

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 3rd December, 2023

Advent Sunday	3	8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Dereham	Mr T Cross
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Beetley	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Holy Communion, (BCP) Bradenham	The Revd R Dines
		9.30am	Café Church, Shipdham	The Ven A Hawes
		11.15am	Morning Prayer, Scarning	The Revd D Fotherby
		11.15am	Parish Communion, Swanton Morley	The Revd L Purnell
Monday	4	4.00pm	Advent Carols, Shipdham	The Revd P Cubitt
		6.00pm	Advent Carols – theme, seeking peace, Dereham	The Revd R Dines
		7.30pm	Advent Carols, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
Tuesday	5	7.30pm	Advent Course, The Rectory, Shipdham	Mr M Purnell
		7.30pm	Advent Course, The Rectory, Shipdham	The Revd P Cubitt
Wednesday	6	2.30pm	Advent Course, Church House	
		7.00pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting, 81 Norwich Road	
		9-11am	Open Church, Shipdham	
		9.30am	Breckland Food Bus, Shipdham	
		10.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd D Ackroyd
		11.30am	Holy Communion, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
		2.30pm	Reindeer Drive, Church House	
Thursday	7	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice, Scarning	
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice, Shipdham	
Friday	8	10-12am	Coffee, Cake and Company, All Saints, Swanton Morley.	
		2.00 pm	Advent Course, Shipdham	
Saturday	9	9.15am	Dereham Church Infant & Nursery rehearsal, Dereham	
		10.00am	Fair Trade Sale, Church House, Dereham	
		3.30pm	Opening of Shipdham Christmas Tree Festival	
		7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice, Swanton Morley	
2nd Sunday of Advent	10	10-4pm	Shipdham Christmas Tree Festival	
		4.00pm	Shipdham Community Choir Concert	
		7.30pm	Big Heart and Soul Concert, Scarning	
		8.00am	Holy Communion, Dereham	The Revd R Dines
		9.30am	All Age Worship & Celebration of St Nicholas (Toy and Gift Service)	The Revd P Cubitt
		9.30am	Parish Communion, Bilney	The Revd R Dines
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, (BCP), Hoe	
2nd Sunday of Advent	10	9.30am	Cafe Carols, Bradenham Village Hall	The Shipdham Team
		10.30am	Holy Communion, Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
		11.15am	Morning Prayer, Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		11.15am	Carols and Readings with the Salvation Army Band, Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
		4.00pm	Shipdham	The Revd D Fotherby

Please be aware that services in Dereham may be live streamed to social media and you may be visible if you enter the camera zone (the stage area).

News for the Pews

Look out for the Yellow Advent and Christmas leaflet with all our Advent and Christmas Services and Events – take some and invite friends.

Advent Course – we will be running an Advent course looking at the four biblical songs of Christmas. It will be running three times during the week at different locations. Mondays - 7.30pm at The Rectory, Shipdham, Tuesdays - 2.30pm in Church House, and Thursdays - 2.00pm in Shipdham. Please pick up a flyer with all the information.

St. Nicholas Fundraising Committee's **REINDEER DRIVE** is this coming Wednesday 6th December in Church House at 2.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 each and include refreshments. There will also be a raffle and we are going to auction off one of Fred's Wooden Reindeers.

Please get your tickets today in Church from Beverley Burton or alternatively call 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 and were excellent. Tickets are £10 each including supper. Please contact Sue on 01362 694886 suerockley84@gmail.com or contact the office and ask Clare for tickets. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Sunday 10th December we will be celebrating the Feast of St Nicholas at 9.30 with our TOY AND GIFT SERVICE. Toys; These are distributed by the Salvation Army, who have told us that gifts are especially needed for girls aged 8-10 and teenagers, for whom toiletries are always welcome. Unwrapped gifts please.

Financial Gifts; This year the PCC has decided that rather than appealing for money for church funds we should support the **Bishops Appeal for the Anglican led Al-Ahli hospital in Gaza.** This hospital has been operating in Gaza since 1882, and medical staff look after all patients regardless of ethnicity, religion or wealth. In recent weeks the hospital has been badly damaged. More information about this appeal, and how to give, is available on the diocesan website www.dioceseofnorwich.org. The Churchwardens and Rector can give you more information about the appeal. If you prefer to give by cheque or cash, the Christmas Stocking will be hanging by the font, and gift aid forms for the appeal will be available at the back of church - cheques should be made payable to St Nicholas PCC marked Bishops Appeal on the back or put your donation in an envelope and pop into the letterbox of Church House. It would be good to know how much we raise as a congregation, so if you donate online please pop a note in the stocking to say the amount sent (no need to sign it).

The December **Mothers' Union Meeting** will take place on Wednesday December 13th at 2.30pm and will be an Advent Reflection in Hoe Church led by the Rev'd Rachael Dines. It will be followed by seasonal refreshments in Hoe Village Hall. All are very welcome to join us.

St Nicholas Church will be holding a **Christmas Coffee Morning on December 16th at Church House,** 10.30am to 1pm.

There will be a bottle stall, tombola, cakes for sale and Christmas music. If anyone would like to donate a cake or prize for either stall, we would be delighted, but more importantly please just come and join us for some festive merriment. Christmas jumpers optional!

Any queries please contact Debbie 07925040735 or Pauline 07925362146

Fairtrade Christmas Cards will be on sale after Wednesday's 10.00am communion at St Nicholas and 10th 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.

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.

Shipdham Christmas Card - instead of sending Christmas cards to those we see and talk to every Sunday in church, we ask that you sign the big card that will be at the back of the church by the food bank box and The Red Box. We would be grateful if you would make a donation to one of these boxes in lieu of the money saved by not buying Christmas cards. Thank you.

Shipdham News. We have a fabulous magazine in Shipdham that is delivered to every home in the village. The team who put it together need to add to their numbers with writing articles, editing and formatting the magazine. If you feel you might be able to help in this way please contact Rev Laura for a chat.

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@johnvigar.com The course costs £38.00, so a bargain for 5 weeks! Leaflets are at the back of the church.

Joan Cole has sent everyone her thanks for the lovely flowers she has been given, she really appreciates everyone thinking of her.

A big thank you to my friends at St Nicholas for the lovely roses I received this week. I am recovering well from my cataracts operations and will be back with you soon.
Best wishes from Glynis Stack

Recently Departed; John Everett

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

Invitation to confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in
darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our
sins.

Collect:

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 64.1-9

Today's Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20

Mark 13.24-37

Introductory sentence for the Peace

May the God of peace make you completely
holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

Post Communion Prayer:

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in
glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Our Clergy

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