

Dereham and District Team Ministry  
The parishes of Dereham, Scarning, Swanton Morley, Beetley with East Bilney, Hoe,  
Shipdham and Bradenham  
<http://derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk>

## This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 28th January, 2024

Sunday Presentation of Christ in the Temple	28	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Rev P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion (inc Fairtrade Sale), Dereham	The Revd R Dines
		9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bradenham	The Revd D Fotherby
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Bilney	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion (BCP), Hoe	The Revd L Purnell
		11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP) Scarning	The Rev P Cubitt
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
		11.15am	Morning Prayer, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		6.00pm	Compline, view via website	
Monday	29	9.30am	St Nicholas Outdoor Working Party	
		7.30pm	Bellringing Practice, Dereham	
Tuesday	30	10.00am	Historic Churches of Norfolk, Church House	
		2.30pm	Bible Study, Church House	
Wednesday	31	9.00am	Shipdham Open Church	
		9.30am	Breckland Food Bus, Shipdham	
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd R Dines
		11.30am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
		7.00pm	Bell Ringing Practice, Scarning	
		7.00pm	Dereham PCC Meeting	
		7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice, Shipdham	
Thursday	1	10.00am	Coffee, Cake and Company, Swanton Morley	
		10.00am	Coffee Morning, Shipdham	
Friday	2	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice, Swanton Morley	
Saturday	3	10.00am	Messy Candlemass	
		10.00am	Coffee Morning, Scarning	
Second Sunday before Lent	4	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP), Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Beetley	The Revd R Dines
		9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bradenham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Cafe Church, Shipdham	Mr M Purnell and Mrs H Jeckells
		11.15am	Morning Prayer, Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		6.00pm	Compline, view via website.	

The **Dereham Bible study** course has started again in the church rooms from 2.30 to 4pm. We are currently studying The Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome. Any queries please contact Tom on 01362 858612 or [tomjcross@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjcross@hotmail.com).

### **ST. NICHOLAS LENT LUNCHEES 2024**

Friday February 23rd : Friday March 1st : Friday March 8th : Friday March 15th

All lunches will be held in Church House. Time: 12noon for 12.30pm. The last lunch will be a cafe church communion service led by a member of the clergy. Please get a free ticket from Sue or Beverley to help us with numbers for catering, all welcome!

There are only a few weeks until Lent begins so the **Shipdham Bible Study group** will be meeting on Monday 29th January and Monday 12th February at 7.30pm in Shipdham Rectory, all are welcome to join us. Look out for details of the Lent Course starting Monday 19th February.

**Fairtrade Stall at St Nicholas 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Kate is hoping to hold a Fairtrade Stall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month after the 9.30 service starting today. There will be a large selection of greetings cards together with the usual chocolate, ground coffee, jams, honey and other consumables, so please come and take a look.

**Scarning Coffee Morning**, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 10-12 noon in the village hall. Please come along for a cuppa, a celebrated bacon buttie or a delicious cake. If you would like more details, or could help with a raffle prize or cake. Please contact Tricia on 01362 687082 ([pforeman4@sky.com](mailto:pforeman4@sky.com))

**Friends of St Nicholas Church Dereham.** Do join us on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7 for 7.30pm in Church House, Church Street NR19 1DN when the AGM will be followed by **an Illustrated talk 'Withburga and Pilgrimage'** given by Jenny Rose. Everyone is welcome.

**St Nicholas's winter fund raising lunch**, a chicken tikka masala and vegetable curry brought a successful start into 2024, enjoyed by many and notably new faces joined us for this social event. Thank you for the generous contribution of food, puddings and desserts and to the helpers and guests. A massive thank you for raising the sum of over £400. The next event is French Cuisine and the date to be announced.

**Confirmation** - The Bishop will be returning to the Benefice to conduct a service of Confirmation on Trinity Sunday (26th May 2024). We will be having 6 confirmation classes before the service. If you are interested in finding out more, please do talk to Rev Paul, Rev Rachael or Rev Laura.

**The Real Easter Egg** Easter is early this year and it is time to order these delicious fairtrade eggs which are the only Easter eggs to actually tell the Easter story. I am ordering in bulk and if I get enough orders I will be able to have free delivery and the price will be held at £4.50 (usual price £4.90) each for the regular milk chocolate egg. Please let me know if you would like to order any eggs – sign up on the sheet at the back of St Nicholas or phone 695503 or email to [kate@mandolin.myzen.co.uk](mailto:kate@mandolin.myzen.co.uk) There is a selection of eggs on the Meaningful Chocolate Company's website <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg> I should have some to show you on the Fairtrade Stall on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Deadline for orders at £4.50 is Monday 19th February. Thank you, Kate Baldry

**Dereham Community Fridge** has two primary aims; to reduce food waste (good for the planet!) and to give away perfectly good food to those needing their money to stretch a bit further (good for tummies!) The Fridge is located in the back of Green Pastures Bookshop in "The Community Hub", 20 Norwich Street, Dereham. Just come along and see if there is something you can use. We're open Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm. You can wait in the warm with a cuppa from 9.30am. We do suggest arriving early as often 80% of what we get has been taken by 11am.

If you had been collecting money for **The Children's Society** last year at St Nicholas, and you still have your box, please let me know. If you would like to have a Children's Society collection box, do not hesitate to contact me and I will add your name to the list.

Dinah Reed (01362 698666 [dinahreed13@gmail.com](mailto:dinahreed13@gmail.com))

Thank you so much for the beautiful Sanctuary Flowers, it was a lovely surprise and I really appreciate your kind thoughts for me, Jan Day.

**Recently departed:** Eric Swann, Maureen Eldridge

**Those on the anniversary of their death;** Jack Edwards, Patsy Wilson and Alex Noel-Tod.

**For our prayers:** Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Joan Gibson, Chris Bush, June Pye, Ann Betts, Jo Pye, Pat & Brian Ogden, Alan Barrett, Peter Hunt, David Williams, Baby Forrest.

If you have an anniversary of a loved one's death which you would like to be added in to our pew sheet, please let the office know by contacting Clare, 01362 693143 or emailing [parish.office.dereham@gmail.com](mailto:parish.office.dereham@gmail.com) We need consent to be able to include them.

## **Psalm 24. 1-10**

1           The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
              the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

2           For he has founded it upon the seas  
              and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3           'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
              or who can rise up in his holy place?'

4           'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
              who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
              nor sworn an oath to a lie;

5           'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
              a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

6           Such is the company of those who seek him,  
              of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7           Lift up your heads, O gates;  
              be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
              and the King of glory shall come in.

8           'Who is the King of glory?'  
              'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
              the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

9           Lift up your heads, O gates;  
              be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
              and the King of glory shall come in.

10          'Who is this King of glory?'  
              'The Lord of hosts,  
              he is the King of glory.'

# Today's Worship

## Invitation to Confession

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me shall never walk in  
darkness  
but shall have the light of life.'  
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.

## Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

**First Reading:** Malachi 3.1-5

**Psalm** 24. 1-10

**Second Reading:** Gospel Luke 2.22-40

## Introductory sentence for the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## Post Communion Prayer:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Blessing

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, who was wounded for  
our sins,  
that you may bear in your life the love and joy and  
peace  
which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples;  
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  
tel 694107  
*rest day Monday*

Team Vicar  
The Rev'd Laura Purnell  
tel 821249  
*rest day Friday*

Team Vicar  
The Rev'd Rachael Dines  
tel 562034  
07763 211901  
*rest day Monday*

The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby  
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