

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 19th November, 2023

Sunday	19	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt		
		9.30am	All Age Worship, Dereham	Mr T Cross		
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Beetley	The Revd P Cubitt		
		9.30am	Choral Matins, Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell		
		11.15am	Morning Prayer, Scarning	Mr T Cross		
		11.15am	Children's Society Service, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell		
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Swanton Morley	The Revd P Cubitt		
		6.00pm	Compline, view via website			
Monday	20	9.30am	St Nicholas Outdoor Working Party			
		7.30pm	Bellringing Practice, Dereham			
		7.30pm	Bible Study, The Rectory, Shipdham			
Tuesday	21	11.00am	Funeral for June Doyle, Breckland Crematorium	The Revd P Cubitt		
		2.30pm	Bible Study, Church House			
Wednesday	22	9-11am	Open Church, Shipdham			
		9.30am	Breckland Food Bus, Shipdham			
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt		
		11.30am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes		
		3.00pm	Funeral for Roger Kittle, Breckland Crematorium	The Revd P Cubitt		
		7.00pm	Bell ringing practice, Scarning			
7.30pm	Bell ringing practice, Shipdham					
Thursday	23	10-12am	Coffee, Cake and Company, All Saints, Swanton Morley.			
Friday	24	2.00pm	Funeral of Robert Davies, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt		
		7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice, Swanton Morley			
Saturday	25	10.00am	Coffee Morning for Children's Society, Shipdham			
Sunday	26	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt		
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt		
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Bilney	The Revd D Ackroyd		
		9.30am	Holy Communion, (BCP) Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell		
		9.30am	Parish Communion, (BCP) Hoe	The Revd R Dines		
		11.15am	Parish Communion, (BCP) Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt		
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Shipdham	The Rev L Purnell		
				11.15am	Morning Prayer, Swanton Morley	Mr M Purnell
				6.00pm	Compline, view via website.	The Revd R Dines

Please be aware that services in Dereham may be live streamed to social media
 and you may be visible if you enter camera.

News for the Pews

Fairtrade Christmas Clearance Sale. Kate Baldry will be holding a sale on Friday 1st December in Church House from 10.00 to 12.00. There will be all the Christmas and Craft stock on sale at reduced prices of from 20% off to half price and Christmas Cards at £1 off per pack - so do come along and grab a bargain! This is a CLEARANCE SALE since Traidcraft have sadly ceased trading - when it's gone it's gone! A fairtrade drink and biscuit will be served to you whilst you browse.

Scarning Church Christmas Craft Fair - 2nd December 10 am to 2 pm. Lots of ideas for gifts including craft items, plants, preserves, beauty products, manicures, cakes and cards. In the Village Hall there will be games for all the family and refreshments including turkey rolls and our renowned bacon butties. We look forward to seeing you there.

There will be two **Advent Carol Services** coming up, both happening on Sunday 3rd December. The first will be held at All Saints', Shipdham at 4.00pm, while the second is at St Nicholas, 6.00pm.

On Wednesday 6th December at 2.30 Saint Nicholas Fundraising Committee are having a **REINDEER DRIVE** in Church House. There will be mulled wine, mulled apple juice, orange juice, mince pies and sausage rolls, as well as a raffle. Tickets are £5.00 each which will include all the refreshments and are available in church from Dianne Harbord, Beverley Burton or by calling Susanne on 07523958508

Scarning Church is delighted to be hosting this year's **Festive Concert by the Big Heart and Soul Choir** on Saturday 9th December at 7.30 pm. This is an evening not to be missed with Christmas music from around the world to be followed by a finger buffet. The Choir came to Scarning in June 2022 to help raise funds for the Ukraine appeal and provided a splendid evening. Tickets are £10 each including supper. Please contact Sue on 01362 694886 suerockley84@gmail.com or Tricia on 01362 697082 pforeman4@sky.com for tickets. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

St Andrew's Church, Bradenham will be having their **Carols by Candlelight** on Friday December 15th at 6pm, and will be joined by Peddars Quire. There will be refreshments after the service and everyone is very welcome.

St. Nicholas Church will be holding their next **Coffee Morning in Church House** on 16th December. Time: 10.30 to 1.00pm to include Fair Trade stall, book and jigsaw sale with a TOMBOLA at Christmas. Please come along and support these. Any offers to bake a cake, sausage rolls etc would be much appreciated. Please contact Susanne on 07523958508.

Fairtrade Christmas Cards will be on sale after the 10.00am communion at St Nicholas for the next 3 weeks (22 Nov 29 Nov and 6 Dec) and after the Sunday service on 26 Nov and 10 Dec. Christmas items (food and craft) will also be available. Please see the notice in the porch of St Nicholas for full details of all sales.

There will be a 5-week course on '**Historic Churches of Norfolk**' which will begin on Tuesday, January 2nd, 10-12am. If this is something which would interest you, (or could make an unusual present) then come along to Church House for these sessions. Booking is essential, and can be done by contacting John Vigar on 07962 368062 or emailing john@johnevigar.com The course costs £38.00, so a bargain for 5 weeks! Leaflets are at the back of the church.

Swanton Morley are going to be having weekly coffee mornings every Thursday (**Coffee, Cake and Company**). These will be held in the church from 10-12am, so come along and have a chat.

Autumn's here- feeling shut in? Why not come along and join **St Withburga's handbell ringers?** We meet every Monday afternoon at Trinity Methodist Church Rooms, Dereham. From 2.00pm until 3ish with refreshments afterwards.

You do not need to be able to read music, just be able to count mentally to 4 and occasionally to 6!! The handbells are on loan from St Nicholas Church, Dereham and we would welcome some new members. Please contact Sylvia Meredith – 01362 693425 or Ann Dye 01362 687694

We are delighted to tell you that the new-look **Benefice Website** is now up and running. It is very bright and modern looking. You can find it at <https://www.derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk/> as normal. However, it seems that the layout you will see varies according to whether you are using a laptop, phone, or tablet etc. At the top of the page you may see a choice of topics such as calendar, newsletter etc, click on these to find the information. But if this is not on your screen, look at the right-hand side for three black bars, click on them and the list will appear. You may be able to find more links to these in big boxes at the bottom of the home page too. Explore and see what you can find!

Food Bank Christmas Parcels The Food Bank will be preparing 200 food parcels for people in need this Christmas. They are hoping to include some items to make the parcel a bit special. Please consider purchasing at least one of these items - good quality tinned ham (premium ham, possibly the one in the shaped tin), tinned salmon, Christmas pudding, Christmas biscuits or biscuit selection, chocolate selection packs or similar special Christmas items. Please remember that they can only use items with a reasonably long 'best before' date. Thank you so much everyone for your continued support of the Food Bank, sadly with the cost of living crisis there are many people who will find Christmas very difficult this year.

Advent Course – we will be running an Advent course looking at the four biblical songs of Christmas. These will begin the week of 27th November. It will be running three times during the week at different locations. Mondays - 7.30pm at The Rectory, Shipdham, Tuesdays - 2.00pm in Church House, and Thursdays - 2.00pm in Shipdham. Please pick up a flyer next week with all the information.

Recently Departed; Roger Kittle, June Doyle and Robert Davies (Bob).

Those on the anniversary of their death; Alban Hunt

For our prayers:

The sick: 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, 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 We need consent to be able to include them.

Today's Worship

Collect:

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer:

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

First Reading Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

Today's Psalm 90.1-8,12

Matthew 25.14-30

Introduction to The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to
do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Our Clergy

Team Rector
The Rev'd Canon Paul Cubitt
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rest day Monday

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

Team Vicar
The Rev'd Rachael Dines
tel 562034
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The Rev'd Doreen Fotherby
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Next week's readings:

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Psalm 95.1-7a

Matthew 25.31-46

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