

Dereham, Scarning,  
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with  
Shipdham and Bradenham

# This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 15th February, 2026

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	All Age Worship	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
<i>Sunday next</i>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd L Purnell
<i>before</i>	9.30am	Choral Matins	Bradenham	Mr M Purnell
<i>Lent</i>	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	Mr M Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion & Baptism	Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt & The Revd M Newey
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Face Book		
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible Study	Shipdham Rectory	
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>				
<i>Shrove Tues</i>				
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9-11am	Open church & Pop-Up Pantry,	Shipdham	
<i>Ash</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
<i>Wednesday</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion & ashing,	Swanton Morley	The Revd D Ackroyd
	11.30am	Holy Communion & ashing,	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Holy Communion & ashing,	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
<b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company,	Swanton Morley	
		Holy Communion	Lincoln House	The Revd P Cubitt
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Funeral of Marjorie Jackson,	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		Holy Communion	Eckling Grange	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.00pm	Bingo evening	Beetley Village Hall	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd J Atkins
<i>First</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
<i>Sunday</i>	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	
<i>of</i>	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Hoe	The Revd K Pilgrim
<i>Lent</i>	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Scarning	The Ven A Hawes
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	The Revd K Pilgrim
	4.00pm	Sacred Space	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

# News for the Pews

## **Bingo evening**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. £10 per book. Raffle and book payable on the night. Raising funds for St Mary Magdelene, Beetley. Hot and Cold drinks and snacks available.

**Real Easter Eggs** I shall be ordering on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Please take a look at the website and let me know what you would like to order at [kate.baldry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.baldry@hotmail.co.uk) If I can order in bulk then the regular egg will be £5.50 (as opposed to £6.20) and I can avoid delivery charges. However that depends on my receiving enough orders! Please do consider ordering from The Meaningful Chocolate Company - <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk> - all the chocolate is *fairtrade* and palm oil free.

## **Sponsored Bike Ride 2025**

I have been advised that the Sum of £508.25 has been received by our Treasurer from the Norfolk Churches Trust as our share of the money raised in support of the Trust in September 2025.

So, **A Big thank you** to everyone who generously sponsored me to have a fun day out riding my bike. At the time I specified that any money raised would go to support our building project. Therefore £508.25 has been added towards the installation of toilets at St Nicholas.

Many Thanks, Paul Edwards.

## **The Pilgrim Course: Turning to Christ**

This is a six week course for enquirers or new Christians who want to find out more about the Christian faith. Each session includes reflection on a reading from the Bible and the opportunity for discussion.

It will be held at Mark and Ruth's home beginning on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

Have a word with Paul Cubitt if you are interested.

## **Sacred Space in St Nicholas Church: Sunday evenings during Lent at 4pm.**

These are evenings of quiet reflection (4.00-4.30) followed by Bible study and Worship (4.30-5.15). These evenings are for the whole parish and not just for the congregations. Learning how to pray and praying better will be at the heart of each evening, as the disciples asked, 'Lord, teach us to pray'.

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Introducing Prayer
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Prayer and the Senses
<b>Not</b> on the 8 <sup>th</sup> March (Licensing of the new Rector of Mattishall 5pm)	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Prayer and Music
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Prayer and Language
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Prayer and Fasting
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Putting it together at Easter

**Confirmation.** Paul has got a date from Bishop Jane in May for Confirmation. If you are interested in being Confirmed/exploring the Christian faith, please contact the Rector.

## **Lent Courses**

Lent Course - All are welcome to attend the Lent course running in Shipdham It will run at The Rectory on Monday evenings with Rev Laura and in a home on Thursday afternoons with Rev

Doreen. We will be doing the Lentwise course by Paula Gooder. The course is described like this...'As we journey through life we face challenges - both big and small. What spiritual essentials will help us survive life's storms? Lentwise is a five session course that helps us deal with the rigours of real life.' Do contact Rev Laura or Rev Doreen for more information. Fliers with all the details will be available soon.

### **Lent Lunches in Church House 12noon for 12.30pm**

Fridays in Lent are February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup> (with Café Communion, 11.30 for 12noon) and March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please get a free ticket (available on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February) from Sue Barker or call Church Office on 01362 693143 to help us with numbers for catering. All proceeds from the lunches will be split between Nelson's Journey and Church Funds.

St Nicholas Church Dereham Fundraising Committee are holding an **Easter Coffee morning** in Church House on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 to 12.30. If you have any items you would like to donate suitable for raffle prizes or Tombola these would be most appreciated. There will be a box at Back of Church on Sundays or speak to Susanne or any member of the Fundraising Committee.

**Eco Church** During February we shall be calculating our individual Carbon Footprints. Do take a look at the Eco Church board at St Nicholas or get in touch with Kate at [kate.baldry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.baldry@hotmail.co.uk) for the links as to how this can be done online. This may seem a daunting prospect but help is available during sessions in the office at Church House on Fridays - please get in touch to book a time.

### **A vacancy prayer**

Dear Lord,

We thank you for your presence in every aspect of our lives  
and the long history of worship in

Swanton Morley, Hoe, and Beetley with East Bilney.

During this new phase of change we pray for your guidance  
and direction as we undertake the process of selecting a new Team Vicar.

We ask for a smooth transition and for candidates, inspired by your calling,  
to expand your ministry and grow your church  
within our villages and benefice. Amen.

**Recently departed :** Marjorie Jackson and Owen Cross.

### **Upcoming funerals :**

Marjorie Jackson, St Nicholas Dereham, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am

**Those on the anniversary of their death :** Karl Stearman and Marjorie Burton.

**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, Margaret Travis.

# **Prayers and Collects**

## **Invitation to confession**

When Christ appears we shall be like him,  
because we shall see him as he is.  
As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make  
themselves pure.  
So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

## **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **The Peace**

Christ will transfigure our human body  
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.  
We are the body of Christ.  
We share his peace.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and  
save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Blessing**

Christ Jesus,  
the splendour of the Father and the image of his  
being, draw you to himself  
that you may live in his light and share his 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  
The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt  
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*rest day Monday*

Team Vicar  
The Rev'd Laura Purnell  
revlaurapurnell@gmail.com  
tel 821249  
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Assistant Curate (Part time)  
The Rev'd Michael Newey  
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*The Revd Michael will continue to  
work full time, but will be in the  
Benefice on Sundays.*

The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby  
tel 01362 821481

The Rev'd Carole Prouse  
tel 01362 423408

This week's readings – two from  
Exodus 24.12-18  
2 Peter 1.16-21  
Matthew 17.1-9  
Psalm 2

Next week's readings from  
Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7  
Romans 5.12-19  
Matthew 4.1-11  
Psalm 32

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