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| Dereham and District Team MinistryThe parishes of Dereham, Scarning, Swanton Morley, Beetley with East Bilney, Hoe, Shipdham and East with West Bradenhamhttp://derehamanddistrictteam.org.ukWeek beginning 22nd March 2020**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES ALL CHURCHES IN THE BENEFICE WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** |
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| **The Revd Paul Cubitt:** In the light of the Covid 19 situation Paul Cubitt has asked the Bishop if he can defer his installation as Team Vicar of the Dereham and District Team Ministry until the beginning of September. Hopefully by then life will be more like normal. This seems to be a sensible request as he can clearly be more useful in North Walsham where he has a pastoral relationship with the congregation and the town. Arriving in Dereham in the middle of a lockdown would be difficult and he would only be able to exercise a very limited ministry, not a good way to start. The Bishop has agreed to his request so hopefully he will now be installed at the beginning of September (no date yet). Very generously Gill has volunteered to defer her retirement until a similar time. She and Bernie will move house as planned but she will continue to work full time using Shipdham Rectory as a base. We are so grateful to Gill for this selfless decision especially as she and James are coming up with so many good ideas to keep our spiritual lives bouyant. James has revamped the Benefice website and is continuing to work on it. Any constructive suggestions are welcome. Best wishes and keep safe. *Sheila Hanmer*.**News Items:** I will keep updating the Newsletter and uploading it to the Benefice Website on a weekly basis with the Sunday Prayers and Readings, regular updates and hopefully a story from The Revd. Armstrong. If you have any news that you think we would all like to share please send it to me via the Newsletter email address:derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com.Barbara D’Arts **Our Clergy**Team Rector VacancyTeam Vicar The Rev’d Gill Wells tel 822404 day off MonTeam Vicar The Rev’d James Rosie tel 637311 day off WednesdayAssistant Clergy The Rev’d Jane Nursey tel 697058  The Rev’d Kenneth Pilgrim tel 861265 The Rev’d Doreen Fotherby tel 821481 | **Keeping in Touch:** Sheila, Marguerite and Barbara have spent time in organising a pastoral list of names of our members at St Nicholas Church. It is hoped that we will all be able to make regular contact with each other over the next weeks. A team of people have been charged with the task of extending the hand of friendship to other members of the congregation, so do not be surprised to receive a call in the near future. Also, please do not hesitate to call either Gill (822404), James (637311), Sheila (655092) or Marguerite (693806) if you have anyworries or difficulties.**Extract from The Revd. B Armstrong’s Diary***:* *March 22nd, 1874**Preached at St. Martin-at-Palace, Norwich.  The* *evening congregation was very large, although* *Dr Hannah, Vicar of Brighton, was preaching* *a controversial sermon in the nave of the* *Cathedral hard by.  In the afternoon took a* *stroll and entered a church of such unmitigated* *ugliness and deadness  (St. Michael-at-Plea)* *that I soon came out again.  Thence to St.* *Lawrence, where my old curate, Hillyard, had* *about 100 children whom he was catechizing.* *He was clad in a very short surplice, trimmed* *with lace, purple stole with gilt fringe and biretta.* *They chanted a psalm, sung some hymns and* *a layman said some prayers for them, Very* *hearty it was and the children seemed to like it.* |
| **Collect:**Merciful Lord,absolve your people from their offences,that through your bountiful goodnesswe may all be delivered from the chains of those sinswhich by our frailty we have committed;grant this, heavenly Father,for Jesus Christ’s sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,who is alive and reigns with you,in the unity of the Holy Spirit,one God, now and for ever.

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**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 **Psalm:** 23  **R**: *I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*The Lord is my shepherd;  therefore can I lack nothing.He makes me lie down in green pastures  and leads me beside still waters. **R**He shall refresh my soul  and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R** | **Second Reading:**  Ephesians 5:8-14  **Gospel Reading:** John 9.   **For our prayers:****The Sick:** Colin Rant, John Harbord, Jean Rowe,Christine Hawthorne, Chris Peart, Colin Sampford, Carol Wright, Jeannette Lawes, Emma Steere, George Sillince, Jean Fairweather, Baby Levi Cameron Lucas, Revd Jenny Taylor,Teresa Kendall, Tiffany Peel.*Please continue to pray for:* Angela Watkins, Eileen Malt, Peter Johnson, Joan Garraway, Niko Sinclair, Canon Derek Price.**The Recently Departed:** George Thacker, Madeline Drew, Dick Barker.

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 **Post Communion:**Lord God,whose blessed Son our Saviourgave his back to the smitersand did not hide his face from shame:give us grace to endure the sufferings of this  present timewith sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;through Jesus Christ our Lord..**Readings for Next Week:** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45. |

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#### Today’s Worship

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collect, Psalm and Readings for the Sunday of week commencing 22nd March

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deadline 11.00am Wednesday, Barbara D’Arts.