

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 visitors

Sunday October 11th – Trinity 19

St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham

St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle

9:30am Sung Eucharist, Harvest Festival **11:00am** Eucharist

Hymns: MP 106, 806, 732, 147

2:00pm Baptism, Albie, Sonny & Frank Wilson

The Week Ahead

Sunday **3:00pm** Sporle, Flute Concert – The Mirliton Flute Group

Monday **10:00am** Swaffham Interment, George Willett

6:30pm Swaffham Harvest Supper

Tuesday **3:30pm** Jubilate Children's Choir

4:40pm Adult Choir Practice

7:00pm Silent Prayer, Contemplation and Meditation

Wednesday **10:00am** Eucharist

12:00pm Swaffham Funeral, Keith Potter

7:00pm Faith & Confirmation Group, The Vicarage

Thursday **All Day** Fr. Nigel Day Off

Friday **12:00pm** Swaffham Funeral, Charles Mathews

Saturday **9:30am – 12 noon** Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake

2:00pm Swaffham Baptism, Finley Heighington

3:00pm Organ Recital by Thomas Burt

We pray for those who are sick: *Kathryn Haynes, Fr. Richard Howells, Molly, Ivan Clarke, Leslie Iles-Hunt, Elaine Miller, Reuben Wheeler, Anthony Kershaw, Fred Heysmond*

We pray for those who have died: *Keith Potter, Charles Mathews, Robert Tyrrell, Shirley Smith, Paul Cater, Doreen Barrett*

Sunday next 18th October – St. Luke/Trinity 20

8:00am Said Eucharist

9:30am Joint Benefice Sung Eucharist with St. Mary's Sporle

Hymns: CP 227, 320, 290, 437 Readings: Isaiah 35.3-6, 2 Timothy 4.5-17, Luke 10.1-9

2:00pm Baptism – Finley Hunt

Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the

generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Matthew 6.25-33

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Baptism - Please pray for Albie, Sonny & Frank Wilson who are being baptised this Sunday and Finley Heighington on Saturday 17th October.

Urgent – Vacancy for Safeguarding Officer – If anyone with some computer skills would like to discuss this essential role, please contact Fr. Nigel.
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Sidesman 8:00am Services – Is there an 8:00am attendee who would be willing to carry out the Sidesman role?

Safeguarding Audit – As part of the large Safeguarding Audit being undertaken by the Church of England we are all invited and encouraged to complete an online survey regarding safeguarding in our church. Please could you consider doing this? It will take you about 10 minutes. The link is:

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/norwich/> Make sure that you put St Peter & St Paul, Swaffham or St Mary's, Sporle as your church and choose the Parish Community survey. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family in Swaffham.

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride: Veronica would like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship. This year £1251 was raised (£150 more than last year) and to this a further £250 Gift Aid tax relief will be added. In due course half of the total will be returned to St Peter & St. Paul with the remainder staying with the Norfolk Churches Trust.

Monday 12th October 6:30pm – Harvest Supper, tickets £10 from Sheila Fowler or Dorothy Starling

Saturday 17th October 3pm – Organ recital by Thomas Burt, guest organist from West Norfolk. Free entry with retiring collection in aid or the organ fund.

Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake – Plea for bakers to make the occasional cake for the Saturday morning coffees, if you can help in any way please speak to Susan or Veronica – thank you.

Second Collection October – YANA, **You Are Not Alone**. Supporting those working in agriculture and rural businesses across East Anglia. Launched in 2008, YANA helps to improve mental health and wellbeing in farming and rural communities, where people can often feel isolated and under pressure.

Bible Discussion Group – The next meeting is Wednesday October 7th at 15 Wroxham Avenue, Swaffham at 2.30pm. If you like to try a taster session, please ask Ralph Clarke or Rev John Handley.

Safeguarding Information – Statutory safeguarding information is displayed at the back of both Swaffham and Sporle Churches, along with a file with general safeguarding information in Swaffham Church. Please do not remove any of the contents or the file itself. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Safeguarding officer Sporle: Denise Corsini on 07969 083121. For Swaffham: Sue Brice, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer on 01603 882345 or email safeguarding@diocesesofnorwich.org during the vacancy.

Additions for the Pew Sheet – If you have anyone you wish to add to the sick or departed lists, or an event/notice you wish to advertise here, please send the information before 1200 on Thursday to Jo, the Parish Administrator at: swaffhamparishchurch@gmail.com or give the information to the vicar or churchwardens. This allows time for inputting, checking and printing, thank you. www.swaffhamparishchurch.org