

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 7th September, 2025

Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Dereham	The Revd M Newey
12th	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	Mrs H Jeckells & Mr M Purnell
Sunday				
after	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	Beetley	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell & The Revd M Newey
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.		
Mon 8th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	Shipdham Rectory	
Tue 9th	2.30pm	Bible study	Church House	Mr T Cross
	7.00pm	Alpha Course		Mark & Ruth Thorpe
Wed 10th	9.30-11.00am	Pop up Pantry	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	tbc
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	St Nicholas Chancel	
	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Shipdham Manor	The Revd L Purnell & The Revd D Fotherby
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Thur 11th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company,	Swanton Morley	
	7.30pm	Extra bell ringing	Dereham	
Fri 12th	7.00pm	Scarning Harvest Festival & supper		
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
Sat 13th	9-5pm	Walk, Bike, Drive Day		
	2.00pm	Wedding	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.30pm	'Pot of Gold' Shanty Crew	Dereham	
Sunday 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Ven A Hawes
13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion followed by meeting E Bilney		The Revd P Cubitt
Sunday	10.30am	Harvest Service followed by lunch, Bradenham Village Hall		The Revd L Purnell
after				
Trinity	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
	11.15am	Morning Worship	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	12.00pm	Civic Service	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	4.30pm	Benefice Service: The hymns of Newton and Cowper	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook		

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.

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.

Mothers' Union

The next Mothers' Union Meeting will be on Wednesday September 10th at 2.30pm in St Nicholas Chancel when Corinne Houlden from Blytheswood Christian Care will talk about Christmas Shoe Boxes.

Scarning Church Harvest Festival and Supper - Friday 12th September, 7pm

Please come along to this traditional Thanksgiving for the Harvest. It will be followed by a Ploughman's Supper in the church. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. There is no charge for supper, but a donation to the cost would be appreciated. For catering purposes, please let us know if you hope to come by contacting Tricia on 01362 687082 or pforeman@sky.com
We welcome gifts of non perishable foods for Sanctuary Supported Living in Dereham.

Heritage Open Days - Friday 12th September – Sunday 21st September

St Nicholas will be open all week with an exhibition on the north transept painted ceiling.

St Withburga's Well and the Muniments Room will be open both Fridays and Saturdays. The bell tower is open both Saturdays. If anyone is able to help steward, especially in the bell tower, please let Paul know.

Heritage Open Day- Scarning Church - Saturday 13th September 10am to 4pm

Featuring visits to the belfry, photos of yesteryear, a commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day, a display on Dr Augustus Jessopp, a children's quiz and light refreshments. Free entry.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride – Saturday 13th September

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.

Pot of Gold Shanty Crew are performing at **St Nicholas Church on Saturday 13th September, 7.30pm.** Tickets £10 on the door, from Bishop Bonners Cottage Museum, phone 01362 820068, or from Marion after services. Proceeds to be split between the church and Dereham Heritage Trust. Do join us for a lively evening with this brilliant band of singers and musicians.

Katharine Ames-Lewis is spending the weekend of 13/14th September in Dereham. There has not been enough interest for us to arrange a Bring and Share lunch. Katharine will be attending the morning service at St Nicholas and also there will be an opportunity to meet up with her Saturday afternoon. Please contact Sheila Hanmer 01362 655092 or sheila.hanmer@outlook.com if you are interested.

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 javinia@icloud.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 note that **Tom's Bible study** course will not be taking place on the next two Tuesdays 16th or 23rd 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 javinia@icloud.com 077474 49208 Lovely raffle prizes – we look forward to you joining us for a happy evening of delicious puds and entertainment.

The Season of Creation runs throughout September to 4th October. A Rocha (Eco Church) has lots of resources at <https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation/> under the theme 'Peace with Creation'. Please see the Eco Church board at the back of St Nicholas for more details. Please pray for our fragile world.

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.

Sanctuary Flowers: Thank you for the lovely flowers. Today Roger moved out of HDU onto a ward, so it was lovely to be able to send a photograph of them, to let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers. Many thanks Ruth and Roger.

Those on the anniversary of their death: Kathleen Swann, Patricia Bailes and Jennifer Baldry.

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, Baby Forrest, Irene & John Farrall, June Burleigh, Barbara Beckett, Maureen & Peter Hart, Melva Brunning, Robin & Joan Loveday, John Crick, also Tommy Barnes, Pam Walker and Roger Hodson.

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Prayers and Collects

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do
not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Our Clergy

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This week's readings – two from
Deuteronomy 30.15-20
Philemon
Luke 14.25-33
Psalm 1

Next week's readings from
Exodus 32.7-14
1 Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10
Psalm 51.1-11