

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

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter	2	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP), Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Beetley	The Revd J Rosie
		9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bradenham	The Revd D Ackroyd
		11.15am	Morning Praise, Scarning	Lydia Crick
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Swanton Morley	The Revd J Rosie
		11.15am	Morning Praise, Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby
Monday	3			
Tuesday	4			
Wednesday	5	10.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	
Thursday	6			
Friday	7			
Saturday	8			
Sixth Sunday of Easter	9	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd J Rosie
		9.30am	Parish Communion, East Bilney	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Morning Praise (BCP), Hoe	The Revd D Ackroyd
		11.15am	Holy Communion, Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.15am	Morning Praise, Swanton Morley	Lydia Crick
		11.15am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	The Revd J Rosie

The St Nicholas Sanctuary Flowers last Sunday were given to Jose and Derrick Watts who have expressed their thanks to the congregation at St Nicholas. They said it was lovely to receive them and have the support during the last difficult year.

The Food Bank is short of the following items - Tinned potatoes, packet potatoes (instant mash), Long-life milk, Long-life fruit juice and Shower gel. Please could you add some of these to your shopping list and drop off at St Nicholas. If you cannot get to church Kate (695503) may be able to collect from your house. Thank you.

The Holy Dusters: Derrick would like to thank Ann Betts, Ann Parnell, Diana Prangnell and Maureen Hart for the years they have given to dusting and polishing the pews and the furniture in St Nicholas. Now that these ladies have retired as 'special agents', Derrick is looking for new recruits. If you could spare a bit of time to help with cleaning the church, please speak to Derrick or phone him on 698258.

A Message from the Mid Norfolk Foodbank: As we pass the anniversary of the start of the first lockdown, it is a good time to reflect on how Mid Norfolk Foodbank has fared during the crisis. We have got used to seeing pandemic related statistics on our television screens each day so here are some of our own to give a sense of the scale of the challenge we not only faced, but that we overcame. (Figures are for 1st March 2020 to 1st March 2021)

Number of people we helped:	4000
Number of children we helped:	1500
Weight of food donated:	62,800kg
Weight of food handed out:	49,600kg
Number of meals:	110,000

'Give it up': A big thank you to members of St Nicholas who have chosen to give a donation in lieu of savings as a result of giving up something for Lent. The money raised was just over £2000 including Gift Aid. The Fund Raising Committee,

'Friday Fayre': Each Friday morning, The Fund Raising Committee of St Nicholas is organising a stall outside, in the churchyard, opposite the bell tower, between 10.00am – 12noon (If wet it will be held in the church porch). We are requesting donations of plants, produce, jigsaws and paperback books to be brought to the stall on the day, which we can offer for sale. The Committee hope that the congregation and members of the public will support the stall and help raise much needed church funds. Once we are able to have Friday coffee mornings again, we will move the stall into Church House.

Withburga Weekend: The Fund Raising Committee of St Nicholas is putting together plans for a 2 day celebration on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th July. We are hoping that many of the congregation will give offers of help, especially with organising and manning stalls on the Saturday and stewarding on the Friday and Saturday. If you are willing to help please speak to Gwen Booty. If you would like to have a stall at the craft fair on the Friday and/or the Saturday please speak to Evelyn Speed, Lynn Hearn or Barbara D'Arts.

Armstrong's Diary: After almost 10 years of choosing weekly passages from Armstrong's Diary for the Newsletter, Michael Fillenham has decided to retire. I am sure all the congregations in the benefice would like me to sincerely thank him on their behalf for keeping us entertained each week.

Barbara D'Arts

Our Clergy

Team Rector	The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt	tel 694107	day off Monday
Team Vicar	The Rev'd James Rosie	tel 637311	day off Friday
Assistant Clergy	The Rev'd Jane Nursey		
	The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby	tel 821481	

Today's Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 8. 26-40

Psalm: 22.25-end

25 From you comes my praise in the great
congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow
before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.

29 How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel
before him?

30 He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations
to come.

31 They shall come and make known his
salvation,
to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Gospel Reading: John 15. 1-8

For our prayers:

The Sick: Baby Levi Cameron Lucas, Jenny
Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, John Harbord.
Please continue to pray for: Gordon Taylor,
Angela Watkins.

Those on the Anniversary of their Death:
Ethel Brooks.

Post Communion:

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.

Readings for Next Week: Acts 10.44-48,
Psalm 98, John 15.9-17

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deadline 11.00am Wednesday, Barbara D'Arts.