

# This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am 9.30am Second Sunday of Epiphany	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Choral Matins 11.15am 11.15am	Dereham Dereham Beetley Bradenham Scarning Shipdham	The Revd P Cubitt The Revd P Cubitt The Revd R Hanmer The Revd L Purnell Mrs L Crick Mr M Purnell The Revd L Purnell The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Compline, see on Facebook.	Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Outdoor working party Bell ringing practice Bible study	Dereham Dereham Shipdham Rectory	
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	9-11am 10.00am 11.30am 12.00pm 7.00pm	Open church & Pop-Up Pantry, Shipdham Holy Communion Holy Communion Funeral of Ronnie Woodgett, Breckland Crem Dereham PCC meeting	Shipdham Dereham Shipdham The Revd P Cubitt Church House	The Revd P Cubitt The Revd L Purnell The Revd P Cubitt
<b>Thur 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	2.30pm 7.00pm	Funeral of Elizabeth Hillier, Shipdham Friends of Swanton Morley Church, Darbys		The Revd L Purnell
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	11.00am	Funeral of Simon Childerhouse, Dereham		The Revd P Cubitt
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 11.15am 11.15am 11.15am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer Parish Communion (BCP), Hoe Morning Worship Parish Communion (BCP), Scarning Parish Communion Morning Prayer Compline, see on Facebook Evening Worship	Dereham Dereham Bradenham East Bilney Trinity Methodist Scarning Shipdham Swanton Morley Quebec Hall	The Revd P Cubitt Major Jenny Barwise The Revd L Purnell Mrs L Crick The Revd P Cubitt The Revd P Cubitt The Ven A Hawes The Revd L Purnell Mrs L Crick The Revd P Cubitt

## News for the Pews

**Shoebox update!** Thank you so much to everyone who gave a filled Christmas shoebox or bags of lovely “extras” or gave a donation towards the cost of transport. Everything was really appreciated.

We were able to send 2244 boxes from Norfolk, including 12 from St Nicholas and 4 from Shipdham. Half went to Kosovo and half to Romania. All the “leftovers” were sent to Ukraine.

Thank you all very much, Mary and Andy Jack.

Fred Beckett would like to thank all the kind and generous people who donated money for the home-made **Christmas tree decorations** after the recent festival. Almost fifty were taken raising the huge sum of £103.50. This will be sent to:-

Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF UK). Thanks again, Fred.

Thank you to all those generous people who donated items for the tombola and bottle stalls, those who baked all the wonderful cakes and savouries and of course, everyone who came to the **Christmas Coffee Morning**. There was a lovely festive atmosphere and thanks to everyone's support, £370 was raised for church funds. Happy New Year!

February 13<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas is hosting a **Candlelight Experience** featuring an acoustic string trio playing music by Coldplay, surrounded by thousands of LED candles. Tickets are on sale now, choose and book on [www.lumos-experiences.com](http://www.lumos-experiences.com)

Are you familiar with the **Benefice Website**? –

<http://derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk>

This will have details of all the services within the benefice and events taking place plus much more.

### **Food donations**

If you have a smartphone and use apps then please download the ‘Bank the Food’ app. The app is free to download. You can then set this app for the Mid Norfolk Food Bank and it will show you the urgent needs and the drop off places. You can also let them know if you have bought some of those needs, so they can plan for what is coming.

Breckland Council is to hold its inaugural ‘**Big Breckland Breakfast**’ to bring together people from across the district’s farming and **rural communities** for a morning of conversation, connection, and support. The free community-focused event will take place at 9am on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026, at Algy’s Farm Café in Bintree. The ‘Big Breckland Breakfast’ is an opportunity for those who care about their community to come together, share experiences, and strengthen the networks that keep our rural communities thriving. It’s a chance to connect, support each other, and ensure that no one feels alone. There is no need to register for the event, people can just turn up on the day. For more information, email [phil.garnham@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:phil.garnham@breckland.gov.uk).

There are now 13 Mindful Towns and Villages in Breckland – including Shipdham – and through this initiative Breckland Council are able to offer **Warm Packs** to help those in need stay warm and well through the winter. Warm Packs are available from a number of sources including five venues in Dereham and the Pop Up Pantry that visits Shipdham, or [www.breckland.gov.uk/community/warm-and-well](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/community/warm-and-well)

Sunday morning was a really cold one and especially at the organ where the thermometer scarcely reached 4 degrees. What a great pleasure it was then, and one that brought warmth to my frozen fingers to be given the Sanctuary Flowers, lovely Red Roses and dark red Alstroemeria. Thank-you so much and for all the appreciation I receive for my playing which just forms part of the lovely worship we have. Richard Bower.

**Recently departed :** Ronald Woodgett (Ronnie), Betty Hillier, Betty Rudling, Sandra Newton, Simon Childerhouse, Henry (Hank) Harris, Pat Dodson, Jean Hadley and Mary Pryce-Jones.

**Those on the anniversary of their death :** Phyllis Betts, Yvonne Pidegely, Alex Farquharson and Alan Jessup.

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

### **A vacancy prayer**

Dear Lord,

We thank you for your presence in every aspect of our lives and the long history of worship in Swanton Morley, Hoe, and Beetley with East Bilney. During this new phase of change we pray for your guidance and direction as we undertake the process of selecting a new Team Vicar. We ask for a smooth transition and for candidates, inspired by your calling, to expand your ministry and grow your church within our villages and benefice. Amen.

**Lent is just around the corner.** Ash Wednesday is 18<sup>th</sup> February. Details to follow of Lent Courses.

**Confirmation.** Paul is looking to get a date from Bishop Jane for when she can come. If you are interested in being Confirmed/exploring the Christian faith, please contact the Rector.

# Prayers and Collects

## Invitation to confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

*cf Titus 2.11-14*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of  
your grace, and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end. *cf Isaiah 9.6,7*

## Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his  
glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of  
his kingdom; 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 Revd Michael will continue to  
work full time, but will be in the  
Benefice on Sundays.*

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This week's readings – two from  
Isaiah 49.1-7  
1 Corinthians 1.1-9  
John 1.29-42  
Psalm 40.1-12

Next week's readings from  
Jeremiah 1.4-10  
Acts 9.1-22  
Matthew 19.27-30  
Psalm 67

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