

Dereham and District Team Ministry

The parishes of Dereham, Scarning, Swanton Morley, Beetley with East Bilney, Hoe, Shipdham and East with West Bradenham

<http://derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk>

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent	20	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Morning Worship, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	The Revd J Rosie
		11.15am	Family Carol Service, Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.15am	Morning Prayer, Swanton Morley	The Revd J Rosie
		11.15am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
		4.00pm	Carol Service, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		4.00pm	Carol Service, for Beetley, Bilney & Hoe at Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt
		6.00pm	Carol Service, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
Monday	21			
Tuesday	22			
Wednesday	23	10.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
Thursday	24	10.00pm	'Midnight' Communion, Hoe	The Revd J Rosie
		10.00pm	'Midnight' Communion, Bradenham	The Revd P Cuitt
		11.30pm	'Midnight' Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.30pm	'Midnight' Communion, Scarning	The Revd J Rosie
		11.30pm	'Midnight' Communion, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
Friday	25	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	
		9.30am	Christmas Communion, Dereham	
		10.00am	Christmas Communion, Beetley	
		10.00am	Christmas Communion, Swanton Morley	
		10.00am	Family Communion, Shipdham	
Saturday	26			
First Sunday of Christmas	27	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	
		10.00am	Benefice Service, Dereham <i>Nb: note the later time</i>	

Christmas Messages:

Gwen Booty wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Jane and Brian Nursey extend their Christmas tidings and God's blessing to everyone and we look forward with Hope to the New Year of 2021.

Barbara D'Arts wishes all friends and congregations a peaceful and healthy Christmas, looking forward to new beginnings for 2021.

Glynis Stack sends Christmas Greetings to all at St Nicholas.

David and Hilary Williams send warmest good wishes for a peaceful Christmas to their friends at St Nicholas Church. We hope 2021 will be a happy and healthy year for us all.

Christmas wishes and blessings to our Church Family in this benefice, from **Bill and Marjorie Dingle**, and for a peaceful Christmas, everyone to keep well and stay safe for 2021.

Adam and Su Pyke wish all their friends in the benefice A Very Happy Christmas and the hope that, in the New Year, life will return to the "old normal" before long.

Fred and Barbara Beckett would like to wish all their friends at St Nicholas Church peace and joy for Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Shirley and Colin Wade would like to wish everyone a very peaceful and blessed Christmas and hope for better things to look forward to in 2021.

Ann Parnell wishes all her church friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Marguerite and Keith Otty wishes everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas. We hope 2021 will be a better year for us all.

The St Nicholas Sanctuary Flowers: This last week the flowers were given to Trish and Pete Howlett who were delighted.

St Nicholas Planned Giving 2021 Envelopes: St Nicholas Planned Giving Envelopes 2021 are ready for collection at the back of the church. It is not too late to order a pack. Speak to Marguerite Otty about options available for anyone who would like to join the Planned Giving scheme.

Traidcraft: Kate still has some Christmas Cards left and some Christmas Gift items. Please do give her a ring on 695503 and arrange to view from her 'Car Shop' or pop down to St Nicholas on a Monday morning between 10 and 12 (socially distanced and outside).

Carol Services at Scarning: In order to ensure social distancing, we are issuing tickets for our carol service on 20 December and for the Midnight Communion on 24 December. Please contact Sue on suerockley84@gmail.com or 694886 if you would like to attend any of these services.

Carol Service at Dereham: If you wish to attend the Carol Service this Sunday afternoon, please speak to Sheila Hanmer or ring her on 655092.

Christmas Gifts: The Rector and St Nicholas Churchwardens were extremely delighted and amazed at the generosity of the congregation in their giving of gifts for the foodbank and donations of money for church funds. To date, the amount given is £9271. This allows us to pay our Parish Share in full. Our grateful thanks to everyone.

Our Clergy

Team Rector	The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt	tel 694107	day off Monday
Team Vicar	The Rev'd James Rosie	tel 637311	day off Friday
Assistant Clergy	The Rev'd Jane Nursey		
	The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby	tel 821481	

Message from Mid Norfolk Food bank:

Since the beginning of Lockdown in March the Food Bank has handled over 46 tonnes of donations, provided over 23,000 meals and received over 960 referrals.

Christmas opening times:

Mon. 21 st Dec.	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Mon. 28 th Dec	1.30pm – 3.00pm
Friday 1 st Jan	Closed

Keeping Safe: If anyone in the congregation would like to attend our Midnight Communion service at St Nicholas but is worried about walking safely back to their car Lynn Hearn has offered to organise a companion service. Please have a word with one of the wardens.

Advent & Christmas: We are all finding the current restrictions difficult for many reasons.

Carol Services are listed on the front of the Newsletter but may be subject to change under Covid-19 restrictions. To make things safer some of the small village church carol services have been relocated to a larger church where there is greater scope for social distancing (see church notice boards and social media about free tickets to carol services). Singing of carols will be led by socially distanced singers, under the current rules the *congregation* will be limited to humming. There will be many who remain isolating or worried about attending a carol service but will still be able to access a benefice Carol Service which will be on YouTube from this Sunday afternoon onwards <https://www.derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk/>.

Sadly we are unable to hold a **Christingle** service at St Nicholas this year but we shall be giving out 'Make your own Christingle' packs which will be available in St Nicholas from Monday 21st December and every day until Christmas Eve. There will be a service streamed on Facebook for families to watch on Christmas Eve as they make their Christingles.

Please note: The next Newsletter will be produced for Sunday 10th January.

Wishing you a healthy and peaceful Christmas. The Editor.

Colin Sampford, a regular attendee and Sidesperson at the Sunday 8.00am Communion at St Nicholas passed away peacefully on 16/12. He was a kind, gentle man who fully appreciated his link with St Nicholas and valued Home Communion. His wife Margery wishes to thank all who prayed for him. She is grateful for the support which continues to be shown to her during this difficult time.

Prayer Diary: As from 1st January 2021 there will be a new Prayer Diary for St Nicholas that you can download from the Benefice Web Page to use for private prayer. The diary will aid us in our prayers for each other and our community and is designed to be really easy to use. Other church communities are welcome to use it also but the geographical references will require adapting to your specific needs. If anyone has any meeting or church event they would like us to pray for, then please let Ruth know when you see her in church and she will do her best to incorporate into future months.

Extracts from the B Armstrong's Diary:

December 23rd, 1979

Mrs. Field applied to me some time ago to get Col. Bulwer to use his influence with his brother, Sir H Bulwer, Governor of Natal, to aid the promotion of Mr. James Field Walker, her husband's nephew, in the Cape Town Mounted Force. The Colonel gave me dispatches to show that the young man is insane and, among other things, fired his carbine into tents which were full of soldiers. Is it drink or exposure and hardship which sends so many of our young fellows in the Army and Navy insane?

Today's Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect:

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present
age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16,

Psalm: 89.1-4,19-26

1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.

2 I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

3 For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 "Your seed will I establish for ever
and build up your throne for all generations."

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:
'I have set a youth above the mighty;
I have raised a young man over the people.

20 'I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 'My hand shall hold him fast
and my arm shall strengthen him.

22 'No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked person afflict him.

23 'I will strike down his foes before his face
and beat down those that hate him.

24 'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him
and in my name shall his head be exalted.

25 'I will set his dominion upon the sea
and his right hand upon the rivers.

26 'He shall call to me, "You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation;"

Gospel Reading: Luke 1.26-38

For our prayers:

The Sick: John Harbord, Jean Rowe, Christine Hawthorne, Chris Peart, Carol Wright, Jeannette Lawes, Emma Steere, George Sillince, Jean Fairweather, Roger Hodson, Baby Levi Cameron Lucas, Revd Jenny Taylor, Helena Allen, June Burleigh, Graeme Brunning, Shirley Wade, Sylvia Blacker, Ann Cokayne
Please continue to pray for: Angela Watkins, Eileen Malt, Peter Johnson, Niko Sinclair, Canon Derek Price.

The Recently Departed: Colin Sampford.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings for Next Week: Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3,
Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

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