

# This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt Mr T Cross
Third Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Communion followed by APCM, Beetley		The Revd R Dines
	9.30am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Bradenham	The Ven A Hawes
	9.30am	Café Church	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell Mr M Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
	2.00pm	Baptism	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	3.00pm	Baptism	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.			
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	2.00pm	Thanksgiving for Marriage Service,	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
<b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30pm	Bible Study	Church House	Mr T Cross
	2.30pm	Funeral of Jean Howes	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.15pm	Benefice Prayer meeting	Swanton Morley	
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Open Church	Shipdham	
	9.30am	Pop up pantry	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
<b>Thur 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company,	Swanton Morley	
	3.00pm	Funeral of Rodney Beckenham,	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
	7.30pm	Extra bell ringing practice	Dereham	
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Funeral of Rob Fairbairn	Breckland Crem	The Rev D Fotherby
	2.00pm	Interment of Ashes, Jesamine	Bloomfield, Swanton Morley	Cemetery
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Interment of Ashes, Veronica Marshall, Shipdham,		The Revd L Purnell
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Bradenham Village Hall,	Mr M Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd D Ackroyd
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Hoe	Mr T Cross
	11.15am	Pet Service	Scarning	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd J Atkins
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	Mrs L Crick
	2.00pm	Baptism	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook.			

## News for the Pews

### Rector's Sponsored Walk/Canoe

Our treasurer Tim reported to Dereham PCC on Thursday that over £9,700 had been raised (inc Gift Aid to be claimed). This is an amazing result, and more is still coming in. Thank you to all who have supported and encouraged.

We are grateful for the sending off party at St Withburga's Church, Holkham and the large welcoming party that came to Ely to welcome us at the riverside.

The Dean and Chapter of Ely very kindly allowed us to bring the canoe into the Cathedral and caught the spirit of the occasion even if some of the visitors found it a bit odd to see a canoe enter the great west doors! Thanks to the Revd Canon Richard Hanmer who collected us from Brandon after an exhausting day and Major Arthur Purbrick who escorted us across STANTA. Tom Cross kindly arranged interviews with the press, radio and tv.

There are still some **sponsor forms are at the back of Church and our GoFundMe page can be found on [www.gofundme](http://www.gofundme)** or scan the QR code. Thank you,



Paul & Ed Cubitt

**Eco Church Today**, Sunday 4 May, marks International Dawn Chorus Day 2025. The R.S.P.B. has some top tips for enjoying it including a lovely video to watch if you are not able to get up to greet the dawn! Just google R.S.P.B. and search Dawn Chorus. Do take a look at the Eco Church board for more details. As part of our Eco Church commitment we hope to engage better with Nature and find ways of sustaining our natural environment. The R.S.P.B. site has lots of ideas as to how we can help declining species.

**Bible reading notes.** Subscriptions are now due for the next year. There is a small increase in the price but they are still very good value. Please make any cheques payable to Mary Jack as I pay for the total order on line. The new price is £15.75. New readers will be most welcome!

Thank you, Mary.

**Benefice Prayer meeting** Tuesday May 6th – an invitation.

You are invited to attend the Benefice prayer meeting which will be held at Woodgate Cottage, Woodgate, Swanton Morley, NR20 4NU, starting at 7:15pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. There is very limited parking space in the drive or outside on the lane, but some people park 100 yards further along the lane, at the junction with Frogs Hall Lane.

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](mailto: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.

### **Scarning Church Pet Service - Sunday 11th May at 11.15am**

Animals and pets are invited to bring along well behaved owners to a special service to celebrate All Creatures Great and Small. (Pets and animals need to be on a lead or suitably contained as we don't want any chased or escaping!)

**Mothers' Union May Meeting** will be on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in the Chancel of St Nicholas Church. This will be our annual Desert Island Discs, chosen this year by our Churchwarden Martin Hajee. All members of the congregation and friends are invited to join us for this popular event.

There is a **concert by Taverham Brass Band** with a VE Day theme at All Saints, Swanton Morley on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 (to be bought on the door), and school children get in for free.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - St Nicholas Church Fundraising Committee are hosting a **Three Course Lunch in celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.**

Venue - Church House

Time - 12 for 12.30pm

Tickets £14.00 (in advance) from Dianne Harbord (in Church) or call 07943 962593

**Organ concerts at St. Nicholas** this year will be on the four Fridays in June (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>) Please put these dates into your diaries, more details will follow soon.

**The Revd Rachael Dines' last service will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15am in Swanton Morley.** All are welcome to attend her last service or come across to the church for a bring-and-share lunch after the service (please bring a plate of food to share as catering for these occasions is impossible to gauge). Details about how to contribute to a farewell gift will follow.

**Recently departed:** Janet Shinn, Rodney Beckenham, Jean Howes, also Rob Fairbairn and Sally Mann.

**Those on the anniversary of their death:** Gordon Taylor and Ethel Brooks.

**For our prayers:** Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Cheryl Lister, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Val Stebbings, Ann Betts, Irene & John Farrall, Baby Forrest, June Burleigh, Barbara Beckett, Melva Brunning, Cyril Janes, Maureen & Peter Hart, and Robin & Joan Loveday, also Tommy Barnes.

Remember to email anything for the pew sheet to [derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com](mailto:derehamanddistrictteam@gmail.com) by 11.00am on a Tuesday. Thank you.

## Prayers and Collects

### **Invitation to confession**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and  
evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.  
*cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

### **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his  
risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Introductory sentence for the Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.  
*cf John 20.19*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **Blessing**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Our Clergy**

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This week's readings  
Two from:

Acts 9.1-6(7-20)  
Revelation 5.11-14  
John 21.1-19

Next week's readings  
Two from:

Acts 9.36-43  
Genesis 7.1-5,11-18; 8.6-  
18; 9.8-13  
Revelation 7.9-17  
John 10.22-30

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