

Dereham and District Team Ministry

The parishes of Dereham, Scarning, Swanton Morley, Beetley with East Bilney, Hoe, Shipdham and East with West Bradenham

<http://derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk>

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 22nd November 2020

Christ the King	22	There are no open services in any of our churches due to the lockdown, Please refer to the Home Page of the Team Ministry Website for information about online services.
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The St Nicholas Sanctuary Flowers: Last Sunday the flowers were given to Shirley Wade who has written 'I wish to say a big thank you to the church family of St. Nicholas for sending me the flowers this week. What a lovely surprise-they will definitely aid my recovery and keep me cheerful'.

St Nicholas Planned Giving 2021 Envelopes will be available from the beginning of December. If you would like to join the Planned Giving scheme and have a pack of envelopes, which can be used weekly or monthly or even occasionally, please speak to Marguerite Otty. You can also give by Standing Order direct from your bank. This is the easiest way to give for you and the best way to give from the churches point of view, as the money continues to come in even when the church is closed due to lockdown. With either method it is easy to change the way you give and also the amount at any time. To discuss your options speak to Marguerite. She will be delighted to advise you.

Peter's story by Clare Masters: Extract 23

Not long after the crucifixion, Jesus returns and asks Peter whether he loves him more than the other apostles.

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." "Great" says Jesus. "You're forgiven. You're in, you're part of this team. Feed my lambs. I have a role that only you can fulfil in my church". There's a little pause. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?". Ah, perhaps this is going to be rather more of a grilling after all. "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you" I answer. "Good" says Jesus. "Just making doubly sure. I'm sure, just checking that *you're* sure. Because you're the man I want to take care of my sheep, my church." - Another, tiny, tiny pause.....

Our Churches will remain open for private prayer during the times below.

Church Opening Times

St Nicholas, Dereham is open Monday – Saturday from 10.00am until 1.30 pm.

All Saints, Shipdham is open every day from 9.00am – 4pm

St Andrew's Bradenham is open every day from 9.00am - 3.00pm.

St Peter & St Paul, Scarning will be open every day from 9.30am until 3.30pm

Swanton Morley / Beetley / East Bilney /Hoe: details of key holders in the church porch

Mary Gough: Mary's funeral service will take place in St Nicholas on Friday 4th December at 11.00am. Her daughter has been on touch to say there will only be a small number of mourners and she would be very pleased that if anyone who remembers Mary would like to be there they would be very welcome.

Extracts from the B Armstrong's Diary:

November 30th, 1880

Dined at Bylaugh Hall - a very recherche dinner - real turtle and swan & French cookery. The Lombes very cordial and kind. On our way a hawk who had captured a pigeon was scared at our carriage lamps and let it fall on the roof of the Brougham, from whence it fell into the road. On our return our man said that the hawk had no doubt returned and eaten the pigeon as the road was covered with feathers.

Our Clergy

Team Rector	The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt	tel 694107	day off Monday
Team Vicar	The Rev'd James Rosie	tel 637311	day off Friday
Assistant Clergy	The Rev'd Jane Nursey	tel 697058	
	The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby	tel 821481	

Advent & Christmas in an unknown lockdown situation: We are all finding lockdown difficult for many reasons. As churches we are not sure what Government guidance will be surrounding the lifting of lockdown on 2nd December or what tier we will be in when we come out and what we can safely do consequently.

Advent Sunday falls on 29th November. There will be no church services that day under lockdown rules. We will be producing an Advent service for the benefice that will be published on our YouTube channel (St Nicholas' Church Dereham). There will be a link on the home page of the website <https://www.derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk/>.

Carol Services are listed opposite but may be subject to cancellation under Covid-19 restrictions. To make things safer some of the small village church carol services have been relocated to a larger church where there is greater scope of social distancing (see church notice boards and social media about free tickets to carol services). Singing of carols will be led by socially distanced singers, under the current rules the congregation will be limited to humming. There will be many who remain isolating or worried about attending a carol service but will still be able to access a benefice Carol Service which will be on YouTube from Sunday 20th December onwards (see above for details).

All our **Christingle Services** have been cancelled as we cannot keep social distances. This is a huge disappointment to us but we do plan to have Christingles that can be collected from the churches in kit form and a Christingle celebration service than can be viewed at home on Christmas Eve via our YouTube channel. Donations for the work of the Children's Society can be left when Christingles are collected.

Assuming we are back in church on the 6th December...

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
This service takes place on St Nicholas' Day and there will be opportunities to leave gifts for the foodbank, and a financial gift for the ministry of the church.		
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Beetley
11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Scarning
11.15 am	Holy Communion	Sw. Morley
11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Shipdham
4.00 pm	Zoom evening prayer	

Sunday 13th December

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
9.30 am	Holy Communion	East Bilney
9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Hoe
10.00 am	Outdoor Carols at the Green in Bradenham	
11.15 am	Holy Communion	Scarning
11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Sw. Morley
11.15 am	Holy Communion	Shipdham
4.00 pm	Zoom evening prayer	

Wednesday 16th December

10.00 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Shipdham
7.00 pm	Carol Service	Scarning

Thursday 17th December

7.00 pm	Carol Service	Sw. Morley
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Friday 18th December

6.00 pm	Bradenham Carol Service at Shipdham	
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Sunday 20th December

A Benefice Carol Service will be produced on YouTube this day.

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Dereham
11.15 am	Holy Communion	Scarning
11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Sw. Morley
11.15 am	Holy Communion	Shipdham
4.00 pm	Carol Service	Dereham
4.00 pm	Carol Service for Bilney, Beetley and Hoe at Swanton Morley	
6.00 pm	Carol Service	Shipdham
4.00 pm	Zoom evening prayer	

Wednesday 23rd December

10.00 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Shipdham

Christmas Eve

Christingle Service on YouTube		
10.00 pm	'Midnight' Communion	Hoe
10.00 pm	'Midnight' Communion	Bradenham
<i>Trivia – 10 pm is midnight in Bethlehem.</i>		
11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	Scarning
11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	Shipdham

Christmas Day

8.00 pm	Holy Communion	Dereham
9.30 am	Family Communion	Dereham
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Beetley
10.00 am	Family Communion	Sw. Morley
10.00 am	Family Communion	Shipdham

Sunday December 27th

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
10.00 am	Benefice Service	Dereham

nb – later start.

St Nicholas Gift Weekend - 5th and 6th

December: This year has been different in so many ways. There are so many things that we are unable to do – spend time with friends, go on holiday, hug other people, celebrate special occasions and attend weddings and funerals of people we love – among other things. However, it has given us the opportunity to do other things – to take stock of life, to appreciate small acts of kindness, to read the Bible, to listen to what God wants us to do. It has also enabled us to think about different ways of giving. Usually, we celebrate our patronal festival with the Toy Service. We have remembered St. Nicholas obeying Jesus by selling what he had to give money to the poor. We have remembered the legend of his throwing gold coins into the house of a poor man to provide a dowry for his three daughters and the coins landing in their stockings.

But this year is different. **The needs of our neighbours in this time of pandemic are much greater.**

Jesus said the first commandment was to love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength and the second commandment was to love your neighbour as yourself. (Mark 12: 29 – 31)

We are asking that on St. Nicholastide, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th, that you make a gift to either or both of the following worthwhile causes:

Our Neighbours in Dereham

For many families in Dereham this year has been tough. Some have lost jobs, work shorter hours or have rent arrears from the first lockdown. To help those in greatest need we propose to support the Food Bank in their preparation of Christmas fare for families. These are the goods they have asked for:

- Tinned ham
- Tinned salmon
- Tinned custard
- Mince Pies
- Christmas Puddings
- Selection Boxes
- Biscuits
- As a special reference to St. Nicholas, why not include a chocolate orange or chocolate coins.

(We regret that this year the Salvation Army are not accepting gifts of toys for distribution in Dereham.)

Our Church of St. Nicholas

This year has been special in that we have welcomed a new Rector. The Church is now open daily, our congregation is increasing and we can partake in daily services on-line.

However, the pandemic has had a disastrous effect on Church finances. Less money has been collected from services, especially festivals. Social events and fundraising have been halted. And yet we still have obligations. There is a shortfall in our budget this year of over £6000. *Could you help our Church in its mission to tell the good news of Jesus Christ by giving more generously this year?*

But how much should we give?

Jesus tells of the great value of the widow's gift when she gives all she has. (Mark 12: 41 – 44)

Perhaps we could give to others money that we will save in these difficult times:

- The cost of a Christmas meal
- The money we would have spent on fuel visiting family
- The price of a meal we might have eaten out with friends at Christmastime
- Money we would have spent celebrating with others from social clubs
- *If we don't need it, our winter fuel allowance*

**What to do now:
Bring your gifts (either or both) to St. Nicholas Church on 5th or
6th December between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. THANK YOU.**

Today's Worship

Christ the King.

Collect:

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

First Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

Psalm: 95.1-7a

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of
our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.31-46

For our prayers:

The Sick: John Harbord, Jean Rowe,
Christine Hawthorne, Chris Peart, Colin Sampford,
Carol Wright, Jeannette Lawes, Emma Steere,
George Sillince, Jean Fairweather, Roger Hodson,
Baby Levi Cameron Lucas, Revd Jenny Taylor,
Helena Allen, June Burleigh, Graeme Brunning,
Shirley Wade, Sylvia Blacker.

Please continue to pray for: Angela Watkins,
Eileen Malt, Peter Johnson, Niko Sinclair, Canon
Derek Price.

The Recently Departed: Mary Gough,
Lizette Matthews, Ruby Robotham.

Those on the Anniversary of their Death:
Alban Hunt, Dorothy Price.

Post Communion:

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Next Week: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9,
Psalm 80.1-8,18-20, Mark 13.24-37