

# This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 17th May, 2026

<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 Olley
	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	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
		<i>Followed by the APCM</i>		
	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.		
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	Shipdham Rectory	
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9-11am	Open church & pop-up pantry,	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	6.30pm	Beetley & E Bilney APCM	Bilney	
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
<b>Thur 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company	Swanton Morley	
	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Lincoln House	The Revd P Cubitt
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Confirmation	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
<i>Pentecost</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Bradenham	Bishop Jane
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	East Bilney	The Revd J Atkins
	11.15am	Parish Communion(BCP)	Scarning	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	The Revd D Fotherby
	2.00pm	Wedding	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		The Revd P Cubitt

# News for the Pews

Thank you very much for the sanctuary flowers, my card and your prayers after my fall. I am recovering but still have a big bump on my head. The Flowers have really brightened up my day. I am beginning to feel a bit better. I will see you all again soon. God Bless.  
Gwen

## 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

## The Norfolk Churches Trust is thrilled to be providing homemade teas on Thursday 28th May 2026

Every spring, Stody Lodge opens its 14-acres of colourful rhododendrons, deep herbaceous borders, woodland walks, and the renowned 4-acre Azalea Water Gardens. Known as one of East Anglia's most dramatic spring gardens, the colours and scents at Stody Lodge will lift the spirits and dazzle the senses. The intense colours of its 200 varieties of rhododendrons and azaleas are softened by beautiful magnolias, camellias, ornamental trees, late daffodils, and bluebells. In addition, the exceptional 4-acre Azalea Water Gardens are widely believed to be the largest single planting of vividly coloured azalea mollis in the UK.

Local charities are invited to provide homemade teas to visitors enjoying these spectacular gardens, from which the charity takes all the proceeds.

**The gardens will be open from 1pm to 5pm.**

**£10 per person, parking included.**

Come and join us for what promises to be an unforgettable visit!

**You can book your ticket (<https://www.ticketsource.com/whats-on/norfolk/stody-lodge-gardens/stody-lodge-gardens-open-day/2026-05-28/13:00/t-avrgpkx>) Or pay on the day.**

**Location:** Stody Lodge Gardens is 16 miles northwest of Norwich and 3 miles south of Holt off the B1354. Postcode NR24 2ER.

## **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 acclaimed Celebrity Virtuoso

June 12<sup>th</sup> Thomas Burt acclaimed Young Organist of Denver and Kings Lynn

June 19<sup>th</sup> Graham Thorpe acclaimed Master of Music and sub Organist Norwich Cathedral

June 26<sup>th</sup> Anne Page Renowned 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.

**Psalm 68.1-10**

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;  
Let those that hate him flee before him.

2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;  
As the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
Let them make merry with gladness.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
Exalt him who rides on the clouds.  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

5 Father of fatherless, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,  
But the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

7 O God when you went forth before your people,  
When you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,  
At the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God;  
You refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

10 Your people came to dwell there;  
In your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor

**Recently Departed** Martin Watkins 21<sup>st</sup> May 2pm, Breckland Crematorium; Victoria Wright 26<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm St Nicholas; Phoebe-Rose Towns 30<sup>th</sup> May 12 Noon St Nicholas; John Harlow 5<sup>th</sup> June 2pm, Scarning

**On the Anniversary of their Death:** Norma Read – 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**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**

### **Collect**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone  
before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Invitation to confession**

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

### **Introductory sentence for the Peace**

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to  
come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Blessing**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of  
God; 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  
The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt  
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teamrector.dereham@gmail.com  
*rest day Monday*

Team Vicar  
The Rev'd Laura Purnell  
revlaurapurnell@gmail.com  
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Assistant Curate (Part time)  
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  
tel 01362 821481

The Rev'd Carole Prouse  
tel 01362 423408

This week's readings – two from  
Acts 1.6-14  
Psalm 68.1-10  
1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11  
John 17.1-11

Next week's readings  
Acts 2.1-21  
Psalm 104.22-36,37b  
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13  
John 20.19-23

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deadline 11am Tuesday