

The Parishes of Swaffham and Sporle

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A warm welcome to church today, whether you are joining us in person or online.

Sunday 20th November 2022

(Christ the King)

8 a.m. Holy Communion (Swaffham)

9.30 a.m. United Benefice Eucharist
Hymns: 563, 435 (1st tune), 601, 380.

2.00 p.m. Baptism of Lucy (Swaffham)

The week ahead

Morning prayer (Swaffham) 9 a.m. Mon. – Thurs.

Tuesday: 7.15 p.m. Choir practice

Wednesday: No midweek communion

Saturday: 9 – 4 Christmas Tree Festival starts

Sunday next 27th November

(Advent Sunday)

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Swaffham)

11.30 a.m. Eucharist (Sporle)

6.00 p.m. Advent Carol Service

News

Remembrance: Many thanks to the Royal British Legion and all who have helped prepare our churches for our Acts of Remembrance.

Christmas Coffee and table-top sale: Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of Saturday's event in so many ways. A total of £1,801.19 was raised for church funds: further details are on the noticeboard.

Friday 25th November 6.45 for 7 p.m.: as part of the Carter 22 celebrations there will be a talk by Revd Jacqui Horton at the Methodist Church on her personal journey with Carter, Tutankhamun and the Swaffham mosaic pyramid. No charge (donations invited); themed refreshments. Further details: 07912 379101

Christmas Tree Festival 26th November – 4th

December: do come along to enjoy the charity trees, sculptures and refreshments.

Advent Sunday 27th November 6 p.m.: Advent Carol Service with the Choir of St Peter & St Paul's Church.

Sunday 11th December: Civic Service with Cllr Stewart Bell, Mayor of Swaffham, and Swaffham Town Council.

Bible Study Group meets at Jan Edwards' house, usually on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m., and the next dates are: December 7th (not 21st), 4th and 18th January; 1st and 15th February. Ask Revd John Handley or Ralph Clarke for details.

Food Bank: donations of tinned vegetables other than baked beans would be welcomed. We have a box at the back of church and volunteers to deliver to the food bank. Many thanks.

DONR: donations to Swaffham Parish Church via text message: text CHURCH to 70580 to donate £5 (and there is a facility to add gift aid if you wish)

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride update: Veronica Hutchby has reported on the total collected – congratulations to her on reaching her £1,000 target for the Cycle Ride. A further amount of over £200 in Gift aid will be added to this. Wendy Hendrie raised a further £130. In due course a sum of around £650 will be returned to our church funds, with the remaining 50% staying with the Norfolk Churches Trust for repairs to Norfolk's beautiful church buildings. Many thanks to Veronica and Wendy and all who supported the cycle ride.

Communion arrangements: please feel free to receive the bread only if you wish. The common cup has been reintroduced, but intincting/dipping is not permitted for reasons of hygiene as well as to prevent contamination from gluten. Gluten-free wafers are available on request if needed.

For our prayers

Those who are sick (to be read out in church):

Henry Clark, Jo, Pernille Henman, Pauline Henman, Michelle Morano, Raymond, Pat Inman, John White, Wendy, Ted England, Andrew Spencer, John Whalebelly, Ron Hardman, Elsie Page, Terry Page, Roy Lawrence.

Pray also at home for: Lucy Wilkinson, Judy Walder, Jenny Luck, Neil Hopkins, Paul Goodman, Rick Richards, Elizabeth Fooks, Frances Smith, Jill Flack, Nancy Morgan, Sue Pick.

Those who have died:

Ron Cordell, Ken Eastwell.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Pray for those who mourn.