



## This Week in our Churches

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
	9.30am	Parish Communion,	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt, Mr M Newey & Mr T Cross	
Third Of Advent	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell	
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt	
	11.15am	Morning Praise and Baptism,	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell	
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines	
	3.00pm	Carol Service	Beetley	The Revd R Dines	
	4.00pm	Carols and Readings with the	Salvation Army Band Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell	
	6.00pm	Compline	<i>Facebook live</i>		
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Outdoor working Party	Dereham		
	1.00pm	Funeral of Ann Cornwall	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell	
	3.30pm	Funeral of Jesamine Bloomfield,	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham		
	7.30pm	Advent Course	The Rectory, Shipdham		
<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup></b>	1.00pm	DCINA Rehearsal	Dereham		
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Open Church	Shipdham		
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes	
	2.00pm	DCINA Christmas Celebration	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
	6.00 pm	Darby's Pub Carols	Darby's	The Revd R Dines	
	6.30 pm	Northgate HS Christmas	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
	7.00pm	Carol Service	Scarning	The Revd R Dines	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing Practice	Shipdham		
<b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Company	Swanton Morley		
	10.00am	Scarning School Christingle	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell	
	1.30pm	Thomas Bullock Christmas Service	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell	
	2.00pm	Advent Course	Shipdham		
	5.00pm	DCINA Christmas Celebration	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Bradenham	The Bishop of Lynn	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Swanton Morley		
<b>Sat 21<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Longest Night	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines	
	7.00pm	Longest Night	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell	
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd R Dines	
	Fourth Sunday Of Advent	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes	
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (said)	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines	
	4.00pm	Christingle	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt	
	4.00pm	Candlelit Lessons and Carols,	Beetley	The Revd R Dines	
	6.00pm	Carol Service with Dereham Band,	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols with Community Choir,	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby	
7.00pm	Lessons and Carols	Hoe	The Revd R Dines		

Details of all Christmas Services are on a yellow leaflet in the churches and on our website

## Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

3.30 pm	Christingle	Dereham
5.00 pm	Christingle	Dereham
6.30 pm	Carols round the Crib	Dereham
4.00 pm	Christingle	Swanton Morley
4.00 pm	Crib Service	Shipdham
6.00 pm	Christingle	Beetley
10.00 pm	'Bethlehem Midnight' Communion	Scarning
10.00 pm	'Bethlehem Midnight' Communion	Hoe
10.00 pm	'Bethlehem Midnight' Communion	Bradenham
	<i>10.00 pm is Midnight in Bethlehem</i>	
11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	Dereham
11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	Shipdham

## Christmas Day

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Dereham
9.00 am	Christmas Communion	East Bilney
10.00 am	Family Communion	Dereham
10.00 am	Family Communion	Shipdham
10.30 am	Family Communion	Swanton Morley

## The First Sunday of Christmas

29<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 am	Parish Communion	Dereham
9.30 am	Parish Communion (benefice service)	Hoe
10.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham
11.15 am	Carol Praise	Scarning

## News for the Pews

### New Year's Day walk

On Wednesday 1 January 2025 Dereham Walkers are Welcome has arranged its traditional New Year's Day walk (6¾ miles), starting at 10:00 outside Church House (bottom of Church Street). The walk will take in The Neatherd, Northall Green and parts of the Wensum Way and the Jubilee Trail, returning via Rushmeadow (or Humbletoft if it's very wet). At the end, all are welcome to join us in Church House for seasonal refreshments. In order for us to get the right amount of food and drink please let us know if you plan to join us (but if you haven't done so and find at the last minute you could, come

anyway, we'll find something for you!). To let us know and for further information, please email [ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk) or contact 07561 813243.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

An amazing £4000 was raised during our Tree Festival recently. This was the net amount after expenses and energy costs were taken out. This means that we are able to give Dereham Cancer Care a £2000 donation and put £2000 into our Building Project Funds. Thank you to everyone.

**Christingle making in St Nicholas church.** Monday 23rd December 10 - 12. Please bring scissors and come to help assemble the Christingles ready for the services on Christmas Eve. All welcome!

We have a couple of **Longest Night** services on Saturday 21st December (Swanton Morley and Shipdham) especially for those who find the dark long nights hard and would like some company on the shortest day. It is a service for anyone who has had a tough year, to find space and time to pray, anyone who has suffered a loss and would like space to remember loved ones over Christmas. All are welcome to join us.

I was most surprised and delighted to receive the Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday for my work in and around the Church yard. Thank you all very much, Andy Jack.

**Food Bank Christmas Parcels** – Urgent needs are for long-life fruit juice, Christmas puddings, tinned meat and instant mash, spreads and size 6 nappies. Please do consider adding one of these items to your shop this week - thank you! Please remember that they can only use items with a reasonably long 'best before' date. Thank you so much everyone for your continued support of the Food Bank, sadly with the cost of living crisis there are many people who will find Christmas very difficult this year. Do bring your donations with you when you attend a service and place in the collection tub by the coffee table.

**Recently Departed:** Anne Cornwall, Mel Middleditch and Jesamine Bloomfield.

**Those on the anniversary of their death:** Derek Mortimer (13<sup>th</sup>) and Eric Barrett.

**For our prayers:** Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Ann Betts, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Joan Gibson, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Val Stebbings, Ailsa Whorton, Baby Forrest, Shirley Wharton, Cheryl Lister and Barbara Beckett.

Remember to email anything for the pew sheet to [derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com](mailto:derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com) by 11.00am on a Tuesday. Thank you.

## Prayers and Collects

### Invitation to confession

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'  
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and  
faith.

*cf John 1.23*

### Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your  
Son:

give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Introductory sentence for the Peace

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

### Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

### 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.

### Our Clergy

Team Rector  
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### This week's readings – two from

Zephaniah 3.14-20  
Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 3.7-18

### Next week's readings – two from

Micah 5.2-5a  
Hebrews 10.5-10  
Luke 1.39-45

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