

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 12th April, 2026

Sunday 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt & The Revd M Newey
<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Cafe Church	Bradenham Village Hall	Mrs H Jeckells & Mr M Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		
Mon 13th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	Shipdham Rectory	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
Tues 14th	pm	Holy Communion & Afternoon Tea, Church House		
	7.30pm	Gressenhall ringers	Dereham	
Wed 15th	9-11am	Open church & Pop-Up Pantry, Shipdham		
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	11.30pm	Dereham Standing Committee, Church House		
	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Lincoln House	The Revd P Cubitt
	2.30pm	Funeral of Irene Nally	Beetley	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Thur 16th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
	2.00pm	Funeral of Pam Coleman	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
Fri 17th	10.15am	Funeral of Ruby Kangley	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Supper & Quiz	Scarning Village Hall	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sunday 19th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Morning Worship	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Followed by the APCM and bring & share lunch</i>			
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd J Fernando
	9.30am	Choral Matins	Bradenham	Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Worship	Scarning	
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

News for the Pews

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this years Lent Lunches. A total of **£862.00 was raised** through donations, gift aid and the weekly Easter egg raffle. This amount will be shared between Nelson's Journey (a Norfolk charity that supports children and young people aged 0-17 years inclusive, living in the County, that have experienced the death of a special person in their life) and Church Funds.

St Nicholas Fundraising Team would like to say a huge thank you to all who gave items for the Tombola, Bottle Stall and Raffle and baked delicious cakes and savouries for our Easter Coffee Morning. It was a lovely joyous occasion with lots of visitors and raised £449.00.

Super Supper Quiz Night - Scarning Village Hall - Friday 17th April at 7pm

Jacket potatoes and fillings with dessert - please bring your own drinks and glasses, £15 per person. Teams of four or trios, couples or individuals!

Please book in advance - Sue on suerockley84@gmail.com - 01362 694886 or

Tricia on pforeman4@sky.com - 01362 687082

St Nicholas will be holding a **Valuation Day** on Wednesday 22nd April, with TW Gaze doing the honours. So rummage through your loft and see what treasures (or not) you can find. The event is from 10.30am-2.30pm, £5 for one item, £10 for three. Refreshments available.

As a result of the Air and Share meeting, we are introducing a **monthly coffee morning** on the first Friday of the month in Church House from 10.15 to 11.30, followed by a **Communion Service** in St Nicholas Church at 11.30. This will start on 1st May, but no service in June because of the organ recital.

On Saturday 2nd May St Nicholas Fundraising Team are hosting a **three course lunch** in Church House. Time: 12.00 for 12.30. Menu: Tomato soup ~ Chicken stuffed with cheddar cheese wrapped in bacon, new potatoes and seasonal veg ~ Selection of desserts ~ tea and coffee. Tickets are £15.00 and are available in advance from Dianne Harbord in Church or by calling 07943 962593.

Pastors of Home Church, Watton have a ladies fellowship called Arise. On the 16th May they have their annual **refreshment day** for ladies (10am – 4.30pm) and would love to invite all the ladies from our benefice.

If you are interested, contact Clare in the office for more details and a booking form for the lunch.

Confirmation: Sunday 24th May. If you are interested in being Confirmed/exploring the Christian faith, please contact the Rector.

On the 6th June St Nicholas Fundraising Team are holding a Table Top Sale & Craft Stall event in Church. 10am to 4pm The cost is £10.00 a table (set up from 9am). If you or any friends or family would like to book a table or craft stall please call 01362 693970.

Refreshments will be available.

2026 Organ concert Season at St. Nicholas, Dereham

This year there will be five concerts: Fridays at 1pm

May 29th Richard Bower with a premier performance of "Variations on East Dereham" by Malcolm Archer.

June 5th D'Arcy Trinkwon celebrity virtuoso

June 12th Thomas Burt acclaimed young organist

June 19th Graham Thorpe Norwich Cathedral

June 26th Anne Page international recitalist

The usual delicious lunches will be on offer again and the proceeds shall go towards our building project. More details after Easter or see the What's On noticeboard at the back of Church. If you can bake or make sandwiches etc, please talk to Lynn.

The annual **trip to Spalding** will happen in May (but not 1st). We look forward to seeing you so come and enjoy the beautiful spring flowers in the gardens. Date TBC, hopefully 8th/15th May, keep your eyes peeled.

The **St Nicholas Annual Church Meeting** (APCM) will take place after the 9.30 service on 19th April. As usual this will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch to which all are welcome. All Church Family members have received a digital copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2025. There will be some paper copies available in church too. Please do read these!

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)

Scarning Sunday 26th April after the 11.15 Service

Swanton Morley Sunday 3rd May after the 11.15 Service

Hoe Sunday 10th May after the 9.30am Service

We have some spaces on the Dereham PCC from April onwards. Maybe you would like to volunteer or can encourage someone to stand. Please speak to Marion or Sheila to find out more.

Next A47 full weekend closure – the A47 will be fully closed from 8pm on Friday 24th April to 6am on Monday 27th April 2026. This is between Fox Lane junction and Easton roundabout.

Update on the Building Project

As of 31st March, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has ended the VAT refund scheme for Historic Buildings and Places of Worship. This has hit our project very hard as, in effect, we will need to find 20% extra funding, money we could have previously reclaimed. Costs are spiralling in the

economic climate we find ourselves in. (£89,000 has been secured), it has been decided that we will add the kitchenette and storage area to the first phase, (PHASE ONE PLUS). This will be at a cost of £250,000. We have a Fundraising Plan, and we are working hard to secure funds as soon as possible.

PHASE TWO will now be completed later, with Heritage Lottery Funding, secured by our professional fundraiser. This will include enclosing the Cowper Chapel, installing independent heating and lighting, cleaning and repairing walls and monuments and conserving the Plantagenet ceiling.

Talk to me if you have any ideas or comments.

Lynn Hearn

Chair Building Project Group

Recently departed : Ruby Langley, Irene Nally, Pam Coleman and Hazel Jamson

For our prayers: Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Cheryl Lister, Doug Speed, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Ann Betts, Chris and Ivy, Val Stebbings, Baby Forrest, Irene & John Farrall, Pam Walker, June Burleigh, Maureen & Peter Hart, Robin & Joan Loveday, Melva Brunning, and Thelma Smith.

Prayers and Collects

Invitation to confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice
and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.

cf John 20.19

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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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This week's readings – two from
Acts 2.14a,22-32
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-31
Psalm 16

Next week's readings from
Acts 2.14a,36-41
1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35
Psalm 116.1-3,10-17

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