

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 28th December, 2025

Sunday 28th	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP) Benefice Service	Hoe	The Ven A Hawes
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Carol Praise	Scarning	The Revd J Fernando
	6.00pm	Compline, see via Facebook.		
Mon 29th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham	
Tue 30th				
Wed 31st	9-11am	Open church	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
Thur 1st	12-3pm	New Year's Day Lunch		
Fri 2nd				
Saturday 3rd				
Sunday 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd M Newey The Revd P Cubitt
Epiphany	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	
Sunday	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	Mrs H Jeckells The Revd D Fotherby
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
		(followed by bring & share lunch)		The Revd L Purnell
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

News for the Pews

All Saints, Swanton Morley, Epiphany Bring & Share lunch.

Sunday January 4th will be Epiphany Sunday. This marks the end of the Christmas season when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to honour the young King – Jesus Christ.

It will be good to celebrate this event along with the New Year, by sharing lunch together following the 11:15 morning service, to start between 12.30 & 1pm. We welcome anyone to come along for a simple meal of 'finger food' – e.g. sandwiches, sausages, cheese straws, vegetable sticks with dips and fruit. Please can everyone bring just one plateful per person to share. Teas, coffees and soft drinks will be provided.

Scarning Coffee Morning, January 2026

Please note that our coffee morning in January is on the second Saturday (10th January) rather than the first Saturday. We will return to our normal first Saturday pattern for the rest of the year. Our coffee mornings are in Scarning Village Hall from 10am to noon, with bacon butties, cakes, good company and a chance for a good old Norfolk mardle. Please come along. With all good wishes for 2026 from Scarning.

Are you familiar with the **Benefice Website?** –

<http://derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk>

This will have details of all the services within the benefice and events taking place plus much more.

Dereham Market Place will soon be undergoing some alterations.

(Temporary road closures will be in effect at different times and bus services will be relocated around Dereham, with most of them operating from Cherry Tree car park.) Disabled parking bays are to be relocated to Church Street, and Market Place and Church Street will all be resurfaced.

Works are scheduled to begin on January 12th and are expected to take ten weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Did you know there is a **Norfolk Home Library Service**? They can deliver books and other media to your home completely free of charge to

anyone housebound of any age. To access this service, contact Norfolk Library on 01603 774777 (Option 1) or email libraries@norfolk.gov.uk

Food donations – the most urgent needs at the moment are for laundry detergent, size 3 and 7 nappies, sponge puddings, tinned carrots or tomatoes or fruit. Lesser need is for toilet rolls.

If you have a smartphone and use apps then please download the 'Bank the Food@' app. The app is free to download. You can then set this app for the Mid Norfolk Food Bank and it will show you the urgent needs and the drop off places. You can also let them know if you have bought some of those needs, so they can plan for what is coming.

Breckland Council is to hold its inaugural '**Big Breckland Breakfast**' to bring together people from across the district's farming and **rural communities** for a morning of conversation, connection, and support. The free community-focused event will take place at 9am on Monday, 19th January 2026, at Algy's Farm Café in Bintree. The 'Big Breckland Breakfast' is an opportunity for those who care about their community to come together, share experiences, and strengthen the networks that keep our rural communities thriving. It's a chance to connect, support each other, and ensure that no one feels alone. There is no need to register for the event, people can just turn up on the day. For more information, email phil.garnham@breckland.gov.uk.

Those on the anniversary of their death : Ivor Wilkinson, Sheila Davies and Albert Seaman.

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

Prayers and Collects

Invitation to Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

cf Matthew 1.21

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

cf Isaiah 9.6

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an
earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
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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This week's readings – two from
Isaiah 63.7-9
Hebrews 2.10-18
Matthew 2.13-23

Next week's readings from
Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

Psalms 72.10-15

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