



# This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 10th May, 2026

<b>Sunday 10th</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd R Hanmer
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Bilney	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Bradenham Village Hall,	Mrs H Jeckells
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP) <i>followed by APCM</i>	Hoe	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Rogation Walk	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	5.00pm	Confirmation group	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm	The Friends of Swanton Morley Church AGM	Swanton Morley	
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9-11am	Open church & pop-up pantry, Shipdham		
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd D Ackroyd
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd J Atkins
	2.30pm	Mothers Union		
		Desert Island Disc meeting, Dereham Chancel		
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
<b>Thur 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Ascension Day</b>	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
	10.30am	Graveside Funeral	Beetley	The Revd P Cubitt
	2.00pm	Funeral of Dennis Allison	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	4.30pm	Interment of Ashes	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.00pm	Ascension Day Service	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt & The Revd M Newey
	7.00pm	Ascension Day Service	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell & The Revd D Fotherby
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Eckling Grange	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Morning Worship	Dereham	Mrs Jayne Ollie
	9.30am	Choral Matins	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Morning Praise <i>Followed by the APCM</i>	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd K Pilgrim
	5.00pm	Confirmation group	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

## News for the Pews

Last Saturday St. Nicholas Fundraising Committee hosted a Parish Lunch in Church House. 40 people enjoyed a three course meal. It was a very sociable afternoon and the Committee would like to thank each and every one of you who attended. We would also like to say a special thank you to David Song for providing and cooking the starter, main course and a delicious dessert and the ladies that provided the other delicious desserts. £669.50 was raised for the St Nicholas General Fund (not the Building Fund as announced last Sunday) Suzanne.

Thank you very very much for the flowers that adorned St. Nicholas' sanctuary and now adorn the coffee table in my lounge - they are indeed truly beautiful and I am indeed very grateful. This is a wonderful church family of which I am pleased to be a member. Love to all, Tracy Lea

On the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30pm, we have a meeting in St Nicholas chancel, a desert island disc meeting, so come along and see who we have!

The annual **trip to Spalding** will be 15<sup>th</sup> May this year. We look forward to seeing you so come and enjoy the beautiful spring flowers in the gardens. Tickets are available from Melva, and are £18 - there..... and back!! So please ring 01362 692912

Pastors of Home Church, Watton have a ladies fellowship called Arise. On the 16<sup>th</sup> May they have their annual **refreshment day** for ladies (10am – 4.30pm) and would love to invite all the ladies from our benefice.

If you are interested, contact Clare in the office for more details and a booking form for the lunch.

### Year 6 Transition - It's Your Move booklets

Every year I go into year 6 classes and talk to them about moving to high school and tell them the story of Joshua. It is nice to be able to leave each child with a copy of It's Your Move by Scripture Union. Previous years there has been funding available but that is not available this year. I was wondering if people within our churches would be able to help. The booklet will cost about £2.20 per child and we will need about 300. If people were able to sponsor 1 or 5 or 10 say, I am sure between us we could do it. This is the first, whilst we still have time. I don't want the money yet!! But if you would be willing to help and could let me know I can plan accordingly. Thank you for reading, caring and praying. God bless. Rev Laura

East Bilney church will be hosting a concert on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, when the Bawdeswell Festival Choir will be performing a wide range of songs. You can buy a ticket (£20 each) for the event by calling East Bilney Garage on 01362 860511 (option 2) and asking for Claire.

### **2026 Organ concert Season at St. Nicholas, Dereham**

This year there will be five concerts: Fridays at 1pm

May 29<sup>th</sup> Richard Bower with a premier performance of "Variations on East Dereham" by Malcolm Archer.

June 5<sup>th</sup> D'Arcy Trinkwon celebrity virtuoso

June 12<sup>th</sup> Thomas Burt acclaimed young organist

June 19<sup>th</sup> Graham Thorpe Norwich Cathedral

June 26<sup>th</sup> Anne Page international recitalist

The usual delicious lunches will be on offer again and the proceeds shall go towards our building project. More details after Easter or see the What's On noticeboard at the back of Church. If you can bake or make sandwiches etc, please talk to Lynn.

**The Fundraising Committee of St Nicholas Church, Dereham are asking for your help!**

**Could you spare an hour or two?**

We are holding a **Table Top Sale** on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 10-4pm**

We need....

- Items for the bric-a-brac stall
- Second hand books
- Second hand jigsaws
- Helpers on the stalls on the day
- People to make and serve refreshments
- People to help set up the church after the organ recital on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Please see Susanne Warner or a member of the fundraising committee if you are able to help in any way. Many thanks.

### **Pew Cushions**

For those members of our congregation who did not attend the Annual Parish Meeting, I want to bring you up to speed with the question of pew cushions. Many of us would like to sit on soft, comfortable seats, especially in the winter, many other churches have them. Susanne and I have been researching costs from several companies. I asked those who attended if they had ideas for raising funds or knew of upholsterers who we could approach and/or would be willing to join a group to investigate the possibility of having seats in place by next winter. If enough of us in the congregation want this to happen, we should be prepared to make it happen.

Please talk to me if you can help in any way, make a pledge, hold a coffee morning or have other ideas. I have three quotes so far.

After last week's service, I have pledges totalling £2070 so far. Our lowest quotation is just under £5k for the whole church.

Talk to Susanne or email me on [lynn.hearn@live.co.uk](mailto:lynn.hearn@live.co.uk)

Thank you, Lynn

**Recently departed** : Roy Rutland, Dennis Allison, Martin Sydney, Gerald Watkins and Pheobe-Rose Towns.

**Funeral dates** : Roy Rutland, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am Beetley  
Dennis Allison 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm, Dereham  
Martin Watkins 21<sup>st</sup> May 2pm, Breckland Crematorium  
Phoebe-Rose Towns 30<sup>th</sup> May 12 Noon, Private burial

**For our prayers:** Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Cheryl Lister, Doug Speed, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Ann Betts, Chris and Ivy, Val Stebbings, Baby Forrest, Irene & John Farrall, Pam Walker, June Burleigh, Maureen & Peter Hart, Robin & Joan Loveday, Melva Brunning, and Thelma Smith.

## Prayers and Collects

### **Invitation to confession**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice  
and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.  
*cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of  
everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia. *cf John 20.19*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the  
life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever

### **Blessing**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus  
Christ has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always

## Our Clergy

Team Rector  
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The Rev'd Michael Newey  
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*The Revd Michael will continue to  
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  
tel 01362 423408

This week's readings – two from  
Acts 17.22-31  
1 Peter 3.13-22  
John 14.15-21  
Psalm 66.7-18

Next week's readings  
Acts 1.6-14  
Psalm 68.1-10,35-35  
1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11  
John 17.1-11

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