

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 31st August, 2025

Sunday 31st 11th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	Dereham	Mr T Cross
	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Hoe	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Songs of Praise	Scarning	Mr T Cross
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Shipdham	The Revd P Cubitt
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	Bradenham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook		
Mon 1st	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	Shipdham Rectory	
Tue 2nd	2.30pm	Bible study	Church House	Mr T Cross
Wed 3rd	9.30-11.00am	Pop up Pantry	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Thur 4th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
	10.00am	Coffee morning	Shipdham	
Fri 5th	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
Sat 6th	10.00	Coffee morning	Scarning	
Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Dereham	The Revd M Newey
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	Mrs H Jeckells & Mr M Purnell
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Beetley	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell & The Revd M Newey
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

News for the Pews

Sunday coffee rota, St Nicholas Church

We would like one or two more people on the Sunday coffee rota, if you would be able to help please contact Sue Barker.

BENEFICE PRAYER MEETING September 2nd– an invitation.

You are invited to attend the Benefice prayer meeting which will be held at **Eckling Grange (NR20 3BB) – in the Gatehouse, starting at 7:15pm on Tuesday 2nd**

September. Directions to the Gatehouse: from Norwich Road, come into Eckling Grange grounds by the main entrance, straight on past left turn (which leads to the front of the house). Then slightly left towards the Wing on the left and Gatehouse on the right immediately before the closed delivery gate into Mattishall Road. There are parking spaces immediately outside the Gatehouse.

All are welcome, whether or not you have previously participated in meetings for prayer. As usual, we will pray for the Churches of Dereham and the villages; our Church leaders, local communities and activities; current events here and around the world; and for healing and peace for individuals who have requested our prayer support. If you are unable to attend in person, but have a request for prayer, for yourself or on behalf of another, please either speak to someone who you know will be attending the meeting, or send an email to prayerrequestc777@gmail.com You need not provide your own name, and please don't name anyone for whom you are requesting prayer, unless they have given you permission. Strict confidentiality is maintained: we refer to first names only during our meetings.

ALPHA COURSE

We will be running an Alpha Course on Tuesdays, 7-9pm beginning 9th September.

The Alpha course is for people from all walks of life who are curious about the Christian faith. It allows you to explore the basics of Christianity, share your thoughts and discuss in an open and friendly space.

These small group sessions will begin with refreshments, followed by a short video designed to engage and inspire conversation. Each week a different question is covered, such as ***Who is Jesus?, How can we have faith?*** and ***How does God guide us?***

The group will be held at Mark and Ruth Thorpe's home. If you feel this course might be for you, please speak to Rev Paul Cubitt.

Katharine Ames-Lewis is spending the weekend of 13/14th September in Dereham. There will be a Benefice Bring and Share Lunch in Church House 12.30pm on Sunday 14th for members of our benefice congregations who remember Katharine and would like to see her. Please contact Sheila Hanmer 01362 655092 or sheila.hanmer@outlook.com if you intend to come.

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED BIKE RIDE – Saturday 13th September

Many of St Nicholas's congregation have kindly sponsored my rides over many previous years. Guess what? It's that time of year again. However, just a little reminder, all the sponsorship money raised is split 50/50 between St Nicholas and the Trust. This year is especially important to us due to our building project. We will be approaching the trust for a grant towards the cost of Phase 1 and the fact that we raise funds for them will strengthen our cause. I will be back on my bike again and looking for your sponsorship, Paul Edwards.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – Friday 12th September – Sunday 21st September.

St Nicholas will be open all week with an exhibition on the north transept painted ceiling. St Withburga's Well and the Muniments Room will be open both Fridays and Saturdays. The bell tower is open both Saturdays. If anyone is able to help steward, especially in the bell tower, please let Paul know.

Scarning Church – Saturday 13th September- will be hosting an exhibition on local history and their famous rector, Dr Augustus Jessopp. There will be also extracts from a book written by a Far East Prisoner of War.

POT OF GOLD SHANTY CREW are performing at **St Nicholas Church on Saturday 13th September, 7.30pm.** Tickets £10 on the door, from Bishop Bonners Cottage Museum, phone 01362 820068, or from Marion after services. Proceeds to be split between the church and Dereham Heritage Trust. Do join us for a lively evening with this brilliant band of singers and musicians.

Sunday 14th September: a **congregational meeting** for members of East Bilney and Beetley Churches to discuss the Team Vicar vacancy. This will take place in East Bilney Church after the 9.30am service.

Sunday 14th September: **Civic Service** at St Nicholas' Church at 12noon.

JOHN NEWTON AT 300 BENEFICE SERVICE Sunday 14th September 4.30pm. 2025 marks the 300th anniversary of Newton's birth. The service will include some of the hymns of John Newton and William Cowper which were included in the first Olney hymn book of 1779. During the service Martin and Carol Hajee will be commissioned as Anna Chaplains.

Please join St Andrew's, Bradenham for our **HARVEST LUNCH** on Sunday 14th September at 12 noon (after St Andrew's Harvest service at 10.30) at the village hall, Bradenham for Shepherd's or Cottage pie and puddings. Tickets are £10 from lavinia.rix@gmail.com 077474 49208 We look forward to welcoming you. If you are able, please bring something for the Food Bank or Pop Up Pantry. We look forward to seeing you on 14th September.

Please come along to **BRADENHAM'S PUDDING FEST on Saturday 27th September at 7pm** in the village hall, Bradenham accompanied by Rocky Road ukulele band. Tickets £15 in aid of The Friends of St Andrew's and include a glass of wine with a selection of homemade puddings (there will be a selection of savoury 'desserts' too). Tickets from lavinia.rix@gmail.com 077474 49208 Lovely raffle prizes – we look forward to you joining us for a happy evening of delicious puds and entertainment.

We need a new treasurer for Swanton Morley and/or Bilney and Beetley. Richard Chalkley has been looking after the accounts but will be moving from the area. Please see the Rector if you might be able to help.

Sanctuary Flowers : Eileen Davidson has sent her thanks to everyone for the lovely Sanctuary flowers she received on August 10th. The bouquet made her day and cheered her up.

Could you please include my thanks and gratitude for the Sanctuary flowers. I was absolutely delighted. Thanks Diana Rowland

Prayers and Collects

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Introductory sentence for the Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called
to peace. *cf Colossians 3.15*

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Those on the anniversary of their death: Anita
Freezer, Ron Abell and Kathleen Swann.

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

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
Proverbs 25.6-7
Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16
Luke 14.1,7-14
Psalm 112

Next week's readings from
Deuteronomy 30.15-20
Philemon
Luke 14.25-33
Psalm 1

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