

**Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,**



**Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham**

This Week in our Churches

Sunday 23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd J Fernando
	11-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Dereham	
	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Face Book		
Mon 24th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	10-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Advent Course	Shipdham Rectory	The Revd L Purnell
Tue 25th	10-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Dereham	
	2.30pm	Advent Bible study	Church House	Mr T Cross
	7.00pm	Alpha Course		Mark & Ruth Thorpe
Wed 26th	9.30-11.00am	Pop up Pantry	Shipdham	
	10-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	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	
Thur 27th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
	10-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Dereham	
	10.30am	Advent Course	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	2.00pm	Funeral of Betty Chapman, Shipdham		The Revd D Fotherby
Fri 28th	10-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Dereham	
	2.00pm	Funeral of Valerie Geldard, East Bilney		The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
Sat 29th	10-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Winter Wonderland Concert, Scarning		
Sunday 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Hoe	The Revd P Cubitt
	11-5pm	Last day of Christmas Tree Festival, Dereham		
	11.15am	Songs of Praise	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	4.00pm	Advent Carol Service, Bradenham		The Revd L Purnell
	5.00pm	Advent Carols	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

News for the Pews

A large fir tree is needed at St Nicholas to be the Church Christmas tree! If you or anyone you know has an overgrown tree they would like to get rid of, please contact a churchwarden so we can arrange to remove it and use in church. This will re-use a tree, and save the expense of buying one! Contact Marion on morgan_marion@hotmail.com or Martin on 07848 623803.

Advent Courses – There are two courses open to all in the benefice. On Tuesday afternoons in Church house, Tom will be looking at the theme of God with us. On Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons Rev Doreen and Rev Laura will be looking at the themes of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. Please do contact Tom, Rev Doreen or Rev Laura for any more information – or just turn up!

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Join us all this week and really feel the Christmas vibe - this year 45 organisations are participating. Our festival culminates with the Advent Service 5pm on the last Sunday. We are raising funds for this year's partner, Dereham Meeting Point and our own Church Building Project.

Winter Wonderland, Saturday 29th November - A concert by Dereham Band in Scarning Church at 7.30 pm, with a Cottage Pie and Pudding Supper in the Village Hall at 6.15 pm. Tickets are available from Sue on 01362 694886 suerockley84@gmail.com or Tricia on 01362 687082 pforeman4@sky.com - £15 for supper and concert, £10 for just the concert. A super brass band and the splendid acoustic in Scarning Church are made for each other. Come and enjoy!

St Andrew's, Bradenham welcomes all from the Benefice to our **Advent Carol service** at 4pm on Sunday 30th November. The service will be by candlelight – you may like to bring a small torch or use your phone-torch to boost the candles. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The O Antiphons will be sung by Kett's Consort. Our church car park is lit. Any queries please contact Diana MacMullen on 07831 117453.

Shipdham Christmas Tree Festival – will be taking place from **Friday 5th December – Sunday 7th December**. There will be an opening concert from the Thomas Bullock School choir, a concert on the Saturday evening by Shipdham Community Choir and the festival will close with carols at 4pm on the Sunday with the Dereham Salvation Army Band.

On Friday 5th December St Nicholas Church Fundraising Committee are holding a **Reindeer Drive with festive refreshments** in Church House from 2 -5pm. Tickets are £7.00 each and are available in advance from Dianne Harbord in Church on Sunday's or by calling Dianne on 07943962593 or Susanne on 07523958508. All welcome.

Christmas Craft Fare, Saturday 6th December - 10 am to 2 pm - Scarning Church and Village Hall. With locally made gifts, crafts, woodcrafts, cakes, plants, preserves, beauty products, cards, books, tombola, games and super refreshments. We have room for a few more stalls. If you would like to book one, please call Tricia on 01362 687082.

Sunday 7th December 9.30 at St Nicholas Church will be our TOY AND GIFT SERVICE when we will also be celebrating the Feast of St Nicholas.

Toys; These are distributed by the Salvation Army, who have told us that gifts are especially needed for teenagers and those with sensory needs. Where possible they would like one

larger gift rather than a selection of small items so that the children have something special to open on Christmas morning. New, unwrapped gifts please.

Financial Gifts; Our financial position as the year end nears once again gives cause for concern, so we are asking for gifts towards the day to day running of our church, which remains an expensive affair. At present we expect to be short by £7000 of income over expenditure in the general account. Please help us to reach the end of the year in the black! Ways to give are on the pink sheets in the pews.

The Friends of All Saints Church, Swanton Morley, are having a **Christmas Fair** in the church on Saturday, 13th December between 12.00 and 5.00pm to help raise funds for the repair and maintenance of the church building. There will be at least 18 craft and gift stalls, a Wish Tree, Santa's Postbox with letters and envelopes available so that you can send any last minute request to the North Pole, together with reasonably priced refreshments including some of the best cakes in Norfolk! Santa, and possibly some of his friends will be visiting during the afternoon. Free entry and parking.

St Nicholas Church Fundraising Committee will be holding their **Christmas Coffee Morning** in Church House, Dereham, on Saturday 13th December from 10am - 12.30pm. There will be a bottle stall, a tombola stall, cakes and savouries to purchase and of course, delicious refreshments. Plus Christmas music. If anyone would like to donate items for the stalls or donate cakes and/or savouries, please speak to a member of the Fundraising Committee or contact Debbie on 07925 040735 or Pauline on 07925 362146. We will be extremely grateful for any donations offered. Do please come and join us on the day and bring your friends. We would love to see you there.

Thank you so much for the lovely sanctuary flowers which came to us on Sunday, it's comforting to know we are still being thought of. They will also help celebrate Colin's 94th birthday this week. Glad to say we are beginning to get about a bit albeit slower than we once were, but we're thankful for the help we receive from friends and family. Thank you also for your prayers they mean a lot to us. Sending love and good wishes to all our church family, Colin and June Burleigh.

Breckland Council is distributing free '**Warm Packs**' to local residents to help them stay warm and well this winter. Residents will not need to register or meet any eligibility criteria to receive comforting items, such as blankets, insulated cups, slipper socks and soups (while stocks last), to help them during the colder months. Packs can be collected from Green Pastures, Wellspring, Dereham Cancer Care and Meeting Point.

Recently departed : Valerie Geldard, Roy Downs and Betty Chapman.

Those on the anniversary of their death : Alban Hunt.

For our prayers: Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Cheryl Lister, Pat Dodson, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Val Stebbings, Ann Betts, Baby Forrest, Irene & John Farrall, June Burleigh, Barbara Beckett, Maureen & Peter Hart, Robin & Joan Loveday, also Tommy Barnes, Pam Walker, Sandra Newton and Melva Brunning.

Prayers and Collects

Invitation to Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Introductory sentence for the Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

cf Colossians 3.14

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good
works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Our Clergy

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work full time, but will be in the
Benefice on Sundays.*

The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby
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The Rev'd Carole Prouse
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This week's readings – two from
Jeremiah 23.1-6
Colossians 1.11-20
Luke 23.33-43
Psalm 46

Next week's readings from
Isaiah 2.1-5
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.36-44
Psalm 122

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