

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 September 20th – Trinity 16</u>	
<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
8:00am Said Eucharist	
9:30am Joint Benefice Sung Eucharist with St. Mary's, Sporle	
Hymns: CP 604, 583, 432, 81	

The Week Ahead

Sunday	3:00pm Norwich Sinfonietta
Monday	10:00am Eucharist, St. Matthew
	2:00pm Sporle Monday Cafe, Sporle Community Centre
Tuesday	3:30pm Jubilate Children's Choir
	4:40pm Adult Choir Practice
	7:00pm Silent Prayer, Contemplation and Meditation
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
	11:30am Swaffham Funeral, Bill Smith
	2:00pm Swaffham PCC Meeting
	7:30pm Faith & Confirmation Group
Thursday	All Day Fr. Nigel Day Off
Friday	2:00pm Swaffham Funeral, Jimmy Harvey
Saturday	9:30am – 12 noon Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake

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: *Jimmy Harvey, Bill Smith, Ena Ely, Revd. Sally Kimmiss, Keith Potter, Charles Matthews*

Sunday next 27th September – Trinity 17

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Peter & St Paul	11:00am Eucharist, St. Mary's
Hymns: CP 301, 391, 466, 525	
Readings: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end, Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32	

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Jonah 3.10-end of 4

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20.1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Urgent – Vacancy for Safeguarding Officer – If anyone with some computer skills would like to discuss this essential role, please contact Fr. Nigel.

Sidesman 8:00am Services – Is there an 8:00am attendee who would be willing to carry out the Sidesman role?

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, 7:30pm Wednesday 23rd 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.

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: Sue Brice, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer on 07958 377079, 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.
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