



This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 5th April, 2026

Sunday 5th <i>Easter Day</i>	6.15am	Sunrise Service	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	6.15am	Sunrise Holy Communion	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt & the Revd M Newey
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd D Ackroyd
	9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP),	Hoe	The Revd K Pilgrim
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt
4.00pm	Sacred Space	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt	
Mon 6th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
Tues 7th	2.00pm	Funeral of Maggie Young	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.15pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting	Eckling Grange	
Wed 8th	9-11am	Open church & Pop-Up Pantry,	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
	2.00pm	Mothers' Union	Eckling Grange	
	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Shipdham Manor	The Revd D Fotherby
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Thur 9th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company,	Swanton Morley	
	7.30pm	Extra bell ringing practice	Dereham	
Fri 10th	11.30am	Interment of ashes	Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt
	2.00pm	Swanton Morley PCC	Swanton Morley	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Swanton Morley	
Sat 11th	10-12.30	Coffee morning	Church House	
	12 noon	Wedding	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
Sunday 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt & The Revd M Newey
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Bradenham Village Hall	Mrs H Jeckells & Mr M Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Hoe	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Praise	Swanton Morley	The Revd M Newey
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		

News for the Pews

Sacred Space in St Nicholas Church

Today will be our last Sacred Space session and the theme is 'Putting it together at Easter' This is a time of quiet reflection (4.00-4.30) followed by Bible study and Worship (4.30-5.15). Please come along and join us.

Benefice Prayer meeting Tuesday 7th April.

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 7th April.

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 before the closed delivery gate into Mattishall Road. There are parking spaces immediately outside the Gatehouse.

All are welcome, whether or not you have previously participated in meetings for prayer. As usual, 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 send an email to prayerrequestc777@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.

Mothers' Union Meeting, Wednesday 8th April at 2pm

We shall be joining some of the residents in the Eckling Grange Lounge for an Easter Miscellany of prayers, songs and poetry. All partners and friends' welcome. Please note the earlier start time.

Super Supper Quiz Night - Scarning Village Hall - Friday 17th April at 7pm

Jacket potatoes and fillings with dessert - please bring your own drinks and glasses, £15 per person. Teams of four or trios, couples or individuals!

Please book in advance - Sue on suerockley84@gmail.com - 01362 694886 or Tricia on pforeman4@sky.com - 01362 687082

St Nicholas will be holding a **Valuation Day** on Wednesday 22nd April, with TW Gaze doing the honours. So rummage through your loft and see what treasures (or not) you can find. The event is from 10.30am-2.30pm, £5 for one item, £10 for three. Refreshments available.

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 1st May, but no service in June because of the organ recital.

On Saturday 2nd 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.

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.

Confirmation: Sunday 24th May. If you are interested in being Confirmed/exploring the Christian faith, please contact the Rector.

2026 Organ concert Season at St. Nicholas, Dereham

There will be five concerts this year, on Fridays starting on May 29th through to June 26th, so save the dates. 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.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this years Lent Lunches. A total of **£862.00 was raised** through donations, gift aid and the weekly Easter egg raffle. This amount will be shared between Nelson's Journey (a Norfolk charity that supports children and young people aged 0-17 years inclusive, living in the County, that have experienced the death of a special person in their life) and Church Funds.

The annual **trip to Spalding** will happen in May (but not 1st). We look forward to seeing you so come and enjoy the beautiful spring flowers in the gardens. Date TBC, hopefully 8th/15th May, keep your eyes peeled.

The **St Nicholas Annual Church Meeting** (APCM) will take place after the 9.30 service on 19th April. As usual this will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch to which all are welcome. All Church Family members have received a digital copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2025. There will be some paper copies available in church too. Please do read these!

We have some spaces on the Dereham PCC from April onwards. Maybe you would like to volunteer or can encourage someone to stand. Please speak to Marion or Sheila to find out more.

Meg Ackroyd sends Easter Blessings and thanks to all at St Nicks, she loved the basket of primulas delivered to her by Janet and Beverley.

Eco Church for Holy Week Our challenge this week is to fast from Social Media. Why not take control over our personal online time to focus on the work of the Cross and reclaim our attention for God by taking social media breaks, prayer walks, and digital detox strategies.

Next A47 full weekend closure – the A47 will be fully closed from 8pm on Friday 24th April to 6am on Monday 27th April 2026. This is between Fox Lane junction and Easton roundabout.

Recently departed : Margaret (Maggie) Young, Pamela Davis and Ruby Langley.

Upcoming funerals : Maggie Young, Tues 7th April, 2pm, Shipdham
Pamela Davis, Thurs 9th April, 12 noon.

Those on the anniversary of their death : John Hunt and Victor Rowe.

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

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his
risen life;
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

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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
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This week's readings – two from
Acts 10.34-43
Colossians 3.1-4
Matthew 28.1-10
Psalm 118.1-2,14-24

Next week's readings from
Acts 2.14a,22-32
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-31
Psalm 16

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