

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

<u>Sunday July 19th – Trinity 7</u>	
<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
8:00am <i>Said Eucharist</i>	
9:30am <i>Benefice Sung Eucharist with St. Mary's, Sporle</i>	
Hymns: CP 1, 268, 262, 591	
12–3pm <i>Ecumenical Picnic and BBQ –</i>	
<i>Catholic Church of Our Lady of Pity</i>	

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	No Choir practice today
Wednesday	All Day until Friday 31st Fr. Nigel on Annual Leave
	10:00am BCP Eucharist
Thursday	From 2:00pm Pipe Organ Assessment
Friday	7:00pm The Iceni Consort – Gilded Echoes Concert
Saturday	9:30am – 12noon Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake

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

We pray for those who have died: *Gillian Gay, Scott Atkins, Ruby Cummins*

Sunday next 26^h July – Trinity 8

9:30am Sung Eucharist St Peter & St Paul	11:00am Eucharist at St Mary's
Hymns: CP 448, 494, 442, 590	
Readings: Jeremiah 45.1-5, Acts 11.27- 12.2, Matthew 20.20-28	

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16-19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly...
For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan

inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Friday 24th July – 7pm, The Icení Consort, Gilded Echoes - Convivium Concert, tickets £12.50 from Swaffham Museum & Eventbrite.

Church Kitchen – Due to necessary floor repairs, the kitchen will not be accessible Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July.

Prayer Board: The requests for prayers are currently exceeding available space and although this is a good problem, we need to decrease the time requests remain on the board to 2 weeks. This will start from July 25.

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 will be coordinating this and a list of dates and time slots will be 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! 7pm Wednesday evenings 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, July – British Heart Foundation (BHF), Every 3 minutes, someone in the UK dies from cardiovascular disease. It can affect anyone. Your support helps BHF fund research that helps save lives, they are the biggest independent funder of research into cardiovascular disease in the UK.

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.