

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 3rd May, 2026

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd M Newey & The Revd P Cubitt
5th Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd D Ackroyd
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	Mrs H Jeckells
	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
	3.30pm	Evensong	Cathedral	The Revd P Cubitt
	5.00pm 6.00pm	Confirmation Group Compline, see on Facebook.	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
Mon 4th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	Dereham	
Tues 5th	7.15pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting	Eckling Grange	
Wed 6th	9-11am	Open church & pop-up pantry, Shipdham		
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd D Ackroyd
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.00pm	PCC meeting	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Thur 7th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
	10.00am	Coffee morning	Shipdham	
	1.00pm	Funeral of Hazel Chambers, Dereham		The Revd P Cubitt
	7.00pm	Scarning PCC	Scarning Village Hall	
Fri 8th	12 noon	MU 150 th year Anniversary Service, Norwich Cathedral		
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sunday 10th 6th Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd R Hanmer
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Bilney	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Bradenham Village Hall,	Mrs H Jeckells
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP) <i>followed by APCM</i>	Hoe	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Rogation Walk	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	5.00pm	Confirmation group	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

News for the Pews

Benefice Prayer meeting Tuesday 5th May.

You are invited to attend the Benefice prayer meeting which will be held at Eckling Grange (NR20 3BB) – in the Gatehouse, starting at 7:15pm on Tuesday 5th May. Directions to the Gatehouse: from Norwich Road, come into Eckling Grange grounds by the main entrance, straight on past left turn (which leads to the front of the house). Then slightly left towards the Wing on the left and Gatehouse on the right immediately before the closed delivery gate into Mattishall Road. There are parking spaces in front and to the right of the Gatehouse. All are welcome, whether or not you have previously participated in meetings for prayer. We will pray for the Churches of Dereham and the villages; our Church leaders, local communities and activities; current events here and around the world; and for healing and peace for individuals who have requested our prayer support. If you are unable to attend in person, but have a request for prayer, for yourself or on behalf of another, please either speak to someone who you know will be attending the meeting, or email toprayerrequestc777@gmail.com. You need not provide your own name, and please don't name anyone for whom you are requesting prayer, unless they have given you permission. Strict confidentiality is maintained: we refer to first names only during our meetings.

Beating the bounds at Rogationtide - Scarning

By ancient custom, people would walk around the boundary of their parish at Rogationtide to pray for the land and its produce. We are not proposing to walk the full distance (The Revd Augustus Jessopp said the parish of Scarning was as large as the Greater London of his day!), but on Sunday 10 May at 11.15 we will set off for a walk from the church. Our route will be around 2½ – 3 miles with a number of stops on the way and return for a picnic on the Playing Field behind the Village Hall at 13.00). Please pack your picnic and come along. Toilet facilities will be open in the Hall. In case of bad weather we shall have the picnic in church.

Thursday May 7th 12 noon at **Norwich Cathedral**, is the **MU 150th 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.

13th May, 2.30pm, we have a meeting in St Nicholas chancel, a desert island disc meeting, so come along and see who we have!

The annual **trip to Spalding** will be 15th 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, and are £18 - there..... and back!! So please ring 01362 692912

Pastors of Home Church, Watton have a ladies fellowship called Arise. On the 16th 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.

East Bilney church will be hosting a concert on Saturday 30th May, 7pm, when the Bawdeswell Festival Choir will be performing a wide range of songs. You can buy a ticket (£20 each) for the event by calling East Bilney Garage on 01362 860511 (option 2) and asking for Claire.

2026 Organ concert Season at St. Nicholas, Dereham

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

May 29th Richard Bower with a premier performance of "Variations on East Dereham" by Malcolm Archer.

June 5th D'Arcy Trinkwon celebrity virtuoso

June 12th Thomas Burt acclaimed young organist

June 19th Graham Thorpe Norwich Cathedral

June 26th 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 6th 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 5th June

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

Pew Cushions at St Nicholas - for those members of our congregation who did not attend the Annual Parish Meeting, I want to bring you up to speed with the question of pew cushions. Many of us would like to sit on soft, comfortable seats, especially in the winter, other churches have them. Susanne and I have been researching costs from several companies. I asked those who attended if they had ideas for raising funds or knew of upholsterers who we could approach and/or would be willing to join a group to investigate the possibility of having seats in place by next winter. If enough of us in the congregation want this to happen, we should be prepared to make it happen. Please talk to me if you can help in any way, make a pledge or have other ideas.

Thank you, Lynn

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

Recently departed : Hazel Chambers, Roy Rutland, Dennis Allison and Pheobe-Rose Towns.

Funeral dates : Roy Rutland, 14th May, 10.30am Beetley

Dennis Allison 14th May, 2pm, Dereham

Those on the anniversary of their death : Gordon Taylor and Ethel Brooks.

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

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

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

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the
life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever

Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus
Christ has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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
tel 01362 423408

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

Next week's readings from
Acts 17.22-31
1 Peter 3.13-22
John 14.15-21
Psalm 66.7-18

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**Benefice Newsletter items: derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com
deadline 11am Tuesday**