

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 8th May 2022 (Easter 4)

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Swaffham)

Hymns: 467, 492, 478, 453

Eucharistic Prayer B

11.30 a.m. Eucharist (Sporle)

Hymns: 484, 490, 186 (HON)

The week ahead

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

Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 10 a.m. Mothers' Union in the Baptist Church Rooms followed by shared lunch.

Saturday a.m. Coffee morning

Sunday next 15th May (Easter 5)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (Swaffham)

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Swaffham)

News

Sporle Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been postponed until Saturday 14th May at 11 a.m. in the Sporle community centre.

Sporle Plant Swap: Sunday 15th May at St Mary's, 2 – 4 p.m.

Lunch on 19th May in St Peter & St Paul's 12.30 p.m.: Tickets for this are available from Sheila

Fowler or Dorothy Starling. £7.50

Rogation: on **Sunday 22nd May** we will celebrate Rogation with an **11.30 a.m.** United Benefice service at **St Mary, Sporle**. There will also be a said Holy Communion service in Swaffham that morning at 9.30 a.m.

Ascension Day (26th May): there will be a Sung Eucharist at 6 p.m. this year at St Peter & St Paul's.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Friday 3rd June

3 p.m. Afternoon Tea - tickets now all sold.

Sunday 5th June 6 p.m. Songs of Praise

Please note that the civic service for the Queen's Jubilee will be held later in the year at the request of the incoming mayor. Details tba.

Mothers' Union 9th June 2 p.m.: Celebration Service for 121 years of Mothers' Union in

Swaffham. followed by refreshments.

Bishop Jane to preach. All welcome!

Bible Study Group: this meets usually on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Jan Edwards' house. Next date is May 18th. Further details from Revd John Handley or Ralph Clarke.

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)

We are gradually adjusting arrangements as we make our way out of lockdown. The congregation is no longer required to wear face coverings, but you may wish to, and we would ask all to respect those who wish to keep social distance.

The clergy will be happy to bring communion to anyone in the pews who would find this helpful, whether for reasons of shielding or mobility. The collection plate will continue to be at the back on arrival and will not be passed round. Hand sanitiser is provided.

At our 9.30 service this week, please use the main aisle to come to the altar rail for communion and return.

Gluten free wafers are available – simply let clergy or sidespeople know if the clergy are not already aware.

For our prayers

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Henry Clark, Jo, Pernille Henman, Pauline Henman, Michelle Morano, Raymond, Pat Inman, Pippa, John White, Wendy, Ted England, Archdeacon Ian.

Pray also at home for: Lucy Wilkinson, Judy Walder, Jenny Luck, Neil Hopkins, Paul Goodman, Rick Richards, Beverley Gardam, Elizabeth Fooks, Frances Smith, Audrey McGuinness, Jill Flack, Nancy Morgan, Derek Thackray.

Those who have died:

Mick Gear, Tom Sanderson, Vera Henery, Brenda Hanley, Carol Darby, Michael James.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pray for those who mourn.