

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Dereham & District
Team Ministry

Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 2nd February, 2025

Sunday 2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt Mr M Newey
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt Mr T Cross
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd R Dines
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby Mrs H Jeckells
	11.15am 11.15am	Morning Prayer Parish Communion	Scarning Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell The Revd R Dines
Mon 3rd	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	Shipdham Rectory	The Revd L Purnell
Tue 4th	2.30pm	Bible study	Church House	Mr T Cross
	7.15pm	Benefice prayer meeting	Eckling Grange	
Wed 5th	9.00am	Open Church	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd R Dines
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
Thur 6th	10.00am	Coffee morning	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company,	Swanton Morley	
Fri 7th	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
Saturday 8th				
Sunday 9th Fourth Sunday before Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Cafe Church, Bradenham village hall		The Revd D Fotherby Mrs H Jeckells
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd R Dines
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Hoe	Mr T Cross
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am 11.15am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Shipdham Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell The Revd R Dines

News for the Pews

Benefice Prayer meeting February 4th – an invitation.

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 4th February. 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). Take the next turn on the left and straight on towards the Wing on the left and Gatehouse on the right immediately before the closed delivery gate into Mattishall Road. Parking spaces close by.

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 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 February 12th 2.30pm

The speaker for the February meeting is the Revd Rachael Dines, who will be talking about Organ donation and her own kidney donation. We will be meeting at the Gatehouse Eckling Grange. All members, partners and friends welcome but please remember to bring a mug each for hot drinks.

St Nicholas Church – **Preparation of a New Electoral Roll 2025**

The electoral roll is a way of confirming your commitment to St Nicholas Church Dereham. It is a register of those who consider themselves members of this church. It enables you to vote at the Annual Meeting and to undertake various other roles - but only if you wish to do that.

This year a NEW Electoral Roll has to be prepared. Transfer of names from the previous list of 2024 is NOT automatic. Both existing and new members have to complete a new Application Form.

Application Forms will be available at services during February with spare copies available on the PCC notice board by the font. Forms should be completed and handed to myself at the end of the Sunday morning service, or returned to Church House, by 1st March at the latest.

Grenville Smith
Electoral Roll Officer

Friday 7th March Dereham Baptist Church are hosting an evening with JB Gill.

JB Gill - member of hugely successful boy band JLS and TV personality including appearances on CBeebies, Songs of Praise and most recently finalist on 2024 Strictly Come Dancing. JB is a Christian who will be talking of how his Christian faith has impacted his life and career.

The hour-long presentation will be interspersed with video clips, followed by a Q&A and various ways to follow up and find out more about what faith in Jesus means and how he changes lives. This is very much outreach and we'd love you to encourage your congregation to invite an unchurched friend.

Please pray that God will use this event, that many will come to hear the truth and find faith in the God we worship.

Tickets £5 from Green Pastures Community Hub, Norwich Street.

Real Easter Egg - Please order your eggs **now** (before 10th February) because they have to be ordered early to avoid disappointment. Divine, the other fairtrade company which I order from have decided not to make any eggs this year. There are several factors at play but the implication is that the Real Easter Egg will be in extra demand and they have only made a certain quantity (not based on this information from Divine). I order in bulk so the price will be £5.50 as opposed to the individual price of £6.20. This is the only Easter Egg to tell the Easter story and it is made from delicious fairtrade chocolate too! Thank you. Kate Baldry 07786375164 or kate.baldry@hotmail.co.uk

Children's Society Boxes at St Nicholas

If you have a collecting box at home, please bring it in to church so that we can send the money on to the Children's Society. Boxes can also be delivered to the Church Office on Monday afternoon or Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Thank you.

Dear Church Family, thank you so much for the lovely flowers delivered to me on Sunday morning. They really brightened what turned out to be a dull cold day. Thank you once again, love Marjorie.

Food Bank Parcels – Urgent needs are for tinned meat and tinned tomatoes. They have plenty of pasta, breakfast cereal and baked beans so these items are not needed. Please do consider adding one of these items to your shop this week - thank you! 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. Do bring your donations with you when you attend a service and place in the collection tub by the coffee table.

Recently Departed: Ron Guntrip, Margaret Peebles and Eric Cawdron.

Those on the anniversary of their death: Alex Noel-Tod and Barry Briggs.

For our prayers: Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Ann Betts, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Joan Gibson, Pat and Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Val Stebbings, Irene and John Farrall, Baby Forrest, Shirley Wharton, Cheryl Lister, June Burleigh, Barbara Beckett, Maureen Hart and Rhoda Edwards, Melva Brunning and Jamie Brunning.

Remember to email anything for the pew sheet to derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com by 11.00am on a Tuesday. Thank you.

Prayers and Collects

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.

cf John 8.12

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.

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.

cf Luke 1.78,79

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

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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This week's readings, two from
Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-18
Luke 2.22-40

Next week's readings, two from
Isaiah 6.1-8(9-13)
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11

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