

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 August 23rd – Trinity 12</u>	
<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
9:30am Sung Eucharist Hymns: CP 375, 426, 384, 277	11:00am Morning Prayer

The Week Ahead

Fr. Nigel on leave. Returns Friday 28th.

Monday **2:00pm** Sporle Monday Cafe

Tuesday **10am – 4pm** *Setting up for Flower Festival*

Wednesday **10:00am** Eucharist

11am – 4pm *Setting up for Flower Festival*

7:00pm Faith & Confirmation Group at The Vicarage

Thursday **10am – 4pm** *Setting up for Flower Festival*

Friday **10am - 4pm** Flower Festival

4:30pm Choir rehearsing

6:30pm Ralph Allwood Singers Concert

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

10am - 4pm Flower Festival

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, Mrs Mabel Colman*

Sunday next 30th August – Trinity 13

8:00am Said Eucharist, St Peter & St Paul

9:30am Joint Benefice with St. Mary's, Sporle

Hymns: CP 621, 383, 393, 386

Readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21, Romans 12.9-end, Matthew 16.21-end

6:00pm Flower Festival Songs of Praise

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive 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.

Isaiah 43.8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Acts 5.12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Luke 22.24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called

benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

‘You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Flower Festival 28th - 31st August – Help still required with refreshments and stewarding during the four-day Festival. There are lists at the rear of the church for these. Please volunteer if able.

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. In addition, Naomi and Biddy Vogel will be cycling for the benefit of Sporle, and like Veronica will also be looking for sponsors.

Sunday September 13th 2-5pm – The Lazy Sunday Afternoon, tea, cake and stalls outside the church at Sporle.

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.

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 9th 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.

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