

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 September 13th – Holy Cross Day (Trinity 15)

<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
9:30am Sung Eucharist Hymns: MP 400, 988, 111, 187 2:00pm Baptism for Percy, Nola and Ivy Buckenham	11:00am Eucharist

The Week Ahead

Sunday	2 – 5pm Lazy Sunday Afternoon at Sporle Church
Tuesday	3:30pm Jubilate Children's Choir 4:40pm Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist 7:00pm Faith & Confirmation Group
Thursday	All Day Fr. Nigel Day Off
Friday	11:00am Swaffham Funeral, Ena Ely 6:00pm Sporle, Harvest service followed by Harvest Supper
Saturday	9:30am – 12 noon Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake 1:30pm Rehearsal Norwich Sinfonietta (Swaffham Arts)

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

We pray for those who have died: Ann Corley, Joan Goodchild, Anne Handley, Jimmy Harvey, Bill Smith, Ena Ely, Revd. Sally Kimmiss, Keith Potter

Sunday next 20th September – Trinity 16

8:00am Sung Eucharist, St Peter & St Paul 9:30am Joint Benefice Sung Eucharist with St. Mary's, Sporle Hymns: CP 604, 583, 432, 81 Readings: Jonah 3.10-end of 4, Philippians 1.21-end, Matthew 20.1-16
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Collect

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Philippians 2.6-11

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 3.13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in

him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

Urgent – Vacancy for Safeguarding Officer - Sadly, Michael, our Safeguarding Officer, has had to resign for health reasons. We are very grateful for Michael's input in the last year and are very sad to lose him. 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?

Baptism – Please pray for Percy, Nola & Ivy Buckenham who are being Baptised this Sunday, 13th September.

Can you help? – A gentleman is seeking transport from Necton to the 9:30am Sunday service. If you are able to assist, please speak to Bernard Hunt.

Christian Foundations and Adult Confirmation Group – Open to all! Next session, 7pm Wednesday 16th September at The Vicarage, White Cross Road. An opportunity to explore the foundations of the Christian faith and ask

questions, leading to Confirmation for those who wish to be Confirmed.
Contact Fr. Nigel on: swaffhamsporlepriest@gmail.com or 07443937050.

Friday 18th September 6:00pm – Sporle Church. Please come and join us to celebrate the harvest, followed by a Harvest Supper at Sporle Community Centre.

Sunday September 20th 3:00pm Norwich Sinfonietta Concert (Swaffham Arts)

Sunday September 27th 3:00pm - Chanters Jigge brings you 'Tudor Portrait', free celebration of the Tudor period, featuring traditional music, storytelling and the chance to learn about Swaffham in the Tudor Times.

Sunday 4th October 3:00pm – Advance Notice: Pets service with donkeys, at Sporle Church. Bring your favourite pet for a short service and a blessing.

Sunday 11th October 3pm – Mirliton Flute Group play a programme "Dance music throughout the age" in Sporle Church. Retiring collection.

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, September – Emmaus is a movement of charities that empowers people to overcome homelessness. We provide the foundation of a home and life-changing package of tailored support. We equip people with valuable skills, training and work experience to achieve their goals. Working together, we're ending homelessness one person at a time.

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: please contact Jo (Parish Administrator) or Veronica (Church Warden) 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