

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 6th September 2026

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	Mr T Farnham
	11.15am	Parish Communion & Baptism	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	3.00pm	Harvest	Longham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline _(See Facebook)		
Mon 7th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
Tues 8th				
Wed 9th	9am–11am	Open Church & Pop up Pantry		Shipdham
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Shipdham Manor	The Revd D Fotherby
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
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Thur 10th	10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Company	Swanton Morley	
	7.00pm	Bell ringing Practice	Dereham	
Fri 11th	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Church House	Dereham
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.00pm	Harvest Supper & Service	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sat 12th				
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)		

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.

‘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.

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.

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!

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.

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 will be £10 and are NOW on sale from Green Pastures, Norwich Street, Dereham and Dianne Harbord in Church. Enquiries 07523958508. Susanne

Update on the Pew Cushions at St. Nicholas

A reminder of the update given by Lynn on Sunday

Dear Friends, Thankyou to everyone who has made a pledge so far towards our new pew cushions. A number of you have raised £3165 to date and our treasurer has pledged £1606 out of the funerals memorial fund. So £4771 towards the roughly £7000 (We don't have an exact figure yet),needed to have safe fireproof, professionally, well made soft cushions to fit all the pews in the church. If you would like to make a pledge, please talk to Julie or myself after the service. The PCC will be deciding on the best way to proceed at their next meeting on the 16th September

On the Anniversary of their death:

Kathleen Swann, Patricia Bailes ,

Recently Departed: The Revd Sally Kimmis

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,

Prayers and Collects

Collect

Merciful God,
your son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is our 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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of the bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Clergy

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

The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby
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The Rev'd Carole Prouse
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This week's readings –
Ezekiel 33.7-11
Psalm 119.33-40
Romans 13.8-14
Matthew 18.15-20

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

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