

**Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,**



**Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham**

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 13th September 2026

Events for Heritage Open Days are happening throughout the week, please see the notices in your church and on the website.

Sun 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Cafe Church (Village Hall)	Bradenham	The Revd D Fotherby
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd J Fernando
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (B.C.P)	Hoe	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd J Atkins
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell
	6.00pm	Compline (See Facebook)		
Mon 14th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible Study	Shipdham Rectory	
Wed 16th	9am–11am	Open Church	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	12noon	Funeral	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting	Dereham	
	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Lincoln House	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.00pm	Dereham PCC	Church House	
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing Practice	Shipdham	
Thur 17th	10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Company	Swanton Morley	
Fri 18th	2.00pm	Holy Communion	Eckling Grange	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sat 19th	Heritage Open Day events – Dereham, Scarning & E Bilney			
	7.30pm	The Festival Choir Concert, Swanton Morley		
Sun 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	All Age Worship	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd M Newey
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	The Revd D Ackroyd
	11.15am	Harvest	Shipdham	The Shipdham Team
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	6.00pm	Compline (See Facebook)		

News for the Pews

Gluten Free Wafers

All of our churches now have gluten free wafers. If you are coeliac and want to take Communion, if you could kindly let the clergy or churchwarden know before the service begins so that we can be prepared, thank you.

Heritage Open Days (HODS) Daily – Sunday 20th September

HODs St Nicholas, Dereham. Exhibition about St Nicholas' Church 'As known by Sir John Fenn (1739-1794)'.

St Withburga's Well, the bell tower and the Muniments Room are only open on the Saturdays.

HODs St Mary, East Bilney – all week

Exhibition on the life and death of Thomas Bilney (c1495-1531). Martyrs Cottage will also be open on 19th and 20th September – please follow the Eventbrite page for bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1999505816723?aff=oddtcreator> Tickets for the guided tour are selling fast, there's a few left for the Sunday!

Mothers' Union Meeting

In the chancel at St. Nicholas Church, 2.30pm Wednesday 16th September
Our former Rector Rev'd Sally Theakston will be talking to us about her visits to Papua and New Guinea. All partners, friends and interested members of the congregation are invited to join us.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR, BAWDESWELL

Appearing in ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SWANTON MORLEY

Saturday September 19th at 7.30pm This popular local choir will provide a concert in the church, with a wide variety of music, entitled 'From Bach to Broadway.' The concert will be followed by a finger-food buffet of savouries and cakes, with wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets are £15 each and can be purchased from Swanton Morley village shop. A big thank you to Jose and Marilu for this support! The shop opening hours are: weekdays 7am to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 7pm, Sunday 8am until 4pm. We look forward to welcoming you to this special evening of entertainment and refreshments!

Quiz Night – Beetley Village Hall. Friday September 25th - doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts 7.00pm. £5 per person. Max tables of 6. To book: beetleyquiz2026@gmail.com or 07867 525225. Refreshments available but cash only please. All funds for Beetley Church.

Word on the Wash

Join us for Bible teaching, worship and fellowship with Christians from North West Norfolk and beyond on Saturday October 3rd, 10 am - 3.45 pm, at The King's Centre, King's Lynn PE30 1QD. Full information on the website www.wordonthewash.org.uk

All Saints, Swanton Morley - weekend of 17th-18th October

Autumn Flower Festival. 10.00am-4.00pm both days, ending with our **Harvest Festival Service 5.00pm** on Sunday 18th.

Showcasing local flower arrangers and community groups within our beautiful Church building and fund-raising for the Church. Refreshments Available. Special preview 5.00-7.00pm on Friday 16th October. Tickets £5 from Jacquie Aldous 01362 638320 Please email j.aldous302@btinternet.com for details if you would like to sponsor the flowers in memory of a loved one, or your community group would like to be represented.

St Nicholas Dereham Fundraising Committee

On Friday 2nd October we have a Country, Irish, 50's/60,s and popular music Concert featuring Kevin Barry Musician (Banjo/Guitar). Tickets for this are £10 and are on sale from Green Pastures, Norwich Street, Dereham and Dianne Harbord in Church. Enquiries 07523 958508. Susanne

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas will be held **at 11.15am on Sunday 4th October**, replacing the 9.30 service. Harvest gifts will be given to the Mid Norfolk Food Bank, so packets and tinned goods will be most welcome, though they have enough breakfast cereal and pasta for now. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share buffet style lunch in church. Please bring contributions to share, suitably packed (chilled etc) and labelled with ingredients. All are very welcome.

The organisation 'INEQE' are conducting a **safeguarding audit on the Diocese** in January 2027 (think OFSTED for schools). Safeguarding is increasingly understood as a gospel and theological imperative and a key feature of a healthy church rather than a mere administrative requirement.

As part of the safeguarding audit the Diocese are inviting EVERYONE involved in parish life across our benefice to take part in a short safeguarding survey on ahead of the INEQE visit. This includes everyone who contributes to the life of our church community - whether through choir, bellringing, volunteering, worship or other roles.

The survey is an opportunity to share your experience and help them understand what is working well and where they can improve, how they continue to build a church that is safe, welcoming and supportive for all. Every perspective will help us learn and grow together.

The survey hopes to go live next week - WATCH THIS SPACE for details on how to do it please. Many thanks. Tracy Lea. Safeguarding Officer at St Nicholas.

Update on the Pew Cushions at St. Nicholas

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge towards our new pew cushions. We have raised £3165 to date and our treasurer has pledged £1606 out of the funeral's memorial fund. So £4771 towards the roughly £7000 (we don't have an exact figure yet). We need to have fireproof, professionally made soft cushions to fit all the pews in the church. If you would like to make a pledge, please talk to Julie or Lynn after the service.

Dereham Foodbank Current urgent needs locally are for coffee, soup, tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetables. If you can bring them to St Nicholas, donations should be left in the basket on the Chancel steps. Thank you.

On the Anniversary of their death: Jennifer Baldry and Charles Green.

Recently Departed: The Revd Sally Kimmis, Jennifer James, Evelyn Cain.

Please Pray for:

Ann Betts, Sylvia Blacker, Sarah Broscam, Melva Brunning, June Burleigh, Pam Walker, Jean Fairweather, Irene & John Farrall, Maureen & Peter Hart, Peter Hunt, Cheryl Lister, Robin and Joan Loveday, Pat & Brian Ogden, Leon Scott, George Silence, Val Stebbings, Jenny Taylor, Baby Forest, Chris and Ivy.

Prayers and Collects Trinity 15

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus
Christ our Lord.

The peace

God has reconciled us to himself through
Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
cf 2 Corinthians 5.18

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual
mercy; and, because without you our human
frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help
from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Psalm 103.8-18

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**9 He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.**

10 He has not dealt with us according to our
sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**11 For as the heavens are high above the
earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.**

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.

**13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.**

Our Clergy

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This week's readings –
Genesis 50.15-21
Psalm 103.(1-7),8-13
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21-35

Next week's readings –
Jonah 3.10-4.11
Psalm 145.1-8
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16