

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 24th August, 2025

Sunday 24th 10th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd D Fotherby
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd D Ackroyd
	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
	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.		
Mon 25th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham	
Tue 26th	2.30pm	Bible study	Church House	Mr T Cross
Wed 27th	9.30-11.00am	Pop up Pantry	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Thur 28th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
Fri 29th	1.00pm	Wedding	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
Sat 30th	11.00am	Wedding	East Bilney	The Revd P Cubitt
	1.00pm	Wedding	Hoe	The Revd P Cubitt
Sunday 31st 11th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	Dereham	Mr T Cross
	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP), Hoe		The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Songs of Praise	Scarning	Mr T Cross
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Shipdham	The Revd P Cubitt
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	Bradenham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook		

News for the Pews

Sunday coffee rota, St Nicholas Church

We would like one or two more people on the Sunday coffee rota, if you would be able to help please contact Sue Barker.

Katharine Ames-Lewis is spending the weekend of 13/14th September in Dereham. There will be a Benefice Bring and Share Lunch in Church House 12.30pm on Sunday 14th for members of our benefice congregations who remember Katharine and would like to see her. Please contact Sheila Hanmer 01362 655092 or sheila.hanmer@outlook.com if you intend to come.

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.

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Many of St Nicholas's congregation have kindly sponsored my rides over many previous years. Guess what? It's that time of year again. However, just a little reminder, all the sponsorship money raised is split 50/50 between St Nicholas and the Trust. This year is especially important to us due to our building project. We will be approaching the trust for a grant towards the cost of Phase 1 and the fact that we raise funds for them will strengthen our cause.

I will be back on my bike again and looking for your sponsorship,
Paul Edwards.

Sunday 14th September: a **congregational meeting** for members of East Bilney and Beetley Churches to discuss the Team Vicar vacancy. This will take place in East 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.

Please join St Andrew's, Bradenham for our **Harvest Lunch** on Sunday 14th September at 12 noon (after St Andrew's Harvest service at 10.30) at the village hall, Bradenham for Shepherd's or Cottage pie and puddings. Tickets are £10 from lavinia.rix@gmail.com 077474 49208 We look forward to welcoming you. If you are able, please bring something for the Food Bank or Pop Up Pantry. We look forward to seeing you on 14th September.

Please come along to Bradenham's **Pudding Fest** on Saturday 27th September at 7pm in the village hall, Bradenham accompanied by Rocky Road ukulele band. Tickets £15 in aid of The Friends of St Andrew's and include a glass of wine with a selection of homemade puddings (there will be a selection of savoury 'desserts' too). Tickets from lavinia.rix@gmail.com 077474 49208 Lovely raffle prizes – we look forward to you joining us for a happy evening of delicious puds and entertainment.

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.

Those on the anniversary of their death: David Taylor and Kathleen Mortimer.

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.

Prayers and Collects

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy, that you may be kept safe and blameless in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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This week's readings – two from
Isaiah 58.9b-14
Hebrews 12.18-29
Luke 13.10-17
Psalms 103.1-8

Next week's readings from
Proverbs 25.6-7
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16
Luke 14.1, 7-14
Psalms 112

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