

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 August 16th – Trinity 11

St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham

St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle

8:00am Said Eucharist

9:30am Sung Eucharist

Hymns: CP 557, 497, 477, 598

11:00am Patronal Eucharist for the
Blessed Virgin Mary

2:00pm Swaffham Baptism, Alissia & Casper

The Week Ahead

Tuesday **11:30am** Swaffham Funeral, Adam Greenacre

Wednesday **10:00am** Eucharist

2.00pm Funeral Graham Garrod

7:00pm Faith & Confirmation Group at The Vicarage

Thursday **All Day** Fr. Nigel Annual Leave, returns Friday 28th August

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

3:00pm Organ Recital – Gabriel de Laharpe (Paris)

We pray for those who are sick: *Kathryn Haynes, Richard Brocklehurst, Ivan Clarke, Fr. Richard Howells, Andrew Emrich, Leslie Iles-Hunt, Molly, Mrs Betty Maynard, Susan, Elaine Miller*

We pray for those who have died: *Adam Greenacre, Graham Garrod, Mrs Ann Corley, Joan Goodchild, Anne Handley*

Sunday next 23rd August – Trinity 12

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Peter & St Paul **11:00am** Morning Prayer, St Mary's

Hymns: CP 375, 426, 384, 277

Readings: Isaiah 43.8-13, Acts 5.12-16, Luke 22.24-30

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

This is what the Lord says: “Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” The Sovereign Lord declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Matthew 15.21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering

terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday 22nd August 3pm – Organ Recital by Gabriel de Laharpe, guest organist at Saint Jean Baptist de La Salle, Paris.

Free admission. Donations for St. Peter & St. Paul. Refreshments

Baptism – Please pray for Alissia and Casper, who are being baptised this Sunday.

Friday 28th August 6:30pm – Ralph Allwood Singers – “the Cloud Capp’d Towers”. A concert directed by Ralph Allwood MBE with students from London music colleges on their Norfolk tour. Proceeds after expenses to St. Peter & St. Paul. Tickets £12.50 in advance from Museum and Veronica or £15 on the door.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride 2026 -Once again, Veronica will be pedal pushing for this event on Saturday September 12th. She is looking for sponsors (please!) and for anyone who would like to accompany her. Sponsor forms available after the Sunday service.

Flower Festival 28th - 31st August - Donations in memory of loved ones are welcomed and those names may be listed in the programme if so desired; Speak with Sheila, Jan or Jean B.. Help would be appreciated with refreshments during the four-day festival, i.e. baking, serving and washing up. Maggie Clews is coordinating this and a list of dates and time slots is available.

Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake – additional volunteers and bakers needed for Saturday's, if you can help in any way please speak to Susan or Veronica.

Christian Foundations and Adult Confirmation Group – Open to all! Next session, 7pm Wednesday 19th August 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.

Second Collection, August – Convoy of Hope. Whether it's feeding children, empowering women, training farmers, responding to disasters, or serving a community in need, the goal is to bring help and hope where they are needed most. Convoy is proud to work through churches, businesses, government agencies, and other non-profits to provide help and hope to those who are impoverished, hungry, and hurting.

Bible Discussion Group – The next meeting is Wednesday September 2nd 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 Swaffham: Michael Atkinson on 07936 321653 or Sporle: Denise Corsini on 07969 083121.

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