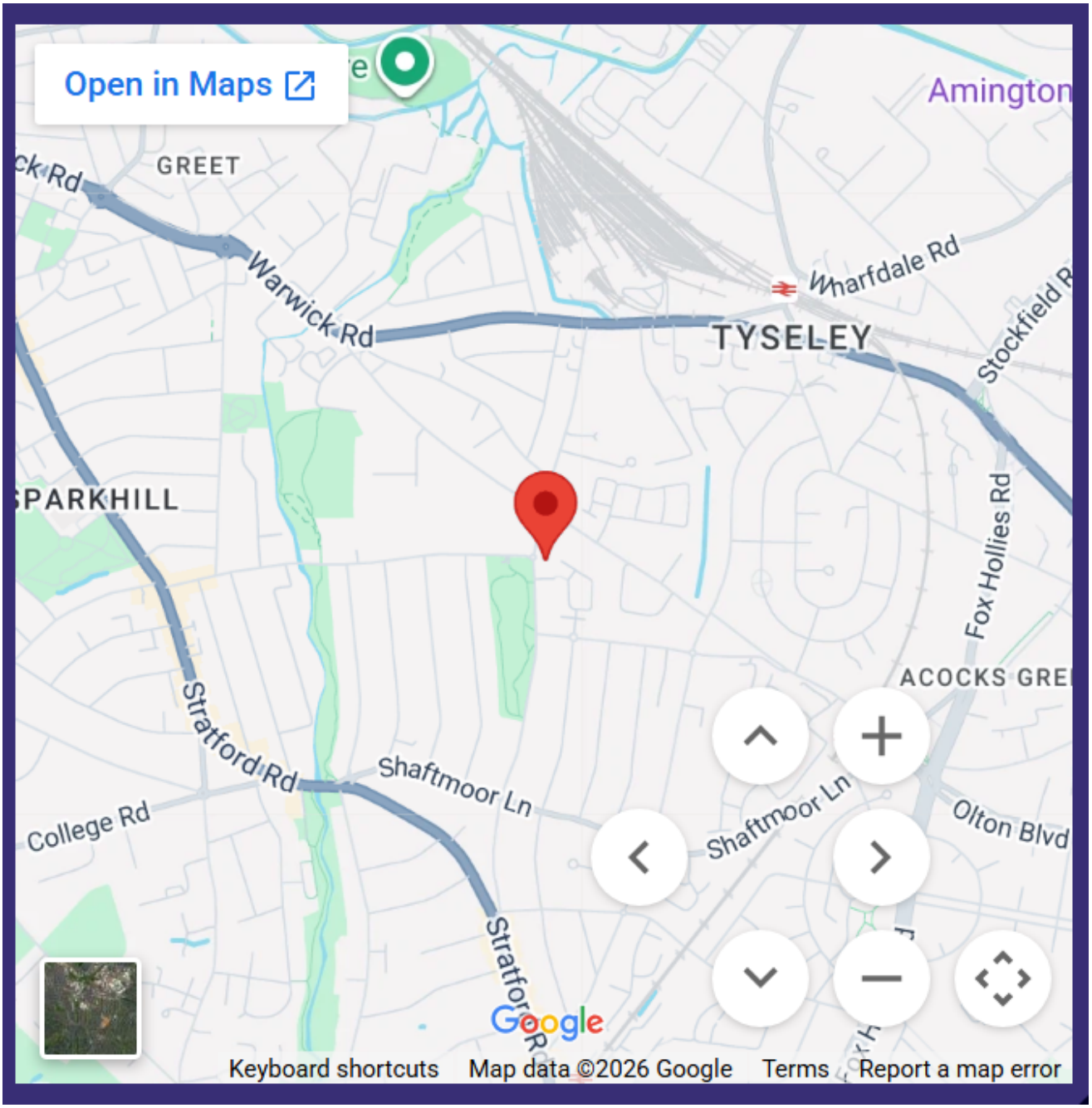
Hello, welcome to St. Edmunds Church.

Built in 1940 we are an Anglican Church serving the whole of Tyseley. We are traditional in some of our ways but largely informal in our worship. We use the colours for the different seasons in the Church`s calendar and when possible, we do three readings on a Sunday and Holy Communion the first Sunday of every month.
King Charles is the patron of the Church, which we are very proud of. There is a mark on the floor in the church, where a bomb came through the roof from WW2, which is a great talking point when we have visitors and visits from schools to learn about Christianity.

Currently our church is led by Ann Knight and Dot Pooler, Ann is an ordained local minister and Dot is a licensed lay minister.



The Local Area:



The pinhead marks the location of church and vicarage

Tyseley has always had a strong sense of “community” with St. Edmunds playing a big part and we feel this is still the case bringing many challenges but opportunities as well. Tyseley is now striving to find a new identity. Tyseley have seen many changes over the year, once a busy industrial area, with two factories in the immediate area, which have now been replaced with

a new housing estate and a new school. This is a great opportunity for any one with a heart for mission in a multicultural setting.

Tyseley has a proud industrial heritage where once thousands of people working in the area for major companies such as TI Reynolds (formerly Reynolds Tubes) and Corona, attracting a large number of bicycle and motorcycle manufacturers to the area, and component suppliers. Other companies based in the area in the past include Dawes Cycles, Girling Brakes, Slumberland, Smiths Crisps, MEM Electrical, and also the factory where Co-Operative Society (CWS) toys, motorcycles, prams and bicycles were made. They marketed their toys as 'Tyseley Toys'.

The area contains many Victorian buildings that housed manual workers reflecting the heritage of the area and the city. Much of Tyseley remains industrial, with many companies, including Klaxon, SCC, Western Pegasus Limited and Bakelite Limited, basing themselves there. One of the local attractions is the Tyseley Locomotive Works, located inside a large railway depot.

Tyseley is a mainly Muslim area, (2021 census figures reveal 50% Muslim as opposed to just 26% Christian) there are two Muslim schools in the area. Over the years we have built a good relationship with the schools Al-Furqan and Olive School, with them been able to bring the schools into the church to learn about the Christian faith. It is always a pleasure to have them over and asked their questions. We have started to build relationship with the nearby mosques and communities too by mixing with them and inviting them into the church e.g. celebrate the Queen Dimond Jublee, our Celebrating Service of our Church Door (interesting Story).

Good bus links connect us to the city centre, Solihull, Shirley and surrounding areas. Nearby attractions include two football grounds, Edgbaston cricket ground, the Custard Factory in Digbeth and several theatres. Excellent cycle routes offer opportunities to get outdoors, and there are good shopping options nearby. For curries and a wide choice of places to eat, the Balti Triangle and Moseley Village are also close by.

For more information on Tyseley see https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/15513/tyseley_and_hay_mills_factsheet

Buildings & Facilities

St Edmund's Church is a well-loved and characterful building with flexible space for worship, gatherings and community use. The church hall is an important asset, providing room for local groups, events and activities that support the wider neighborhood. Both the church and hall

are maintained to a good standard, though like many parish buildings, they require ongoing care and attention.

We are committed to ensuring our facilities remain welcoming, safe and fit for purpose, enabling us to serve Tyseley effectively and offer space for community life to flourish.

Our Worshipping Community

St Edmund's is a small but faithful congregation with a strong sense of belonging. Our worship is warm, relaxed and rooted in the Anglican tradition. Music is simple and heartfelt, and our services are accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.

We value hospitality, prayer and fellowship. Although our numbers are modest, our commitment is deep, and we are eager to grow — spiritually, numerically and in confidence.

We welcome newcomers warmly and are proud of the friendly, family-like atmosphere that defines our church life.

The Cloister Craft and Cloister Cafe.

Are the two main clubs that we run where the community and church come.



At Cloister Craft we bring along our hobbies and chat over a cuppa and at Cloister Café we do games, quizzes, bingo or just chat. We do a talk based around the Christian faith at the Cloister Cafe, this has always been well received and it has made it possible for people to approach us for prayers or just to talk if they have any concerns.

It is important for them and for us to know that they can do this without been judged, that we do care and most importantly that Jesus cares for them too. Members of the Cloister Café enjoying the celebration to mark VE Day. Showing the love of Jesus in a caring and loving way, has led people to joining us on a Sunday Morning.

And this is what we are about at St. Edmunds, to share the love of Jesus Christ to all who come through God`s door and into his house.

We always believe that we are here for a reason, there was a period where we felt that we were a place for people to rest for a while before they move on or stay with us, especially during covid, when so many were coping with grief and a different, lonely way of life.



We know that we have a part to play in God`s plan, and we know that we may not see the end results, and if that is the case that's fine with us. We have faced many challenges as a church and individuals but through it all we keep our eyes firm fixed on Jesus and he has not let us down, he has provided for us and given us many blessings.

Our Vision & Mission

- To be a church where everyone feels welcome, valued and supported
- To deepen our life of prayer, worship and discipleship
- To serve Tyseley through practical care, compassion and community partnerships
- To nurture children, young people and families in inclusive, joyful faith
- To build strong relationships with local schools, organisations and residents

Our vision is to reflect Christ's love in all we do.

The Role We Are Seeking

We are looking for a Priest in Charge who will help us grow in faith, confidence and community presence. Someone who is prayerful, approachable and grounded, with a heart for pastoral care and a desire to build relationships across Tyseley. We hope for a leader who can inspire us, support us and work alongside us as we strengthen our worship, deepen our discipleship and expand our outreach.

The person appointed will play a key role in shaping the future of St Edmund's, helping us to flourish as a welcoming, hopeful and outward-looking church at the heart of our neighbourhood.

What We Can Offer

St Edmund's offers a supportive, friendly and committed congregation who care deeply about their church and community. We provide a welcoming environment, a strong sense of fellowship, and a willingness to work together with our new Priest in Charge to help the parish grow and flourish. Our buildings, hall and local partnerships give us a solid foundation for mission and outreach.

We offer encouragement, honesty, and a desire to learn. Most importantly, we offer a church family ready to embrace new ideas, deepen our faith and strengthen our presence in Tyseley with the guidance of an inspiring and compassionate leader.

The vicarage:

The vicarage is on the side of the church, it nice size house for a family, with a large-size living room and dining room, kitchen and unity room. There are three-bedroom, bathroom and a downstair toilet and a study. The back garden is small and easy maintain





The Front Garden has a long drive for two cars at least; this garden is easy to maintain with a high hedge to give privacy and is set back from the road.

There are security lights which are attached to the church but give security for the vicarage as well.

Looking Ahead

St Edmund's is entering a new and hopeful chapter. We are ready to grow, ready to learn, and ready to deepen our presence in Tyseley. With the right leadership, we believe our church can flourish — becoming a place where faith is nurtured, community is strengthened and Christ's love is shared openly.

We know that in time God will bring the right person to us. Could you be the right person? To join us to share and offer the love of Jesus with his people. For them to come to know the love of Jesus and hopefully start their own journey of faith. To welcome all who come through his door.

Expect Miracles

We know it won`t be easy and we will face many challenges, but we will do it together.

We have a sign above our doors when you come in saying

"Expect a miracle"



Which we do and we have. Like seeing angles at the Altar and the time we heard singing in the Sunday service.

We now feel it's our time to step out more in faith, to be brave and to be bold.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE THROUGH GOD"



So, will you come and join us and share in our vision.

Many Blessings,

The Faithful People of St. Edmunds.