

Dereham, Scarning,  
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with  
Shipdham and Bradenham

# This Week in our Churches

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|                               |                       |                                                     |                        |                     |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> | 8.00am                | Holy Communion                                      | Dereham                | The Revd P Cubitt   |
|                               | 9.30am                | All Age Worship                                     | Dereham                | The Revd P Cubitt   |
|                               | <b>Second</b> 9.30am  | Parish Communion                                    | Beetley                | The Ven A Hawes     |
|                               | <b>Sunday</b> 9.30am  | Choral Matins                                       | Bradenham              | Mr T Cross          |
|                               | <b>before</b> 11.15am | Morning Prayer                                      | Scarning               | Mr T Cross          |
|                               | <b>Advent</b> 11.15am | Holy Communion                                      | Shipdham               | The Revd D Fotherby |
|                               | 11.15am               | Parish Communion                                    | Swanton Morley         | The Revd P Cubitt   |
|                               | 6.00pm                | Jazz and Gospel                                     | Dereham                |                     |
| <b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9.30am                | Outdoor working party                               | Dereham                |                     |
|                               | 7.30pm                | Bell ringing practice                               | Dereham                |                     |
|                               | 7.30pm                | Bible Study                                         | Shipdham Rectory       | The Revd L Purnell  |
| <b>Tue 18<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9.00am                | Fairtrade Stall                                     | William Cowper Close   |                     |
|                               | 2.30pm                | Bible study                                         | Church House           | Mr T Cross          |
|                               | 7.00pm                | Alpha Course                                        |                        | Mark & Ruth Thorpe  |
| <b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9.30-11.00am          | Pop up Pantry                                       | Shipdham               |                     |
|                               | 10.00am               | Holy Communion                                      | Dereham                | The Revd P Cubitt   |
|                               | 11.30am               | Holy Communion                                      | Shipdham               | The Ven A Hawes     |
|                               | 2.00pm                | Dereham Standing Committee, Church House            |                        |                     |
|                               | 7.00pm                | Bell ringing practice                               | Scarning               |                     |
|                               | 7.00pm                | Parish Share Meeting (Treasurers and Churchwardens) | Church House           | The Revd P Cubitt   |
|                               | 7.30pm                | Bell ringing practice                               | Shipdham               |                     |
| <b>Thur 20<sup>th</sup></b>   | 10.00am               | Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley            |                        |                     |
|                               | 2.30pm                | Holy Communion                                      | Lincoln House          |                     |
| <b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>    | 11.00am               | Funeral of Terry Hood                               | Dereham                | The Revd P Cubitt   |
|                               | 2.00pm                | Holy Communion                                      | Eckling Grange         | The Revd P Cubitt   |
|                               | 7.30pm                | Bell ringing                                        | Swanton Morley         |                     |
| <b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup></b>    | 10.30am               | Craft & Christmas Fair                              | Bradenham Village Hall |                     |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</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 J Fernando |
|                               | 11-5pm                | Christmas Tree Festival                             | Dereham                |                     |
|                               | 11.15am               | Parish Communion (BCP)                              | Scarning               | The Revd P Cubitt   |
|                               | 11.15am               | Parish Communion                                    | Shipdham               | The Revd D Fotherby |
|                               |                       |                                                     |                        | The Revd L Purnell  |
|                               | 11.15am               | Morning Prayer                                      | Swanton Morley         | Mrs L Crick         |
|                               | 6.00pm                | Compline, see on Face Book                          |                        |                     |

# News for the Pews

## **The Gospel According to Jazz**

**This evening, 6.00pm at St Nicholas Church** we have an evening of motown funk and gospel jazz in the church. Enjoy familiar songs that weave a captivating story. A perfect evening to invite friends to hear the Gospel story in a relaxed musical setting. Refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November is **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY** and the theme this year is ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER. I would like to thank all who have renewed their safeguarding certificates this year and also to take this opportunity to remind those, whose courses have yet to be done (since you received the reminder) to hopefully find time to do them asap because we all know how very important safeguarding is and St. Nicholas is doing very well in this respect. So, again, many thanks and just let me know the date you complete the course. God bless. Tracy Lea, Safeguarding Officer.

Contact details for **parish and diocesan safeguarding officers** can be found on notice boards in all churches or on the church website.

**Fairtrade Stall Open House** Kate Baldry will be holding an Open House on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November with all her Christmas and Craft stock on sale. Do drop in to 11 William Cowper Close between 9.00am and 3.00pm for a bargain - most craft is reduced and all Christmas Cards are reduced too! There will be Fairtrade Refreshments whilst you browse. See the poster in St Nicholas.

Bradenham's **Craft and Christmas Fair in aid of The Friends of St Andrew's, Bradenham will be held in Bradenham's Village Hall from 10.30-4pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.** There are lots of lovely stalls – take the opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts, or treat yourself! Refreshments available all day and an excellent Raffle will be drawn at 3.45. If you'd like to book a table for the event (£15, or £25 for 2 tables) – please contact Corinne – [corinne.clements@hotmail.com](mailto:corinne.clements@hotmail.com) 07749897067

## **St Nicholas Christmas Tree Festival**

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> (11am onwards) to Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2025

This year we have over 30 trees promised and four art/craft stalls. HELP is needed to run this event. If you are able to give a couple of hours sell raffle tickets, make some cakes or serve refreshments, please talk to Lynn, Susanne or Ann. Ring 07933 782 066

## **Winter Wonderland, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - A concert by Dereham

Band in Scarning Church at 7.30 pm, with a Cottage Pie and Pudding Supper in the Village Hall at 6.15 pm. Tickets are available from Sue on 01362

694886 [suerockley84@gmail.com](mailto:suerockley84@gmail.com) or Tricia on 01362 687082 [pforeman4@sky.com](mailto:pforeman4@sky.com) - £15 for supper and concert, £10 for just the concert. A super brass band and the splendid acoustic in Scarning Church are made for each other. Come and enjoy!

St Andrew's, Bradenham welcomes all from the Benefice to our **Patronal Festival and Advent service at 4pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November.** The service will be by candlelight

– you may like to bring a small torch or use your phone-torch to boost the candles. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The O Antiphons will be sung by Kett's Consort. Our church car park is lit. Any queries please contact Diana MacMullen on 07831 117453.

**Advent in story and song: a service to conclude the Christmas Tree Festival and to prepare for Christmas.** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 5.00 (following the switching on of the town lights at 4.30) St Nicholas Church.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December St Nicholas Church Fundraising Committee are holding a Reindeer Drive with festive refreshments in Church House from 2 -5pm. Tickets are £7.00 each and are available in advance from Dianne Harbord in Church on Sunday's or by calling Dianne on 07943962593 or Susanne on 07523958508. All welcome.

**Christmas Craft Fare, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - 10 am to 2 pm - Scarning Church and Village Hall. With locally made gifts, crafts, woodcrafts, cakes, plants, preserves, beauty products, cards, books, tombola, games and super refreshments. We have room for a few more stalls. If you would like to book one, please call Tricia on 01362 687082.

**St Nicholas Church Fundraising Committee** will be holding their Christmas Coffee Morning in Church House, Dereham, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 10am - 12.30pm. There will be a bottle stall, a tombola stall, cakes and savouries to purchase and of course, delicious refreshments. Plus Christmas music. If anyone would like to donate items for the stalls or donate cakes and/or savouries, please speak to a member of the Fundraising Committee or contact Debbie on 07925 040735 or Pauline on 07925 362146. We will be extremely grateful for any donations offered. Do please come and join us on the day and bring your friends. We would love to see you there.

**Food donations** – the most urgent needs at the moment are for longlife fruit juice, pasta sauce and washing up liquid, while lesser need is for coffee and laundry detergent, instant mash and sponge puddings.

Did you know there is a **Norfolk Home Library Service**? They can deliver books and other media to your home completely free of charge to anyone housebound of any age. To access this service, contact Norfolk Library on 01603 774777 (Option 1) or email [libraries@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@norfolk.gov.uk)

**Recently departed** : Valerie Geldard, Terry Hood and Roy Downs.

**For our prayers:** Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Cheryl Lister, Pat Dodson, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Val Stebbings, Ann Betts, Baby Forrest, Irene & John Farrall, June Burleigh, Barbara Beckett, Maureen & Peter Hart, Robin & Joan Loveday, also Tommy Barnes, Pam Walker, Sandra Newton and Melva Brunning.

# **Prayers and Collects**

## **Invitation to Confession**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

## **Collect**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Introductory sentence for the Peace**

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*cf Colossians 3.14*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## **Blessing**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to  
do his will,  
that you may reign with him 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

The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt

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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

tel 01362 423408

This week's readings – two from  
Malachi 4.1-2a  
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13  
Luke 21.5-19  
*Psalms 98*

Next week's readings from  
Jeremiah 23.1-6  
Colossians 1.11-20  
Luke 23.33-43  
*Psalms 46*

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