

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 30th August 2026

Sun 30th Trinity 13	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	Dereham	The Revd R Hanmer
	9.30am	Parish Communion _(BCP)	Hoe	The Rev J Fernando
	10.00am	Songs of Praise	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	12.00pm	Civic Service	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	2.00pm	Baptism	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	6.00pm	Compline (See Facebook)		
Mon 31st	9.30am	Outdoor working party Shipdham Pilgrimage	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible Study	Shipdham Rectory	
Tues 1st	7.15pm	Benefice Prayer	Eckling Grange	The Gatehouse
Wed 2nd	9am–11am	Open Church & Pop up Pantry		Shipdham
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
	2.00pm	Dereham Standing Committee Church House		
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing Practice	Shipdham	
Thur 3rd	10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Company	Swanton Morley	
	12.00pm	Wedding	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	2.30pm	Dereham Compassionate Café	Dereham Cancer Care	
Fri 4th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Church House	Dereham
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	2.00pm	Swanton Morley PCC	Swanton Morley	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sat 5th	2.30pm	Prize Bingo	Church house	Dereham
	3.00pm	Wedding	Shipdham	The Revd P Cubitt
Sun 6th Festival of Creation in Christ	8.00am	Holy Communion _(BCP)	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
	8.00am	Holy Communion _(BCP)	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd M Newey
	9.30am	Holy Communion _(BCP)	Bradenham	The Ven A Hawes
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	tbc
	11.15am	Parish Communion & Baptism	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	3.00pm	Harvest	Longham	The Revd P Cubitt

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.

Festival of Creation in Christ

The Church of England's new Festival of Creation in Christ, celebrated annually on the first Sunday in September, invites Christians to give thanks for God's creation and reflect on our responsibility to care for it. It is a celebration of hope, reminding us that through Christ, God is at work renewing and restoring all creation. This year we will be exploring some of this in our services and hope to make more of this in future years.

A Monumental Celebration at St Nicholas

On the 28th August it is our dear Mum Gwen and her sister Dot's 90th Birthday. The families have gathered from across the length and breadth of the country to celebrate with them both this weekend. We know how very dear they are to us all and we would like to share this fantastic achievement with you all.

Benefice Prayer meeting Tuesday September 1st.

You are invited to attend the Benefice prayer meeting which will be held at Eckling Grange (NR20 3BB) – in the Gatehouse, starting at 7:15pm on Tuesday 1st September. All are welcome, whether or not you have previously participated in meetings for prayer. We will pray for our Churches, our communities, current events, and for healing and peace for individuals who have requested our prayer support. If you are unable to attend in person, but have a request for prayer, for yourself or on behalf of another, please either speak to someone who you know will be attending the meeting, or send an email to prayerrequestc777@gmail.com. You need not provide your own name, and please don't name anyone for whom you are requesting prayer, unless they have given you permission. Strict confidentiality is maintained: we refer to first names only during our meetings.

Dereham Compassionate Café meets on the first Thursday of each month 2.30-4.30pm. It's intended to give people a **friendly, safe place to talk and connect**, particularly people who have experienced **bereavement, loss, or difficult life circumstances**. It isn't formal counselling; the emphasis is on conversation, companionship and being around people who understand. Our Rector usually attends. Dereham Cancer Care, Unit E, Baldings Yard, Cowper Road, Dereham.

First Friday at St Nicholas

Coffee morning and Fair Trade stall in Church House on Friday, September 4th, 10.15am to 11.30am, followed by a short communion service in church at 11.30am. All welcome.

St Nicholas Dereham Fundraising Committee

On Saturday 5th September we are holding a Prize Bingo in Church House at 2.30pm. If anyone has any items they would like to donate suitable for prizes please speak to Susanne. 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 will be £10 and are NOW on sale from Green Pastures, Norwich Street, Dereham and Dianne Harbord in Church. Enquiries 07523958508. Susanne

'Finding Hope Together': The Matthew Project's annual service of remembrance in memory of those whose lives have been lost to alcohol or drugs.

Thursday 10 September

7.30pm to 8.30pm South Transept, Norwich Cathedral

The evening will include readings and personal stories shared by members of The Matthew Project community, together with songs from the TMP Choir. As we gather to remember those we have lost, we are grateful for the support, care, and compassion that churches offer within their communities. If you like to attend please email Cheryl.Xavier@matthewproject.org I look forward to hearing from you.

Heritage Open Days (HODs) Friday 11th September – 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. If you are around and able to steward on Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th please let Paul or the Churchwardens know. We need some extra help with stewarding in the Bell Tower (upstairs or downstairs), St Withburga's Well and by the steps leading up to the Muniment's Room.

HODs St Mary, East Bilney – all week

Exhibition on the life and death of Thomas Bilney (c1495-1531).

Martyrs Cottage will also be open but this may be through a booking system. More details to follow.

HODs St Peter & St Paul, Scarning

Friday 11 September - 7 pm - Harvest Festival followed by Supper in Church. As usual, we will be asking for donations of non perishable foods to be taken to Sanctuary Supported Living in Dereham.

Saturday 12 September 10 am to 4 pm - an exhibition on the events of 2 January 1945 when a Mosquito aircraft crashed at Broadway Farm, Scarning. Three local men risked their own lives to free the airmen just seconds before the plane exploded. With memorabilia relating to the rescuers, the Mosquito planes based at Swanton Morley, their crews and their missions.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk & Drive takes place on Saturday 12th

September. Volunteers needed at St Nicholas from 9am until 5pm to welcome participants. There will be four slots, 9-11, 11-1.00, 1.00-3.00 and 3.00-5.00pm. Please see Sheila if you can help in this way.

Paul Edwards will be riding again this year and hopes to raise funds to be split between 'The Norfolk Churches Trust' and to support the funding for Pew seats in St Nicholas Church. If you wish to sponsor him, he will be available following Sunday Morning services, alternately you can contact him on 07964956763. He is grateful for our continuing support each year to keep him riding his bike around Norfolk.

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!

All Saints, Swanton Morley

Weekend of 17th-18th October

Autumn Flower Festival. 10.00am-4.00pm both days.

Harvest Festival Service 5.00pm

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.

Prayers and Collects

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The peace

We are the body of Christ.
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one
body.
let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

Post Communion Prayer

God Our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly
pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and
thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the Anniversary of their death:

Kathleen Mortimer, Anita Freezer, Ron Abell

Recently Departed: Sally Ann

Please Pray for:

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

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work full time, but will be in the
Benefice on Sundays.*

The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby

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This week's readings –

Jeremiah 15.15-21

Psalms 26.1-8

Romans 12.9-21

Matthew 16.21-28

Next week's readings –

Ezekiel 33.7-11

Psalms 119.33-40

Romans 13.8-14

Matthew 18.15-20

Festival of Creation in Christ –

Isaiah 55.12–end

Psalms 96

Colossians 1.15–20

John 1.1–14 or Matthew 8.23–27