

Dereham and District Team Ministry
The parishes of Dereham, Scarning, Swanton Morley, Beetley with East Bilney, Hoe,
Shipdham and Bradenham
<http://derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk>

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 21st January, 2024

Third Sunday of Epiphany	21	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	All Age Worship, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Beetley	The Revd R Dines
		9.30am	Choral Matins (BCP), Bradenham	Mrs H Jeckells
		11.15am	Morning Prayer, Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.15am	Morning Praise, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		4.00pm	Dereham Churches Together, Salvation Army Hall	
		6.00pm	Compline, view via website	
Monday	22	9.30am	St Nicholas Outdoor Working Party	
		7.30pm	Bellringing Practice, Dereham	
Tuesday	23	10.00am	Historic Churches of Norfolk, Church House	
		2.30pm	Bible Study, Church House	
		7.30 pm	Scarning PCC	
Wednesday	24	9.00am	Shipdham Open Church	
		9.30am	Breckland Food Bus, Shipdham	
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.30am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
		7.00pm	Bell Ringing Practice, Scarning	
		7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice, Shipdham	
Thursday	25	10.00am	Coffee, Cake and Company, Swanton Morley	
		12.00pm	Bradenham Village Lunch, village hall.	
Friday	26	11.00am	Funeral for Pearl Stagles, Hoe	The Revd R Dines
		7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice, Swanton Morley	
Saturday	27			
Sunday Presentation of Christ in the Temple	28	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Rev P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Dereham	The Revd R Dines
		9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bradenham	The Revd D Fotherby
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Bilney	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP), Hoe	The Revd L Purnell
		11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP) Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
		11.15am	Morning Prayer, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines

News For The Pews

Dereham Churches Together joint service for Christian Unity is today, Sunday January 21st at 4pm. This is being held at The Salvation Army Hall, St Nicholas Street.

The **Shipdham Bible Study** will restart tomorrow, January 22nd at 7.30pm in The Rectory in Shipdham. We will continue our studies about women in the bible. All are welcome.

The next **village lunch in Bradenham** is on Thursday January 25th. It is served from 12 noon onwards and the winter menu of homemade soup and pudding with coffee/tea will cost you £7. There is also space to bring along items for the food bus or bank. Everyone is welcome in the village hall and it can become quite a social gathering.

Scarning Coffee Morning, 3rd February, 10-12 noon in the village hall. Please come along for a cuppa, a celebrated bacon buttie or a delicious cake. If you would like more details, or could help with a raffle prize or cake. Please contact Tricia on 01362 687082 (pforeman4@sky.com)

Confirmation - The Bishop will be returning to the Benefice to conduct a service of Confirmation on Trinity Sunday (26th May 2024). We will be having 6 confirmation classes before the service. If you are interested in finding out more, please do talk to Rev Paul, Rev Rachael or Rev Laura.

Sanctuary Flowers at St Nicholas Church.

You may have seen that people sometimes publish thanks for receiving the Sanctuary Flowers and wondered what this means. Each week flowers are placed at the side of the Sanctuary during the Sunday morning service. These are then given to a member of the congregation, such as someone who can no longer attend church, or those who are going through celebrations or sad times. The flowers are paid for from a designated fund. If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving them, or if you would like to contribute to this fund, please speak to Melva who coordinates the arrangements.

I would like to say a very big 'Thank you' for the Sanctuary Flowers that were given to me. It was such a lovely surprise and they have really brightened up my sitting room!
Dianne Harbord.

Fairtrade Stall at St Nicholas 28th January Kate is hoping to hold a Fairtrade Stall on the 4th Sunday of every month after the 9.30 service starting next Sunday. There will be a large selection of greetings cards together with the usual chocolate, ground coffee, jams, honey and other consumables.

If you have been collecting money for **The Children's Society** this year at St Nicholas, I will contact you individually about collecting your boxes.

If you would like to have a Children's Society collection box, do not hesitate to contact me and I will add your name to the list. Dinah Reed (01362 698666 dinahreed13@gmail.com)

Dereham Community Fridge has two primary aims; to reduce food waste (good for the planet!) and to give away perfectly good food to those needing their money to stretch a bit further (good for tummies!) The Fridge is located in the back of Green Pastures Bookshop in "The Community Hub", 20 Norwich Street, Dereham. Just come along and see if there is something you can use. We're open Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm. You can wait in the warm with a cuppa from 9.30am. We do suggest arriving early as often 80% of what we get has been taken by 11am.

The Real Easter Egg Easter is early this year and it is time to order these delicious fairtrade eggs which are the only Easter eggs to actually tell the Easter story. I am ordering in bulk and if I get enough orders I will be able to have free delivery and the price will be held at £4.50 (usual price £4.90) each for the regular milk chocolate egg. Please let me know if you would like to order any eggs – sign up on the sheet at the back of St Nicholas or phone 695503 or email to kate@mandolin.myzen.co.uk There is a selection of eggs on the Meaningful Chocolate Company's website <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg> I should have some to show you on the Fairtrade Stall on Sunday 28th January. Deadline for orders at £4.50 is Monday 19th February. Thank you, Kate Baldry

FOOD BANK We have had a letter of thanks for St Nicholas donations during 2023, please see the poster in the church porch. Suzanne Bushby, the Operations Manager, writes " Your congregation collected an astonishing 380kg of food throughout 2023, one of the largest amounts collected by any of the churches in the Mid Norfolk network. The number of families and individuals needing our service continues to grow so we cannot stress enough how grateful we are to you for your continued support". Current urgent needs are - sizes 5 and 6 nappies and men's toiletries, especially shower gel. Thank you, Kate Baldry

Thank you so much to everyone who **gave a SHOEBOX** filled with all sorts of things for the Blitheswood Christian Charity to send some Christmas joy to people in Ukraine. We were able to send 2504 boxes from Norfolk and praise God they arrived safely in time for Christmas. So, thank you again. Mary & Andy Jack.

Recently departed: Bob Matsell, Eric Swann, Pearl Stagles

Those on the anniversary of their death; Alex Farquharson and Alan Jessup

For our prayers: Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Joan Gibson, Chris Bush, June Pye, Ann Betts, Jo Pye, Pat & Brian Ogden, Alan Barrett, Peter Hunt, David Williams, Baby Forrest.

If you have an anniversary of a loved one's death which you would like to be added in to our pew sheet, please let the office know by contacting Clare, 01362 693143 or emailing parish.office.dereham@gmail.com We need consent to be able to include them.

Today's Worship

Invitation to Confession

By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins and present our bodies
as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to him,
which is our spiritual worship. *Romans 12.1*

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Revelation 19.6-10

Psalms 128

Second Reading: Gospel John 2.1-11

Introductory sentence for the Peace

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything
has become new.
2 Corinthians 5.17

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Blessing

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Our Clergy

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