

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 28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent	28	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, East Bilney	The Revd D Ackroyd
		9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP), Hoe	The Revd J Rosie
		9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bradenham	The Revd R Hanmer
		11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP), Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.15am	Morning Praise, Sw. Morley	The Revd J Rosie
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
		4.00pm	Advent Carols, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
		6.00pm	Advent Service, Dereham	Team
Monday	29			
Tuesday	30			
Wednesday	1	10.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd J Rosie The Revd P Cubitt
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	
Thursday	2			
Friday	3			
Saturday	4			
Second Sunday of Advent	5	8.00am	Holy Communion, (BCP) Dereham	
		9.30am	Toys & Gift Service, Dereham	
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Beetley	
		9.30am	Café Church, Shipdham	
		9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bradenham	
		11.15am	Morning Praise, Scarning	
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Sw. Morley	

The St Nicholas Sanctuary Flowers:

Last Sunday were given to Ann Betts. She has sent the following message, 'thank you to everyone for the lovely flowers and for the love, support and prayers I have received following my accident'.

Eco tip of the week

Can you recycle receipts? In short, no. Most receipts should not be recycled because of their composition - thermal paper. This means that instead of using ink on standard paper, chemicals in the thermal paper react with heat in order to display the required text on your receipt. In order for the paper to have these thermal properties, they are coated in BPA. BPA stands for bisphenol A and is an industrial chemical that has been used to make certain plastics and resins. Whilst research into the effects of BPA is ongoing, signs point to BPA having adverse health effects – even through skin. As such recycling receipts is not recommended because these can contaminate products made from recycled paper, such as toilet paper, with BPA. Composting will also contaminate your soil with BPA. It is frustrating, but the only thing that you can do to dispose of your receipt once you're done with it is to put it into landfill. Environmentalists are working on this problem but for now recycling is out. There are some exceptions, notably the Post Office, but they are few and far between.

Mothers Union Advent Reflection:

The Rector will be leading our annual Advent Reflection on December 1st in St. Nicholas Church at 3.00pm. This will be followed by seasonable refreshments. All partners and friends are welcome to join us.

Food Bank

Please consider buying some Christmas food during the next few weeks for those who will go short this Christmas.

Dear Friends, as we enter the season of Advent at the end of November I should like to invite you to our **Advent Carol Service at 6pm on this Sunday, 28th November at St. Nicholas.** The theme for this year's service is **'Hope and Longing'**. There will be readings, hymns and carols, and prayers that touch upon Jesus' return, freedom of the captive, from war to peace, renewal of the environment, of new beginnings and the hope we have in the birth of Jesus - all good Advent themes to reflect upon. I hope that you will join us. Paul

Scarning Christmas Craft Fair:

Saturday 4th December – 10.00am to 2.00 pm in Scarning Church and the Village Hall (to allow plenty of social distancing!). With cakes, craft stalls with locally made gifts, cards, preserves/pickles, vegetables etc, games for all the family, visits to the bell tower, an exhibition by Scarning Art Club, and the famous bacon butties and turkey rolls with all the trimmings. We look forward to seeing you.

Benefice Prayer Group:

Join the Benefice Prayer Group for a Virtual Mulled Apple juice and Mince Pie Prayer Meeting on Monday 6th December, 7.45pm in the comfort of your own home via Zoom! All you need to do is speak to Ruth at St Nicholas, Dereham or Carolyn at All Saints, Swanton Morley and they will explain how to become involved. Alternatively, if you have prayer requests and are not able to join in, please text or call 07792607409.

Recycling:

I'm sorry to have to report that the recycling source at HH Aldiss, East of England Co-op is no longer collecting the items which you were giving to me. If I can find another definite source, I'll let you know. I have heard that Morrison's are collecting some items, so it may be worth investigating that. It seems so wrong to put these items in the rubbish bins, when they can be recycled by somebody. know. Thank you. Evelyn Speed.

Our Clergy

Team Rector
Team Vicar

The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt
The Rev'd James Rosie
The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby

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Dear Friends

Those of you who were not at St Nicholas on 21st November will have missed the announcement of our **St Nicholas Appeal Weekend**. It is to take place on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December**. We are appealing for gifts for the children of Dereham and financial support for our own Church of St Nicholas. We are holding a **Toy Service on Sunday 5th December at 9.30 am** and will be collecting gifts for the Salvation Army to distribute to children in Dereham. Please remember that the gifts must be **unwrapped**. Gifts for teenagers will be particularly welcome. **We are appealing for money for our Church as we have been unable this year to pay our way**. Our income has dropped by 17% since 2019. We need £2000 per week to pay our clergy and maintain our Church building. At present our income is £1,889 per week.

- If you can help us, please put a donation in the yellow envelopes that are available in Appeal Leaflets or at the back of Church.
- Call in at the Church on Saturday 4th December between 10am and 3pm to put the envelope in the giant stocking you will find there.
- Come to our Toy Service and donate gifts or money on December 5th.

You can pick up an Appeal Leaflet and/or a gift envelope at the back of Church.

Sheila Hanmer (Churchwarden)
Marion Morgan (Churchwarden)
Robert Lake (Treasurer)

Cleaning St Nicholas: As many of you will know Derrick Watts is not well at the moment and unable to fulfil his duties of cleaning the church. In order to keep things spic and span we are looking for some more volunteers to help clean the church temporarily. If you are a regular 'holy duster' or would be prepared to help us in this way please come to a short meeting in church on Tuesday 30th November at 9.30am.

Today's Worship

First Sunday of Advent

Invitation to Confession:

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden
in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess
our sins.

Collect:

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16,

Psalm 25.1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame
let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and
frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
To those who keep his covenant and his
testimonies

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 21.25-36

For our prayers:

The Sick: Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker,
Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, John Smith,
Justin Hammond, Doug Speed.
Please continue to pray for: Gordon Taylor.

The Recently Departed: Peter Gagen,
Geoffrey Futter.

Introductory Sentence for the Peace:

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion:

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine
upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he
comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Readings for next Sunday: Malachi 3.1-4,
Benedictus, Philipians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

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deadline 9.00am Wednesday, Barbara D'Arts.