

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 19th July 2026

Sun 19th 7 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	All Age Worship	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd M Newey
	9.30am	Choral Matins	Bradenham	Mr M Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Worship and Baptism	Scarning	Mrs L Crick Revd J Atkins
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	2.00pm	Baptisms	Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell
	6.00pm	Compline(see facebook)		
Mon 20th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	1.45pm	Funeral	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible Study	Shipdham Rectory	
Wed 22nd	9am – 11am	Open church & Pop up Pantry	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing Practice	Shipdham	
Thur 23rd	10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Company	Swanton Morley	
Fri 24th	2.00pm	Eco Church	Dereham <i>Church house</i>	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sat 25th	2.30pm	Wedding	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	2.30pm	Memorial Service <i>followed by burial of ashes in Dereham old Cemetery</i>	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
Sun 26th 8 th Sunday after trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Holy Comunion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd D Fotherby
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd R Hanmer
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Hoe	The Revd K Pilgrim
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell
	2.00pm	Baptism	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt

News for the Pews

Sanctuary Flowers

What a lovely surprise I have received, Tim has just brought me the Sanctuary Flowers, thank you all so very much. It is even more special as next Sunday we celebrate our 68th Wedding Anniversary. Yesterday we were blessed with Rev. Paul gives us Holy Communion, which he does as often as he can, something we always look forward to.

We very much miss being able to attend Church and think and pray for you all the time.

Again, very many thanks for the lovely flowers.

God Bless and very Best Wishes Peter & Maureen Hart

Eco Church

Can you help? Do you have an interest in the Environment? We are trying to reach the Silver award for Eco Church and I would like to have some meetings to see how we can do this. Please come along to the Parish Office on Friday 24th July at 2.00pm or Friday 31st July at 10.00am and find out - perhaps you have some ideas? If stairs are a problem then we can meet downstairs. I look forward to seeing you! Kate Baldry

Invitation to a Community Event

A 'Bat Night' in and around All Saints Church, Swanton Morley.

7.30pm on Saturday 25th July. Free entrance!

Donations to support the ministry of All Saints gratefully received.

We are pleased to welcome back Philip Parker, an Environmental Consultant who specialises in surveying and recording bats, reptiles and amphibians. Some years ago, Phil entertained and educated us with a presentation on bats in churches. This was very well received by the 60 or more people who attended. On Saturday, Phil will begin his illustrated presentation inside the church building, with an introduction to bats around the world and their importance to ecosystems and food crops. He will explain how churches are important roost sites for bats – with specific reference to our Mediaeval churches in Norfolk, and to All Saints, Swanton Morley in particular. The impact of bats on church buildings will be considered.

An interval for tea, coffee, soft drinks & biscuits will follow. At around 9.15pm we will move outside the church and be able to view bats leaving the building as well as identifying them using bat detectors and film projected live onto screens.

This is an event for all ages! Children accompanied by adults are very welcome participators, with activities provided!

Sunday 26th July, 5.00pm at St Nicholas

Jesus says, 'I have come that they might have life, and have it in all its fullness'. **A service of wholeness and healing for us and our town.** The service will include the offer of laying on of hands for healing and prayer ministry for those who would like it. All welcome.

St Nicholas dates for your diary...

Organ Recital & Cake – Friday 21st August 2pm

Prize bingo - Saturday 5th September

Country Music Concert - Friday 2nd October

Social afternoon with board and card games - Tuesday 20th October

African Choir of Norfolk Concert at St Nicholas - Sunday 15th November

Mid Norfolk Singers Concert – Saturday 28th November

Christmas coffee morning - Saturday 12th Dec

More details of all these events will of course be printed closer to the time.

Shipdham Flower and Bell Festival

We will be holding our bi-annual Flower and Bell Festival on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August. Do come and see the beautiful displays and have the chance to look in the bell tower. There will be a cafe and concert by the Shipdham Community Choir on Saturday at 7pm.

50 Years Norfolk Churches Trust

It is now only two months until the 2026 **Bike Ride, Walk & Drive** on **Saturday 12th September**. To take part visit the website below

<https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/how-to-take-part/>

Hilary and the **2026 Bike Ride, Walk & Drive** team.

The **BBC 'Daily Service'** are planning on recording a radio service from St Withburga's Well in August, led by Amy Scott Robinson. This is part of a series about female Saints.

Psalm 86.11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
Knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name

¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And glorify your name for evermore;

¹³ For great is your steadfast love towards me,
For you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

¹⁴O God, the proud rise up against me
And a ruthless hoarde seek after my life;
They have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion
Slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ turn to me and have mercy upon me;
Give your strength to your servant
And save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a token of your favour.
That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
Because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Recently Departed and Funerals coming up:

Bill Fawcett
Barrie Frost
Brian Reed
Shirley Garland

Please Pray for: Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Cheryl Lister, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Ann Betts, Chris and Ivy, Val Stebbings, Baby Forrest, Irene & John Farrall, Pam Walker, June Burleigh, Melva Brunning, Maureen & Peter Hart, Robin & Joan Loveday, Thelma Smith, George Sillence, Leon Scott.

Prayers and Collect

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
The author and giver of all things;
Graft in our hearts the love of your name,
Increase in us true religion,
Nourish us with all goodness,
And with your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
In one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share in his peace.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
Ever giving himself that the world may live:
May we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that,
In his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
For he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Our Clergy

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This week's readings –
Isaiah 44.6-8
Psalm 86.11-17
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Next week's readings –
1 Kings 3.5-12
Psalm 119.129-136
Romans 8.26-39
Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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