

# This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Morning Worship	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		<i>Followed by the APCM and bring &amp; share lunch</i>		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd J Fernando
	9.30am	Choral Matins	Bradenham	Revd L Purnell
		<i>Followed by APCM meeting</i>		
	11.15am	Morning Worship	Scarning	Mr T Farnham
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Shipdham	Mr M Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Ven A Hawes
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup></b>	2.00pm	Funeral of Jacqueline Knights, Breckland Crem		
	7.00pm	Pilgrim Course		The Revd P Cubitt Mark & Ruth Thorpe
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9-11am	Open church & Pop-Up Pantry, Shipdham		
	10.30am	Valuation Day	Dereham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
<b>Thur 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Dereham Building Project meeting, Dereham		
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd R Hanmer
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd J Atkins
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd J Fernando
	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP), Hoe		The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP), Scarning (followed by APCM)		The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	2.00pm	Baptisms	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.			

# News for the Pews

St Nicholas will be holding a **Valuation Day** on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, with TW Gaze doing the honours. So rummage through your loft and see what treasures (or not) you can find. The event is from 10.30am-2.30pm, £5 for one item, £10 for three. Refreshments available.

As a result of the Air and Share meeting, we are introducing a **monthly coffee morning** on the first Friday of the month in Church House from 10.15 to 11.30, followed by a **Communion Service** in St Nicholas Church at 11.30. This will start on 1st May, but no service in June because of the organ recital.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May St Nicholas Fundraising Team are hosting a **three course lunch** in Church House. Time: 12.00 for 12.30. Menu: Tomato soup ~ Chicken stuffed with cheddar cheese wrapped in bacon, new potatoes and seasonal veg ~ Selection of desserts ~ tea and coffee. Tickets are £15.00 and are available in advance from Dianne Harbord in Church or by calling 07943 962593.

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.

**Confirmation: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.** If you are interested in being Confirmed/exploring the Christian faith, please contact the Rector.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> June St Nicholas Fundraising Team are holding a **Table Top Sale & Craft Stall** event in Church, 10am to 4pm. The fee is £10.00 a table (set up from 9am). If you or any friends or family would like to book a table or craft stall please call 01362 693970.

Refreshments will be available.

## **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 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, (price yet to be decided as determined by numbers), so please ring 01362 692912

**Eco Church** Let's celebrate all the things which we have done to reduce our *Carbon Footprints* as individuals. Please write your achievements on one of the 'footprints' at the back of St Nicholas to make a display to be proud of! Thank you for making these changes which all make a difference.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)**

Scarning	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April after the 11.15 Service
Swanton Morley	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May after the 11.15 Service
Hoe	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May after the 9.30am Service

## **Update on the St Nicholas Building Project**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has ended the VAT refund scheme for Historic Buildings and Places of Worship. This has hit our project very hard as, in effect, we will need to find 20% extra funding, money we could have previously reclaimed. Costs are spiralling in the economic climate we find ourselves in. (£89,000 has been secured), it has been decided that we will add the kitchenette and storage area to the first phase, (PHASE ONE PLUS). This will be at a cost of £250,000. We have a Fundraising Plan, and we are working hard to secure funds as soon as possible.

PHASE TWO will now be completed later, with Heritage Lottery Funding, secured by our professional fundraiser. This will include enclosing the Cowper Chapel, installing independent heating and lighting, cleaning and repairing walls and monuments and conserving the Plantagenet ceiling. Talk to me if you have any ideas or comments.

Lynn Hearn, Chair of the Building Project Group

I have been giving some attention to a border in my garden and have been dividing Christmas roses (pink), and have also a couple of tree peonies (yellow). If you would like to buy for £5 each any of these, contact me (Clare) in the office and I can bring them in for you. All proceeds to the church.

Next **A47 full weekend closure** – the A47 will be fully closed from 8pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April to 6am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026. This is between Fox Lane junction and Easton roundabout.

There will be **Hazardous Waste Days** at Dereham Recycling Centre on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, booking a slot is essential from May 7<sup>th</sup>, either by phoning 0344 800 8020 or online.

**Recently departed** : Ruby Langley, Irene Nally, Pam Coleman, Hazel Jamson and Jacqueline Knights.

**Upcoming funerals** : Jacqueline Knights, 21<sup>st</sup> April, Breckland Crem  
Hazel Jamson, 30<sup>th</sup> April, Dereham

**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 Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his  
risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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**

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**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
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  
The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt  
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*rest day Monday*

Team Vicar  
The Rev'd Laura Purnell  
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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 2.14a,36-41  
1 Peter 1.17-23  
Luke 24.13-35  
Psalm 116.1-3,10-17

Next week's readings from  
Acts 2.42-47  
1 Peter 2.19-25  
John 10.1-10  
Psalm 23

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