

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 27th September 2026

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 _(BCP)	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
Mon 28th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible Study	Shipdham Rectory	
Tues 29th	3.00pm	Funeral	Breckland Crem	The Revd L Purnell
Wed 30th	9am–11am	Open Church	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd D Ackroyd
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing Practice	Shipdham	
Thur 1st	10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Company	Swanton Morley	
Fri 2nd	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham	Church House
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd R Hanmer
	12.00noon	Funeral	Beetley	The Revd J Houston
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
	7.30pm	Country & Irish Concert	Dereham	
Sat 3rd	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Scarning	
Sun 4th 18 th Sun after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion _(BCP)	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	8.00am	Holy Communion _(BCP)	Dereham	The Revd R Hanmer
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd M Newey
	9.30am	Holy Communion _(BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	Mrs H Jeckells
				Mr M Purnell
	11.15am	Harvest	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	2.00pm	Baptism	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell

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.

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.alldous302@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.

SAFEGUARDING - 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.

The Diocese of Norwich's inEQE survey is now live at

dioceseofnorwich.org/safeguarding/ineqe-safeguarding-audit/the-ineqe-survey

To start this very important short, anonymous and confidential survey just press the word HERE (in red)

There is a short welcome from lead auditor Jim Gamble followed by a choice of what part of the church you are in e.g. parish workforce, parish community etc. The survey involves stating your opinion on subjects in 7 categories and is open until 11th November at 11.30pm.

If anyone needs any help at all with this please see Clare Cubitt or myself, Tracy Lea.

Safeguarding Officer. Many thanks.

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, Lilian Cable, Tony Simkin.

Recently Departed: Evelyn Cain, Michael Farrow, Marilyn Stroud, Edith Galley and Edward Reid.

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, Forest

Prayers and Collects Trinity 17

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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.

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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rest day Friday

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 –

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32

Philippians 2.1-13

Matthew 21.23-32

Psalm 25.1-8

Next week's readings –

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm 80.9-17

Philippians 3.4b-14

Matthew 21.33-46

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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Benefice Newsletter items: derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com deadline 11am Tuesday