

Dereham, Scarning,
East Bilney, Hoe,



Dereham & District
Team Ministry

Swanton Morley, Beetley with
Shipdham and Bradenham

This Week in our Churches

Week beginning 9th March, 2025

Sunday 9th <i>First</i> Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Dereham	The Revd L Purnell
	9.30am	Café Church	Bradenham Village Hall	The Revd D Fotherby Mrs H Jeckells
	9.30am	Parish Communion	East Bilney	The Revd D Ackroyd
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Hoe	Mr T Cross
	11.15am	Parish Communion (BCP)	Scarning	tbc
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Morning Prayer & Baptism	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
6.00pm	Compline, see on facebook			
Mon 10th	9.30am	Outdoor working party	Dereham	
	2.00pm	Funeral of Gwendoline Smith, Bradenham		The Revd L Purnell
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Dereham	
	7.30pm	Lent Course	Shipdham Rectory	The Revd L Purnell
Tue 11th	2.30pm	Hope Explored	Church House	The Revd P Cubitt
Wed 12th	9.00am	Open Church	Shipdham	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	2.00pm	Holy Communion,	Shipdham Manor	
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting	Eckling Grange	
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	Scarning	
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Shipdham	
	7.30pm	Dereham PCC	Church House	
Thur 13th	10.00am	Coffee, cake and company, Swanton Morley		
	7.30 pm	Hope Explored	Church House	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Extra bell ringing	Dereham	
Fri 14th	12.30pm	Lent Lunch	Church House	
	4.00pm	Cancer Memorial Service <i>Part of Dereham Purple Day with Dereham Cancer Care</i>	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Swanton Morley	
Sunday 16th Second Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	All Age Worship	Dereham	The Revd P Cubitt
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell & Mr M Purnell
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Beetley	The Revd R Dines
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Scarning	Mrs L Crick
	11.15am	Morning Praise & Baptism	Shipdham	The Revd L Purnell
	11.15am	Parish Communion	Swanton Morley	The Revd R Dines
	2.00pm	Baptism	Bradenham	The Revd L Purnell
6.00pm	Compline, see on Facebook			

News for the Pews

A note from Rev Rachael: I would like to thank all those from our community who have been so generous in their prayers, words and actions since my emergency eye surgery for a retinal detachment. It is something I hope you never have to go through!

The kindness and care I have received has been wonderful. Thank you so much. I am on the road to recovery and back at work, very gently. Ever mindful of the gift that is our NHS and the lovely ones who have supported me in many different ways. I thank God for you all. Rachael

Two Lent resources on your mobile:

Connect with God with the new **Everyday Faith app** and **Lectio 365 app**. Both these apps are available to download for iOS and Android. Go to the App Store or Google Play to download.

St. Nicholas Lent Lunches 2025

Friday March 14th : Friday March 21st : Friday March 28th : Friday April 11th

All lunches will be held in Church House, 12noon for 12.30pm. Please get a free ticket from Sue or Beverley to help us with numbers for catering, all proceeds from the lunches will be split between The Bishops Appeal 2025 and Church Funds.

Preparation of New Electoral Rolls 2025 in the Benefice.

Shipdham – Forms are available at the back of St Thomas' Chapel and in the porch. The forms must be returned to the church or to me by 10th March.

Sally Watters, All Saints' Shipdham ERO

Bradenham – Forms can be found at the back of church or from me. Please returned the completed forms to the church or me in person by 30th March.

Diana MacMullen St Andrew's Bradenham ERO

Beetley and East Bilney, Hoe, and Swanton Morley

Electoral Roll forms are in church now for you, so please pick one up to fill in.

Mothers' Union

This month's meeting is on Wednesday, 2.30pm in the Gatehouse at Eckling Grange where the Rev'd Ailsa Whorton was due to speak about her life and her work as an Army Padre but has had to cancel owing to an unexpected Army issue. Instead we have a Book Afternoon when members are invited to speak about a book they have read or a favourite that has impacted their life in some way. Partners and friends are invited to join us but please remind them to bring a mug.

Friday 14th March 4.00pm Dereham Cancer Care are holding their annual 'turning Dereham purple' service. More purple hearts are being attached to the hanging which should be in place by the middle of the week.

Eco tip You can now recycle your medicine & vitamin blister packets at Boots in Dereham Marketplace.

Go Green (er) for Lent The Lenten period gives us the opportunity to commit to give up something that brings a real benefit to nature and helps address climate change. Do take a look at the Eco Church board in St Nicholas for some ideas or email Kate at kate.baldry@hotmail.co.uk for some online links. One first action could be to calculate your carbon footprint. Use Climate Stewards' carbon footprint calculator and consider a few of the tips on how you can reduce your footprint.

Many thanks from Anne and Tim Eccleshall for this week's beautiful **Sanctuary flowers**. We have also received so many good wishes and promises of prayers from our church family at St Nicholas's that we feel very supported and this will greatly help us both through the coming months. Thank you

Easter Lilies at St Nicholas: If you would like to contribute towards a lily in memory of a loved one, to be placed in church as part of our Easter decorations, please put £2.50 per lily in an envelope clearly marked EASTER LILIES. Give your name and the name of the person to be remembered, hand to a churchwarden or place in the letterbox of Church House by the END OF MARCH.

The Fundraising Committee will be holding an **Easter Coffee Morning** on Saturday 19th of April from 10am to 12.30pm. There will be a raffle, tombola and cake stall in addition to delicious refreshments. If anyone would like to donate to any of the above stalls, we would be delighted. Please speak to any member of the Fundraising Committee if you are able to help with donations. Do please come and join us on the day and bring along friends and family, we would love to see you.

An update on the Building Project at St Nicholas

It is over 5 years since we at St Nicholas Church voted to put new facilities into our church. and we are ready to raise money to do the work. The PCC has agreed to split the project into two phases. Phase one will be to put two toilets in church. We hope to complete this in the next 12-18 months. Phase two, which will run in tandem, will be to enclose the chapel, install a kitchenette, preserve the Plantagenet painted ceiling and create storage space.

We have employed a professional fundraiser to apply for a Heritage Lottery Grant. We need to raise about £70k ourselves before the Grant bodies will consider our applications - there is less than £20k in the pot at the moment.

We have received several generous donations and legacies in the past few years, and we are very grateful for these. We have also raised funds from events in church, but we always have ongoing costs for the architect, conservation bodies and professionals.

Going forward, we are launching the project to the public on March 28th with an event in church. We hope to attract local businesses, organizations and civic leaders to support us. We will also set up a crowd funding page for online donations. The Rector is embarking on a sponsored walk and canoe trip starting on Easter Monday (21st) following the route of Withburga from Holkham to Ely.

This is our church, and it is our responsibility to raise the funds if we want toilets and complete the project. So, I am appealing to you all, that if you have any ideas, or know of any sources of funding from organizations that you are part of, or if you can fundraise yourself among friends and family, or would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please talk to me or the churchwardens. Together we can do this!

Thank you.

Lynn Hearn, Chair of the Building Project Group

Recently Departed: Gwen Smith, Patricia Walpole

Those on the Anniversary of their death: Stanley Burton, Malcolm Farrant, Mary Clarke and Joan Stack.

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, the Revd Rachael Dines, also Robin and Joan Loveday.

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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in
the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your
Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your
power to save;
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

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

cf Romans 5. 1,2

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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
Deuteronomy 26.1-11
Romans 10.8b-13
Luke 4.1-13

Next week's readings – two from
Genesis 15.1-12,17-18
Philippians 3.17 - 4.1
Luke 13.31-35

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