

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 14th September, 2025

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| Sunday 14th | 8.00am | Holy Communion | Dereham | The Revd P Cubitt |
| | 9.30am | Parish Communion | Dereham | The Ven A Hawes |
| 13 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion followed by meeting, Bilney | | The Revd P Cubitt |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Morning Prayer | Hoe | Mrs L Crick |
| after | 10.30am | Harvest Service followed by lunch, Bradenham Village Hall | | |
| Trinity | | | | The Revd L Purnell |
| or | 11.15am | Holy Communion | Scarning | The Revd J Atkins |
| Holy | 11.15am | Holy Communion | Shipdham | The Ven A Hawes |
| Cross | 11.15am | Morning Worship | Swanton Morley | Mrs L Crick |
| | 12 noon | Civic Service | Dereham | The Revd P Cubitt |
| | 4.30pm | Benefice Service: The hymns of Newton and Cowper | | |
| | | | Dereham | The Revd P Cubitt |
| | 6.00pm | Compline, see on Facebook | | |
| Mon 15th | 9.30am | Outdoor working party | Dereham | |
| | 7.30pm | Bell ringing practice | Dereham | |
| Tue 16th | 7.00pm | Alpha Course | | Mark & Ruth Thorpe |
| Wed 17th | 9.30-11.00am | Pop up Pantry | Shipdham | |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Dereham | The Revd P Cubitt |
| | 11.30am | Holy Communion | Shipdham | The Revd J Atkins |
| | 7.00pm | Bell ringing practice | Scarning | |
| | 7.00pm | Dereham PCC | Church House | |
| | 7.30pm | Bell ringing practice | Shipdham | |
| Thur 18th | 10.00am | Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley | | |
| | 4.00pm | Funeral of Grace Nunn | Breckland Crem | The Revd P Cubitt |
| Fri 19th | 10.00-4.00 | Heritage Open Day inc Muniments Room, Dereham | | |
| | 2.00pm | Holy Communion | Eckling Grange | The Revd P Cubitt |
| | 7.30pm | Bell ringing | Swanton Morley | |
| Sat 20th | 10-4pm | Heritage Open Day inc Bell Tower & Muniments Room, Dereham | | |
| Sunday 21st | 8.00am | Holy Communion | Dereham | The Revd P Cubitt |
| | 9.30am | All Age Worship | Dereham | Mr T Cross |
| 14 th | 9.30am | Parish Communion | Beetley | The Revd P Cubitt |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Choral Matins | Bradenham | The Revd L Purnell |
| after | 11.15am | Morning Prayer | Scarning | Mr T Cross |
| Trinity | 11.15am | Harvest Praise | Shipdham | Shipdham Team |
| | 11.15am | Parish Communion | Swanton Morley | The Revd P Cubitt |
| | 6.00pm | Compline, see on Facebook. | | |

News for the Pews

Sunday coffee rota, St Nicholas Church

We would like one or two more people on the Sunday coffee rota, if you would be able to help please contact Sue Barker.

ALPHA COURSE

We are running an Alpha Course on Tuesdays, 7-9pm, 9th September – 9th December.

This course is for people from all walks of life who are curious about the Christian faith and allows you to explore the basics of Christianity, share your thoughts and discuss in an open and friendly space.

These small group sessions will begin with refreshments, followed by a short video designed to engage and inspire conversation. The group will be held at Mark and Ruth Thorpe's home. If you feel this course might be for you, please speak to Rev Paul Cubitt.

Heritage Open Days

St Nicholas will be open all week with an exhibition on the north transept painted ceiling.

St Withburga's Well and the Muniments Room will be open both Friday and Saturday. The bell tower will be open on Saturday.

Please come along to **BRADENHAM'S PUDDING FEST on Saturday 27th September at 7pm** in the village hall, Bradenham accompanied by Rocky Road ukulele band. Tickets £15 in aid of The Friends of St Andrew's and include a glass of wine with a selection of homemade puddings (there will be a selection of savoury 'desserts' too). Tickets from javinia.rix@gmail.com 07747 449208
Lovely raffle prizes – we look forward to you joining us for a happy evening of delicious puds and entertainment.

Harvest Thanksgiving at St Nicholas will be held **at 11am** on Sunday 28th September. This will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in church. Please bring contributions to share, suitably packed (chilled etc) and labelled with ingredients.

Any food donations for the service will be given to the local foodbank. (Urgent needs are for longlife UHT milk and tinned soup, lesser needs but still appreciated are baked beans, tinned meat, deodorant and tinned vegetables). We look forward to a lovely sociable occasion together.

The Season of Creation runs throughout September to 4th October. A Rocha (Eco Church) has lots of resources at <https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation/> under the theme 'Peace with Creation'. Please see the Eco Church board at the back of St Nicholas for more details. Please pray for our fragile world.

Letton Hall are holding a **Bible Focus Week** 6th - 9th October with a variety of packages if you prefer to sleep in your own bed at home. Leaflets are at the back of St Nicholas Church, or contact the hall 01362 820717 for more information.

St Nicholas Church Dereham Fundraising Committee are organising a QUIZ NIGHT With Fish & Chip Supper in Church House on Saturday 18th October. Tickets are £12.50 to include supper and a soft drink - (gluten free fish and chips available for an extra £1.50). Tickets available in advance from Dianne Harbord in Church on Sundays or telephone Dianne on 07943 962593.

Please note that **Tom's Bible study** course will not be taking place for this and next Tuesday 16th & 23rd September.

It was a lovely surprise to be given the flowers by Marion. I was very touched and will take lots of pictures of my baby granddaughter to share with you next month.

Thank you, Sue Quinnell.

Congratulations to Green Pastures who recently won the prestigious '**Christian Bookshop of the year**' at CRT (Christian Resources Together). We are blessed having such a shop and resource in our town.

Recently Departed: Grizel Rodger Nunn (Grace) and Carol Shutler.

Those on the anniversary of their death: Charles Green.

For our prayers: Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Cheryl Lister, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Val Stebbings, Ann Betts, Irene & John Farrall, Baby Forrest, June Burleigh, Barbara Beckett, Maureen & Peter Hart, John Crick, Robin & Joan Loveday, also Tommy Barnes, Pam Walker and Melva Brunning.

Psalm 51.1-11

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

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Prayers and Collects

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your
love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Holy Cross

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Introductory sentence for the Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been
brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace. *cf Ephesians 2.13, 14*

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.

Post Communion Prayer – Holy Cross

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death
until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

Our Clergy

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work full time, but will be in the
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The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby
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This week's readings – two from
Exodus 32.7-14
I Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10
Psalms 51.1-11
For Holy Cross – two from
Numbers 21.4-9
Philippians 2.6-11
John 36.13-17

Next week's readings from
Amos 8.4-7
I Timothy 2.1-7
Luke 16.1-13
Psalms 113