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 3pm for visitors

Sunday November 22nd – Christ the King/1 *before Advent*	
St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham	***St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle***
9:30am Sung Eucharist Hymns: 380, 589, 432, 398	**11:00am** Morning Prayer

The Week Ahead

Monday to Friday Christmas Tree Festival Preparation
Monday **10:00am** Flower Meeting
Tuesday **3:30pm** Jubilate! Children's Choir
4:40pm Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday **10:00am** Eucharist
Saturday **9:30am** Coffee & Cake
10:00am - 4:00pm Christmas Tree Festival - with all day refreshments

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

We pray for those who have died: *Phyllis Hubbard, Fred Heysmond, Frank Bowes*

Sunday next 29th November – Advent 1

8:00am Said Eucharist
9:30am Joint Benefice with St. Mary's Sporle
Hymns: 492, 35, 26, 31
Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-37
4:00pm Lantern Parade followed by Carols in Church
6:00pm Advent Carol Service

Collect
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ephesians 1.15-end
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who

believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25.31-end

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Servers – We desperately need more people who are willing to serve at the altar on Sundays (8:00am & 9:30am). If this could be you, please speak to Fr. Nigel 07443 937050 or swaffhamsporlepriest@gmail.com

Faith Explored Group – Will reconvene on December 16th. This is after the Confirmations to be held on 9th December at 7:30pm in church. Last call for anyone wishing to be Confirmed please contact Fr. Nigel on: 07743 937050 or swaffhamsporlepriest@gmail.com

Christmas Tree Festival – Saturday 28th November – Sunday 6th December from 10am – 4pm (Sundays 11am - 4pm), refreshments available daily.

Friday 4th December 7:00 (full) & 9:00pm, Lumos Christmas Concerts

Saturday 5th December 7:30pm, Cawston Brass Band

Sunday 6th December 6:30pm, Britten Sinfonia Concert of Christmas Music. Free admission.

Please Note – Funeral to be held on Friday 4th December at 11:00am.

Second Collection November – Samaritans help people by providing listening and support in times of emotional distress or despair. They offer a 24/7 helpline where trained volunteers are available to listen without judgement or pressure. This service is accessible to anyone who is struggling to cope, including those who may be at risk of suicide. Samaritans also work to prevent crisis by offering ways to cope and the skills to support others.

Bible Discussion Group – The next meeting is Wednesday 18th November 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 Safeguarding Team: Carol Hart, Lewis Lewis or Joe Marks on: 07759 494670 or email: safeguardingswaffham@gmail.com

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