

# This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd R Hanmer
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd J Atkins
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd J Fernando
	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP),	Hoe	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP), (followed by APCM)	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	2.00pm	Baptism	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	4.00pm	Confirmation Group	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.			
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	Shipdham Rectory	
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>	NO POP-UP PANTRY TODAY			
	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	
<b>Thur 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company,	Swanton Morley	
	11.30am	Funeral of Hazel Jamson,	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00am	Bishop Bonner Cottage Opening followed by refreshments in church		
	10.15am	Coffee Morning	Church House	
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Lady Chapel	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Scarning	
	12.00noon	3-course lunch	Church House	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd M Newey & The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	<i>tbc</i>
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	<i>tbc</i>
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion <i>followed by the APCM</i>	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey & The Revd P Cubitt
	3.00pm	Evensong	Cathedral	The Revd P Cubitt
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Confirmation Group	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

# News for the Pews

As a result of the Air and Share meeting, we are introducing a **monthly coffee morning** on the first Friday of the month in Church House from 10.15 to 11.30, followed by a **Communion Service** in St Nicholas Church at 11.30. This will start on 1<sup>st</sup> May, but no service in June because of the organ recital.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May St Nicholas Fundraising Team are hosting a **three course lunch** in Church House. Time: 12.00 for 12.30. Menu: Tomato soup ~ Chicken stuffed with cheddar cheese wrapped in bacon, new potatoes and seasonal veg ~ Selection of desserts ~ tea and coffee. Tickets are £15.00 and are available in advance from Dianne Harbord in Church or by calling 07943 962593.

Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> 12 noon at **Norwich Cathedral**, is the **MU 150<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Service** led by the Bishop. Refreshments prior to the service will be available from 11am. We suggest members and friends travel in on the number 8 bus, which leaves the Market Square just after 10am.

The annual **trip to Spalding** will be 15<sup>th</sup> May this year. We look forward to seeing you so come and enjoy the beautiful spring flowers in the gardens. Tickets are available from Melva, (price yet to be decided as determined by numbers), so please ring 01362 692912

Pastors of Home Church, Watton have a ladies fellowship called Arise. On the 16<sup>th</sup> May they have their annual **refreshment day** for ladies (10am – 4.30pm) and would love to invite all the ladies from our benefice.

If you are interested, contact Clare in the office for more details and a booking form for the lunch.

## **2026 Organ concert Season at St. Nicholas, Dereham**

This year there will be five concerts: Fridays at 1pm

May 29<sup>th</sup> Richard Bower with a premier performance of “Variations on East Dereham” by Malcolm Archer.

June 5<sup>th</sup> D’Arcy Trinkwon celebrity virtuoso

June 12<sup>th</sup> Thomas Burt acclaimed young organist

June 19<sup>th</sup> Graham Thorpe Norwich Cathedral

June 26<sup>th</sup> Anne Page international recitalist

The usual delicious lunches will be on offer again and the proceeds shall go towards our building project. More details after Easter or see the What’s On noticeboard at the back of Church. If you can bake or make sandwiches etc, please talk to Lynn.

## **The Fundraising Committee of St Nicholas Church, Dereham are asking for your help! Could you spare an hour or two?**

We are holding a **Table Top Sale** on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 10-4pm**

We need....

- Items for the bric-a-brac stall
- Second hand books
- Second hand jigsaws

- Helpers on the stalls on the day
- People to make and serve refreshments
- People to help set up the church after the organ recital on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Please see Susanne Warner or a member of the fundraising committee if you are able to help in any way. Many thanks.

**Eco Church** Let's celebrate all the things which we have done to reduce our *Carbon Footprints* as individuals. Please write your achievements on one of the 'footprints' at the back of St Nicholas to make a display to be proud of! Thank you for making these changes which all make a difference.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)**

Scarning	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April after the 11.15 Service
Swanton Morley	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May after the 11.15 Service
Hoe	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May after the 9.30am Service

### **Update on the St Nicholas Building Project**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has ended the VAT refund scheme for Historic Buildings and Places of Worship. This has hit our project very hard as, in effect, we will need to find 20% extra funding, money we could have previously reclaimed. Costs are spiralling in the economic climate we find ourselves in. (£89,000 has been secured), it has been decided that we will add the kitchenette and storage area to the first phase, (PHASE ONE PLUS). This will be at a cost of £250,000. We have a Fundraising Plan, and we are working hard to secure funds as soon as possible.

PHASE TWO will now be completed later, with Heritage Lottery Funding, secured by our professional fundraiser. This will include enclosing the Cowper Chapel, installing independent heating and lighting, cleaning and repairing walls and monuments and conserving the Plantagenet ceiling. Talk to me if you have any ideas or comments.  
Lynn Hearn, Chair of the Building Project Group

I have been giving some attention to a border in my garden and have been dividing Christmas roses (pink). If you would like to buy for £5 each any of these, contact me (Clare) in the office and I can bring them in for you. All proceeds to the church.

There will be **Hazardous Waste Days** at Dereham Recycling Centre on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, booking a slot is essential from May 7<sup>th</sup>, either by phoning 0344 800 8020 or online.

**Recently departed :** Hazel Jamson and Hazel Chambers

**Upcoming funerals :** Hazel Jamson, 30<sup>th</sup> April, Dereham  
Hazel Chambers, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1pm, Dereham

**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, and Thelma Smith.

# Prayers and Collects

## **Invitation to confession**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

## **Collect**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia.

*cf John 20.19*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
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  
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### Assistant Curate (Part time)

The Rev'd Michael Newey  
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tel 07740 824877  
*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  
Acts 2.42-47  
1 Peter 2.19-25  
John 10.1-10  
Psalm 23

Next week's readings from  
Acts 7.55-60  
1 Peter 2.2-10  
John 14.1-14  
Psalm 31.1-5,15-16

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