

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 20th September 2026

Sun 20th 16 th Sun after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	All Age Worship	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd M Newey
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	The Revd D Ackroyd
	11.15am	Harvest	Shipdham	The Shipdham Team
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	6.00pm	Compline (See Facebook)		
Mon 21st	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	10.00am	Funeral	Beetley	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible Study	Shipdham Rectory	
Wed 23rd	9am–11am	Open Church	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd R Hanmer
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing Practice	Shipdham	
Thur 24th	10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Company	Swanton Morley	
Fri 25th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sat 26th	2.00pm	Wedding blessing	Swanton Morley	The Revd A Blyth
	2.00pm	Wedding	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
Sun 27th 17 th Sun after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Rev R Hanmer
	9.30am	Holy Communion _(B.C.P)	Bradenham	The Rev L Purnell
	9.30am	Harvest Festival	East Bilney	Mrs L Crick
	9.30am	Parish Communion _(BCP)	Hoe	The Revd K Pilgrim
	11.15am	Parish Communion _(BCP)	Scarning	The Revd J Fernando
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell
	6.00pm	Compline (See Facebook)		Mrs L Crick

News for the Pews

Gluten Free Wafers

All of our churches now have gluten free wafers. If you are coeliac and want to take Communion, if you could kindly let the clergy or churchwarden know before the service begins so that we can be prepared, thank you.

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday 21st September to Sunday 4th October. Please do come to the Coffee Morning in Church House on Friday 2nd October where there will be an extended Fairtrade Stall. It is also time to order **Real Advent Calendars** and fairtrade charity **Christmas Cards (20% off)** - by 5th October please. I know it is really early but I need to get sufficient orders to get the discount. Do take a look at the display on the Eco Church board at the back of St Nicholas. Contact me at kate.baldry@hotmail.co.uk or 01362 695503. Thank you.

Quiz Night – Beetley Village Hall. Friday September 25th - doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts 7.00pm. £5 per person. Max tables of 6. To book: beetleyquiz2026@gmail.com or 07867 525225. Refreshments available but cash only please. All funds for Beetley Church.

St Nicholas Dereham Fundraising Committee

Friday 2nd October - Country, Irish, 50's/60's and popular music concert featuring Kevin Barry. Tickets £10.00 available from Green Pastures Bookshop, Church Street, Dereham and Dianne Harbord in Church or telephone 07943962593/07523958508

Tuesday 20th October - Please come and join us in Church House from 2.00 to 4:00pm for a social afternoon playing board and card games and enjoy some tea/coffee and cake. Tickets are £5.00 (to include refreshments) and are available from Dianne Harbord in Church or telephone 07943962593/07523958508

Saturday 31st October - We are hosting a Parish Lunch in Church House 12.30 for 13:00. This will be a two course lunch.

MENU : Cottage Pie or Vegetable Cottage Pie, served with buttered new potatoes and mixed vegetables. Delicious Homemade puddings and desserts followed by Tea and Coffee.

Tickets are £15.00 (in advance) available from Dianne Harbord (in Church) or telephone 07943962593/07523958508

Word on the Wash

Join us for Bible teaching, worship and fellowship with Christians from North West Norfolk and beyond on Saturday October 3rd, 10 am - 3.45 pm, at The King's Centre, King's Lynn PE30 1QD. Full information on the website www.wordonthewash.org.uk

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas will be held at **11.15am on Sunday 4th October**, replacing the 9.30 service. Harvest gifts will be given to the Mid Norfolk Food Bank, so packets and tinned goods will be most welcome, though they have enough breakfast cereal and pasta for now. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share buffet style lunch in church. Please bring contributions to share, suitably packed (chilled etc) and labelled with ingredients. All are very welcome.

St Nicholas Big Church Cleaning Day. Saturday 10th October 9.30 – 12 noon. Please join us to give the inside of our church a spruce up. Jobs for all energy and ability levels!

We have some dusters, brooms etc, but do bring your favourites from home too. Speak to Martin or Marion for more information.

All Saints, Swanton Morley - weekend of 17th-18th October

Autumn Flower Festival. 10.00am-4.00pm both days, ending with our **Harvest Festival Service 5.00pm** on Sunday 18th.

Showcasing local flower arrangers and community groups within our beautiful Church building and fund-raising for the Church. Refreshments available. Special preview 5.00-7.00pm on Friday 16th October. Tickets £5 from Jacquie Aldous 01362 638320 Please email j.aldous302@btinternet.com for details if you would like to sponsor the flowers in memory of a loved one, or your community group would like to be represented.

Scarning are holding an Autumn Quiz Night on Friday 30th October, 7pm in the village hall. Teams can be of 4, 3, couples or individuals, tickets at £8 per person. Please book in advance by contacting Tricia 01362 687082 or Sue 01362 694886 All proceeds go to Scarning church.

AFRICAN CHOIR OF NORFOLK. Tickets for the much-anticipated Concert at St Nicholas on Sunday afternoon, 15th November, are now on sale at Green Pastures Bookshop, Norwich Street, Dereham, or from Tim Cara by calling 074320 091044. They are priced at £12.50 each, with proceeds going to the Building Fund. The Concert begins at 2.30pm.

The organisation 'INEQE' are conducting a **safeguarding audit on the Diocese** in January 2027 (think OFSTED for schools). Safeguarding is increasingly understood as a gospel and theological imperative and a key feature of a healthy church rather than a mere administrative requirement.

As part of the safeguarding audit the Diocese are inviting EVERYONE involved in parish life across our benefice to take part in a short safeguarding survey on ahead of the INEQE visit. This includes everyone who contributes to the life of our church community - whether through choir, bellringing, volunteering, worship or other roles.

The survey is an opportunity to share your experience and help them understand what is working well and where they can improve, how they continue to build a church that is safe, welcoming and supportive for all. Every perspective will help us learn and grow together. The survey hopes to go live next week - WATCH THIS SPACE for details on how to do it please. Many thanks. Tracy Lea. Safeguarding Officer at St Nicholas.

SHOEBOX APPEAL. Once again Blythswood Christian Charity will be sending gifts of a shoebox filled with small items e.g. toiletries, writing materials, hat, gloves and scarves to countries in Eastern Europe. A full list can be found in the leaflets which can be found on the Font. We also welcome any of the items or money to help pay for the transport. Thank you! Mary Jack.

Dereham Foodbank Current urgent needs locally are for coffee, soup, tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetables. If you can bring them to St Nicholas, donations should be left in the basket on the Chancel steps. Thank you.

On the Anniversary of their death: John Garraway

Recently Departed: The Revd Sally Kimmis, Evelyn Cain, Michael Farrow and Marilyn Stroud, also Edith Galley.

Please Pray for:

Ann Betts, Sylvia Blacker, Sarah Broscam, Melva Brunning, June Burleigh, Pam Walker, Jean Fairweather, Irene & John Farrall, Maureen & Peter Hart,

Peter Hunt, Cheryl Lister, Robin and Joan Loveday, Pat & Brian Ogden, Leon Scott, George Sillence, Val Stebbings, Jenny Taylor, Baby Forest, Chris and Ivy.

Prayers and Collects Trinity 16

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence and know
your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The peace

The Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating
and drinking, but of righteousness,
peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Team Vicar vacancy is now being advertised. The closing date is 13th October with interviews on 5th November. Please continue to pray for the right person to join us.

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.

A copy of the profile is on the Diocesan website in the Clergy vacancies page
www.dioceseofnorwich.org/vacancy/team-vicar-dereham-and-district-team-ministry

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rest day Monday

Team Vicar
The Rev'd Laura Purnell
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tel 821249
rest day Friday

Assistant Curate (Part time)
The Rev'd Michael Newey
assistantcurate.dereham@gmail.com
tel 07740 824877
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 –
Jonah 3.10-4.11
Psalm 145.1-8
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16

Next week's readings –
Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32
Philippians 2.1-13
Matthew 21.23-32
Psalm 25.1-8