

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 24th May, 2026

Sun 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Confirmation	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt Bishop Jane
<i>Pentecost</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd J Atkins
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	East Bilney	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	2.00pm	Wedding	Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt
	5.00pm	Worship & Praying for Dereham and Personal Renewal	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	<i>The Holy Spirit brings renewal and new life:- fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.</i>			
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		
Mon 25th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	Shipdham Rectory	
Tues 26th	2.30pm	Funeral	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
Wed 27th	9-11am	Open church & Pop up Pantry	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.30am	Interment of Ashes	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Fri 29th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sat 30th	12 noon	Funeral	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.00pm	Concert - Bawdeswell Festival Choir		E. Bilney
Sun 31st Trinity Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	Dereham	The Revd M Newey
	9.30am	Parish Comunion(BCP)	Hoe	The Revd L Purnell
	10.00am	BB Group communion	Barford	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Songs of Praise	Scarning	The Revd M Newey
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
	2.00pm	Baptism	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	4.00pm	Choral evensong	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	6.00pm	Compline see facebook		

News for the Pews

Pentecost Sunday

- **Confirmation:** Please pray for Clare Jones, Brian Shulter and David Warner being Confirmed this morning by the Bishop of Lynn.
- **5.00pm Worship & Praying for Dereham and Personal Renewal** After a violent attack in the churchyard, a growing negative culture in town, the rise in hate filled posts on social media including TikTok, Pentecost is a good time to pray for change and renewal.

Bradenham Choir

It is with a sad heart we announce that the Bradenham Choir is singing its last service on May 31st. It will be a service of Choral Evensong at 4pm in St Andrew's Bradenham. All are welcome to come and support them and give thanks for their years of service in leading us in worship.

Year 6 Transition - It's Your Move booklets

Every year I go into year 6 classes and talk to them about moving to high school and tell them the story of Joshua. It is nice to be able to leave each child with a copy of It's Your Move by Scripture Union. Previous years there has been funding available but that is not available this year. I was wondering if people within our churches would be able to help. The booklet will cost about £2.20 per child and we will need about 300. If people were able to sponsor 1 or 5 or 10 say, I am sure between us we could do it. This is the first, whilst we still have time. I don't want the money yet!! But if you would be willing to help and could let me know I can plan accordingly. Thank you for reading, caring and praying. God bless. Rev Laura

The Norfolk Churches Trust is thrilled to be providing homemade teas on Thursday 28th May 2026

Every spring, Stody Lodge opens its 14-acres of colourful rhododendrons, deep herbaceous borders, woodland walks, and the renowned 4-acre Azalea Water Gardens. Known as one of East Anglia's most dramatic spring gardens, the colours and scents at Stody Lodge will lift the spirits and dazzle the senses.

The gardens will be open from 1pm to 5pm. £10 per person, parking included.

Come and join us for what promises to be an unforgettable visit!

You can book your ticket (<https://www.ticketsource.com/whats-on/norfolk/stody-lodge-gardens/stody-lodge-gardens-open-day/2026-05-28/13:00/t-avrgpkx>) Or pay on the day.

Location: Stody Lodge Gardens is 16 miles northwest of Norwich and 3 miles south of Holt off the B1354. Postcode NR24 2ER.

East Bilney church will be hosting a concert on Saturday 30th May, 7pm

when the Bawdeswell Festival Choir will be performing a wide range of songs. You can buy a ticket (£20 each) for the event by calling East Bilney Garage on 01362 860511 (option 2) and asking for Claire.

The Fundraising Committee of St Nicholas Church, Dereham are asking for your help!

Could you spare an hour or two?

We are holding a **Table Top Sale** on **Saturday 6th June from 10-4pm**

We need....

- Items for the bric-a-brac stall
- Second hand books
- Second hand jigsaws
- Helpers on the stalls on the day

- People to make and serve refreshments
- People to help set up the church after the organ recital on Friday 5th June

Please see Susanne Warner or a member of the fundraising committee if you are able to help in any way. Many thanks.

Fundraising Event- Open Garden

Chery and David Lister are holding an **Open Garden** from 11am-4pm on 6th June 2026 at 67 Bradenham road, Shipdham, IP25 7PJ tel: 01362821550

Funds raised will go towards an adaptive bathroom.

Plant sale - Refreshments - Raffle Prizes

My life changed overnight back in September 2024, after I got home from work, I struggled to get out of my car and collapsed in the front bedroom of our bungalow. That was the last time I walked on my legs! I called the surgery and they advised me that I should go to A&E without delay, I was told do not wait for an ambulance, on arrival I was rushed into triage and admitted into intensive care later that night. I was in so much pain I really didn't know what was going on, I was diagnosed with Phlegmasia cerulea dolens(PCD), it is a rare and severe form of deep vein thrombosis and unfortunately for me, it was affecting both of my legs and was so severe that amputation was the only way that I could possibly survive. I kissed my family goodbye and left the rest up to God. The surgeons did everything that they could to save me, even trying to save my knees, but they were damaged by the sepsis and were also removed.

The garden wraps around our home, there is plenty of space as well to sit and enjoy some purchased refreshments. We kindly ask that you make a donation to enter the garden

Dereham Town Pastors invite you to join them at 2.30 pm on Saturday June 6th for their AGM in the Cabin, Eckling Grange Norwich Road NR20 3BB - RSVP dodsworthval@gmail.com

The AGM business will be short, followed by a few stories and descriptions of some of the work God has been doing through DTP during the last year. Finally tea and cakes!

2026 Organ concert Season at St. Nicholas, Dereham

This year there will be five concerts: Fridays at 1pm

May 29th Richard Bower with a premier performance of "Variations on East Dereham" by Malcolm Archer.

June 5th D'Arcy Trinkwon acclaimed Celebrity Virtuoso

June 12th Thomas Burt acclaimed Young Organist of Denver and Kings Lynn

June 19th Graham Thorpe acclaimed Master of Music and sub Organist Norwich Cathedral

June 26th Anne Page Renowned 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 What's On noticeboard at the back of Church. If you can bake or make sandwiches etc, please talk to Lynn.

10Km Chairty Run for Tearfund

I am going to run the Sandringham 10K on 8th September for Tearfund

Please support the charity through my run at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/geoffrey-curran-7>

Thank you for your support. Geoffrey

Recently departed : Phoebe-Rose Towns, Vicky Wright, John Harlow, Brenda Lusha

On the Anniversary of their Death: Neville Donmall – May 27th

Please Pray for: 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, Thelma Smith and George Silience.

Prayers and Collects

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Invitation to confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the
Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love
him.

Introductory sentence for the Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what
is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; 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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*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

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This week's readings – two from
Acts 2.1-21
Psalm 104.22-36,37b
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13
John 20.19-23

Next week's readings
Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13.11-13
Matthew 28.16-20

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