

The Parishes of Swaffham

and Sporle

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A warm welcome to our churches.

We are open in Swaffham normally from 9am to 4pm
for all who wish to pray or simply visit.

Parish News for week beginning 05.05.2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham

9.30am Holy Communion (said) – Order One

6.00pm Evensong – BCP

Hymns: 175, 567, 20, 538 Psalm 45 v1-8

Readings: Song of Solomon 4.16-5.2; 8.6,7

Revelation 3.14-end

St Mary the Virgin, Sporle

11.30am Rogation Sunday Service at Town Farm,
Sporle

This week in Swaffham

Tue 7.15pm Choir Practice

Wed 10.00am Holy Communion – BCP

Thu ASCENSION DAY

10.00am Holy Communion with hymns.

The choir will lead the singing and we will be joined by
worshippers from the Nar Valley Group.

Thu 10.00am Mothers' Union meets in Baptist
Church Room Coffee from 9.30am

Speaker: Marie-Lyse Numuhoza MBE, Lay Canon of
Norwich Cathedral, trustee of MU, will talk about her
life story – From Refugee to Trustee

Sat 9.30am Saturday Morning Coffee [to 12noon]

This week in Sporle

Mon 3.00pm Merlitons Concert in St. Mary's

Sat 9.30am Benefice Meeting to discuss the 'Profile'
with Archdeacon Keith James, in the Community
Centre. All from Swaffham and Sporle are invited to
attend.

Sunday next, 12th May, Seventh of Easter

St Peter & St Paul, Swaffham

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Order One

St Mary the Virgin, Sporle

11.30am Holy Communion with hymns – Order One

Looking ahead

Fri 17th May NB the Coffee Morning publicised for
this date has been cancelled.

Sat 18th May 7.30pm Cawston Band Concert in
Swaffham Church.

Sun 19th May 2pm Plant Swap at St Mary's, Sporle
With tea and cake [to 4.30pm]

*For those who only wish to receive the sacrament under
the form of bread, please be assured that in doing so
you receive the fullness of Christ.*

*The dipping or intincting of the host in the wine is still
not permitted for reasons of hygiene.*

Spiritual Thought as we approach Ascension Day

At the Ascension God entrusts the world to us and
everyone in it ...to our care. There is no one except us
to do it. God waits for us to realise the need and to fill
it. It is about God's absence for us. But for Christ it is his
homecoming. Jesus' ascension bears our humanity to
the throne of God.

Paula Gooder – This Risen Existence

Those who are sick to be prayed for in church

Grace, Henry, Izabella, Pernilla Henman, Anne Knight,
Pauline Henman, Michelle Morano, John White, Wendy,
Andrew Spencer, Terry Page, Dr Katherine McKee,
Muriel Small, Catherine England, Lisa Hampton,
Hilary Hickman, Michael Doody, Steve Hodgkins, Susan,
Henry Barringer, Stephen Pitcher, Florence Handley,
Susan Kennington.

Pray also at home for:

Lucy Wilkinson, Paul Goodman, Rick Richards, Jill Flack,
Francis Smith, Judy Walder, Neil Hopkins, Pat Huxter,
Elizabeth Fooks, Jan Buckley-Stevens.

Pray for those who have died:

Michael Dillon, Christopher Fisher.

**Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and
let Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen**

Pray for all who are mourning their loved ones.

The Swaffham Second Collection for charity

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week in May is the perfect time for us, as
a church, to come together in celebration and
reflection. Pray this Christian Aid Week that people
pushed to the brink of poverty find the strength and
opportunity to push back harder and fulfil their hopes.
With our support Christian Aid can work towards a
world where families can escape the trap of poverty,
and fulfil their ambitions, a world where more families
can build reliable and diverse incomes that bring them
food, security, safe homes, increased resilience, and
hope. You can support the work of Christian Aid by
placing your donation in our Second Collection bowl.

Swaffham and Sporle welcome couples to be married in our churches. If you wish to book a wedding or make enquiries, please contact Revd. Adrian Bell on 01760 627039 or adrian.bell4@uwclub.net