

Dereham and District Team Ministry
The parishes of Dereham, Scarning, Swanton Morley, Beetley with East Bilney, Hoe,
Shipdham and Bradenham
<http://derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk>

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 24th March, 2024

Palm Sunday	24	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
		9.30am	Parish Communion, East Bilney	The Revd R Dines
		11.00am	Procession from Green to Church, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
		11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP), Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.15am	Morning Prayer and Baptism, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		6.00pm	Compline, view via face book	
Monday	25	9.30am	St Nicholas Outdoor Working Party	
		9.30am	Dereham Church Infant & Nursery rehearsal, Dereham	
		11.00am	Chrism Eucharist, Norwich Cathedral	
		1.30pm	Dereham Church Infant & Nursery visit, Dereham	
		7.00pm	Compline, East Bilney	The Revd R Dines
		7.30pm	Lent Course, Shipdham Rectory	
Tuesday	26	9.30am	Dereham Church Infant & Nursery, Easter Service	
		11.00am	Interment of Ashes of Peter Rayner, Swanton Morley	
		1.30pm	Dereham Junior Academy, Experience Easter	Dereham
		7.00pm	Compline, Bradenham	Mr M Purnell
Wednesday	27	9.00am	Shipdham Open Church	
		9.30am	Breckland Food Bus, Shipdham	
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.00am	Stations of the Cross, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
		11.30am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
		1.30pm	Dereham Junior Academy, Experience Easter	Dereham
		1.30pm	Thomas Bullock Easter Service, Shipdham	
		2.00pm	Swanton Morley School Easter Service	
		6.00pm	'Musical Reflection', All Saints, Shipdham	The Ketts Consort
		8.00pm	Compline, Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
Maundy Thursday	28	10.00am	Coffee, Cake and Company, Swanton Morley	
		6.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		7.00pm	The Last Supper, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
Good Friday	29	10.00am	Messy Church, Dereham	
		10.00am	Shipdham and Bradenham Prayer Walk, Kings Cafe	
		12 noon	Dereham Churches Together Walk of Witness, Queen Mother's Garden	
		2.00pm	The Last Hour at the Cross, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		2.00pm	Stations of the Cross, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
Holy Saturday	30	6.30pm	Easter Vigil, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
		8.00pm	Easter Vigil, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt

Easter Sunday	31	6.15am	Sunrise Service, Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
		6.15am	Dawn Gathering, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	All Age Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP), Hoe	The Revd R Dines
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Beetley	The Revd D Ackroyd
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell

News for the Pews

Tom's Bible study group will be taking a one-week break after Easter and not meeting on Tuesday 26th March. They will be back at Church House on Tuesday April 9th, 2.30pm.

REFLECTION: Ketts Consort will perform a ‘Reflection’ at All Saints’, Shipdham at 6pm on Weds 27th March. This will be similar to that enjoyed last year at Swanton Morley – unaccompanied choral pieces, poetry and congregational hymns. There will be refreshments after the Reflection, and a retiring collection. Please support this event in the middle of Holy Week.

Scarning PCC – our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.00pm in the Church.

Scarning Coffee Morning, Saturday 6th April, 10am – noon, in Scarning Village Hall. Please come along for a cuppa, a chat, a celebrated bacon buttie or a delicious cake. If you would like more details, or could help with a raffle prize or cake, please contact Tricia on 01362 687082 (pforeman4@sky.com)

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

- Shipdham, Sunday 7th April after the 9.30 am service
- Bradenham, Sunday 21st April after the 9.30 am service
- Swanton Morley, Sunday 21st April after the 11.15 am service
- Dereham, Sunday 28th April after the 9.30 am service
- Scarning, Sunday 12th May after the 11.15am service
- Beetley/Bilney, Sunday 19th May after the 9.30 am service at Beetley
- Hoe, tbc

These are our annual church meetings where Churchwardens and PCC representatives are elected. These are a time for sharing highlights of 2023 and for looking forwards to the work God is calling us to do. If you are not on a church Electoral Roll, please speak to Churchwardens or your church Electoral Roll officer.

The Fundraising Committee will be hosting a **French themed lunch** in Church House on Saturday 13th April at 12 for 12.30. Tickets are £12.50 and are available in Church from Dianne Harbord or by telephoning Susanne on 07523958508/Church Office on 01362 693143. Tickets usually go quickly for these events so please book early to reserve a place!

Fellowship Committee Coach Trip – We will be going to Springfield in Spalding to see the beautiful spring flowers in the gardens and fields and also the shopping outlet. This will be on Friday May 3rd, leaving at 9am and returning at 4.30pm from Dereham. We hope you will join us, please fill in the form found in each church, and return to Melva Brunning or the church office.

St Nicholas fundraising committee is holding a **plant sale** on Saturday 18th May, 9am to 12 noon at the church. Teas and coffees will be available. We would welcome any more pledges of plants for this event in the meantime. Please speak either to Tom Cross or Susanne Warner. Thank you.

ST NICHOLAS ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Electoral Roll of this Parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning on Sunday 24th March 2024 and ending on Sunday 7th April 2024. After the revision, a copy of the roll will be available for inspection prior to the A.P.C.M.

If you are not yet a member of the electoral roll for St. Nicholas and would like to be included, please fill in a form, that is available at the back of church on the PCC notice board and return to Lynn Hearn or a Churchwarden. If you know of anyone who, for any reason, is no longer eligible to be on the roll, please email lynn.hearn@live.co.uk

Please note that the PCC is looking for a new Electoral Roll Officer. Please think about this and maybe put yourself forward to serve in this role.

Confirmation - The Bishop will be returning to the Benefice to conduct a service of Confirmation on Trinity Sunday (26th May 2024). We will be having 6 confirmation classes before the service. If you are interested in finding out more, please do talk to Rev Paul, Rev Rachael or Rev Laura.

For several years, my late husband, Geoff, used to remind us all that Lent, being a time for reflection, is a good time to consider **leaving a financial gift** to the Church. This can either be written into the Will itself or as a separate Letter of Wishes. Ideas change over time, and you may wish to consider your own legacy. Gifts large or small make a difference. In recent months we have been blessed by receiving two generous donations in memory of a loved one. Both families have supported specific projects to enhance our church. There are booklets at the back of church, entitled Gifts of Faith, Hope and Love, explaining how to leave a gift. Please take one home to read, Lynn Hearn.

We were delighted to hear **Faculty approval** has been granted with all the works we had asked for: toilets, kitchenette, enclosing the St Thomas Chapel, levelling the floor and adapting the railings to allow safe access to William Cowper's grave. There is a condition attached to the Faculty asking us to conserve the Tudor ceiling as part of the works. Further news.....

The project group met on Thursday. Our architect will start the tender process and a provisional launch date has been set aside at the end of May. A sponsored walk of the Withburga Way (Holkham-Dereham) on 5th & 6th July is in planning stage and the Friends of St Nicholas Church are organising a Flower Festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend

Recently departed: Peter Rayner, Victor Buckley, Jo Pye and Christine Burton, Hazel Rix, Joyce Stephenson, Eileen Ringwood and Ena McGrath.

Those on the anniversary of their death: Stanley Cooper, Leonard Cokayne and Celia Watson.

For our prayers: Graham Hobbs, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Joan Gibson, Chris Bush, Ann Betts, Pat & Brian Ogden, Alan Barrett, Peter Hunt, David Williams, Baby Forrest.

If you have an anniversary of a loved one's death which you would like to be added in to our pew sheet, please let the office know by contacting Clare, 01362 693143 or emailing derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com We need consent to be able to include them.

Today's Worship

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Palm Reading Mark 11.1-11

Philippians 2.5-11

Gospel Mark 14.1 - 15.47

Introductory sentence for the Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have
been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

Next Week's Readings

Acts 10.34-43

I Corinthians 15.1-11

Gospel John 20.1-18

OR

Gospel Mark 16.1-8

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Our Clergy

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