

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 15th February, 2026

Sunday 15th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	All Age Worship	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
<i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Choral Matins	Bradenham	Mr M Purnell
	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		
Mon 16th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible Study	Shipdham Rectory	
Tues 17th <i>Shrove Tues</i>				
Wed 18th	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
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
	7.30pm	Holy Communion & ashing, Dereham		
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	The Revd P Cubitt
Thur 19th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
		Holy Communion	Lincoln House	The Revd P Cubitt
Fri 20th	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	
Sunday 22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd J Atkins
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	
	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Hoe	The Revd K Pilgrim
	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 20th 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 24th. Please take a look at the website and let me know what you would like to order at 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 24th 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 nd February	Introducing Prayer
Sunday 1 st March	Prayer and the Senses
Not on the 8th March (Licensing of the new Rector of Mattishall 5pm)	
Sunday 15 th March	Prayer and Music
Sunday 22 nd March	Prayer and Language
Sunday 29 th March	Prayer and Fasting
Sunday 5 th 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 27th, March 6th, March 13th (with Café Communion, 11.30 for 12noon) and March 20th.

Please get a free ticket (available on Sunday 1st 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 4th 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 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, 20th 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

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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
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The Rev'd Carole Prouse
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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