

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 17th August, 2025

Sunday 17th Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	All Age Worship	Dereham	Mr T Cross
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	Mr T Cross
	11.15am	Morning Praise & Baptism, Shipdham		The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt
	3.00pm	Interment of Ashes	Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt
	3.00pm	Worship Service	Eckling Grange	Mr T Cross
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		
Mon 18th				
	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	The Rectory, Shipdham	
Tue 19th				
	2.00pm	Funeral of Jane Broscomb, Breckland Crem.		The Revd L Purnell
	2.30pm	Bible study	Church House	Mr T Cross
Wed 20th				
	9.30-11.00am	Pop up Pantry	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Thur 21st				
	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Lincoln House	The Revd L Purnell
Fri 22nd				
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
Sat 23rd				
Sunday 24th				
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
Tenth	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd D Fotherby
Sunday	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd D Ackroyd
after	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
Trinity	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	2.00pm	Baptism	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

News for the Pews

Alpha Course

We will be running an Alpha Course on Tuesdays, 7-9pm beginning 9th September. The Alpha course is for people from all walks of life who are curious about the Christian faith. It allows you to explore the basics of Christianity, share your thoughts and discuss in an open and friendly space.

These small group sessions will begin with refreshments, followed by a short video designed to engage and inspire conversation. Each week a different question is covered, such as ***Who is Jesus?, How can we have faith?*** and ***How does God guide us?***

The group will be held at Mark and Ruth Thorpe's home. If you feel this course might be for you, please speak to Rev Paul Cubitt.

The annual **Bike, Walk and Drive Day** is on the horizon again – Saturday 13th September, and there's an opportunity to win large financial prizes for our churches. So if you fancy an outing, plan your route and perhaps make a day of it. Posters will be around the parishes with more details.

Sunday 14th September: a congregational meeting for members of E Bilney and Beetley Churches to discuss the Team Vicar vacancy. This will take place in E Bilney Church after the 9.30am service.

Sunday 14th September: Civic Service at St Nicholas' Church at 12noon.

John Newton at 300 Benefice Service Sunday 14th September 4.30pm. 2025 marks the 300th anniversary of Newton's birth. The service will include some of the hymns of John Newton and William Cowper which were included in the first Olney hymn book of 1779. During the service Martin and Carol Hajee will be commissioned as Anna Chaplains.

A few **dates for your diary** – more details will follow closer to the events.

Bradenham Harvest Lunch – Sunday 14th September, 12 noon.

Bradenham Pudding Fest – Saturday 27th September, 7pm.

We need a new treasurer for Swanton Morley and/or Bilney and Beetley. Richard Chalkley has been looking after the accounts but will be moving from the area. Please see the Rector if you might be able to help.

Parish share can be easily enhanced by using the internet portal Easy Fundraising. Once registered and linked to the charity number of your church you can use Easy Fundraising to find the web sites of many on-line shops. Every time you use Easy Fundraising a donation will be made to your local church as a parish share contribution. Please give it a go <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Food Bank Parcels – Urgent need is for tinned vegetables. Lesser demand but still appreciated is sweet treats eg kitkats, tinned soup and tinned meat. They have plenty of pasta, sanitary wear, breakfast cereal and biscuits so these items are not needed. 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.

Recently departed: Jane Broscomb

Those on the anniversary of their death: Peggy Barrett.

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

Psalm 82

- 1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:
- 2 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?
- 3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;
- 4 'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
- 5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'
- 8 Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.

Prayers and Collects

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Introductory sentence for the Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one
body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
And builds up our common life.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your
Sonto share this meal with the whole household
of God: in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace, gather people of every
race and language to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Clergy

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The Revd Michael will continue to
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Benefice on Sundays.

The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby
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This week's readings – two from
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2
Luke 12:49-56
Psalm 82

Next week's readings from
Isaiah 58.9b-14
Hebrews 12.18-29
Luke 13.10-17
Psalm 103.1-8

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