

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 5th January, 2025

Sunday 5th Epiphany	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bradenham	The Ven A Hawes
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd R Dines
	9.30am	Cafe Church	Shipdham	Mrs H Jeckells
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
Mon 6th Epiphany	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Bible study	Shipdham Rectory	The Revd L Purnell
Tue 7th	2.30pm	Tom's Bible Study	Church House	Mr T Cross
	7.15pm	Prayer meeting	Eckling Grange	
Wed 8th	9.00am	Open Church	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.00am	Mothers Union meeting	Dereham	
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
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Thur 9th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company,	Swanton Morley	
	7.30pm	Extra bell ringing practice	Dereham	
Fri 10th	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
Sunday 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
Baptism of Christ	9.30am	Cafe Church, Bradenham	Village Hall	Mr T Cross
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	Mrs H Jeckells
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Hoe	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Scarning	The Revd R Dines
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
		Worship	Eckling Grange	The Revd L Purnell
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News for the Pews

Tom's Bible study group will recommence on Tuesday 7th January in Church House 2.30 to 4pm. All are welcome. We will be commencing a study of John's gospel, so it is a good opportunity to come for the first time if you have not been before. Any queries, please contact Tom on 01362 858612 or tomjcross@hotmail.com.

Benefice Prayer meeting January 7th – 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 7th January. 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 Wave of Prayer Wednesday January 8th at 11 am

This will take place in the Lady Chapel following refreshments at 10.45am . Members are invited to join the 10 am mid-week service of Holy Communion beforehand.

Thank you for the beautiful sanctuary flowers which help to brighten me when I am feeling poorly. Both Colin and I are hopeful that it is not too long before we can attend St. Nicholas again. We wish you all a Happy New Year, June Burleigh.

'Martin and I would like to say thank you very much for the beautiful sanctuary flowers. We would also like to say how humbled and blessed we felt by all of your messages and Christmas cards. Thank you again and God bless', Carol and Martin Hajee.

Don't forget that Christmas cards can be recycled but please note that any cards with glitter on will need to go in the general waste – they can cause what is termed as 'contamination' and must not be put in your recycling bin.

You can take your Christmas tree to the recycling centre for free. If it's a real tree, put it in the green waste container.

Give your wrapping paper the scrunch test - Each year we throw out enough wrapping paper to reach the moon. However, a majority of paper can be recycled, all you have to do is SCRUNCH IT, TO SORT IT! Once the wrapping paper has been ripped off your presents scrunch it in your hands, if it stays in a ball it can go in your recycling bin, but if it bounces back it will need to go into the rubbish bin.

Food Bank Parcels – Urgent needs are for long-life fruit juice, tinned meat and tinned tomatoes and instant mash. 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, sadly with the cost of living crisis there are many people who will find winter very difficult this year. Do bring your donations with you when you attend a service and place in the collection tub by the coffee table.

Recently Departed: Alan Lean & Andrew Cooper.

Those on the anniversary of their death: Brian Thompson, Barbara Wade, Imke Schreiber and Cynthia Udberg.

For our prayers: Jenny Taylor, Sylvia Blacker, Jean Fairweather, Keith Otty, Ann Betts, Doug Speed, Ong Song, Joan Gibson, Pat & Brian Ogden, Peter Hunt, Val Stebbings, Ailsa Whorton, Baby Forrest, Shirley Wharton, Cheryl Lister and Barbara Beckett.

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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as
his own. cf Titus 2.11-14

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Introductory sentence for the Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end. cf *Isaiah 9.6,7*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by
your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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
Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

Next week's readings, two from
Isaiah 43.1-7
Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-17. 21-22

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