

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 October 25th – Bible Sunday

<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
9:30am Sung Eucharist Hymns: 619, 321, 267, 584	11:00am Eucharist

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	10:00am Sporle PCC 4:40pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm Silent Prayer, Contemplation & Meditation
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist 2:00pm Swaffham PCC (agenda at rear of church) 7:00pm Faith Explored Group at The Vicarage, Swaffham
Thursday	All Day Fr. Nigel Day Off
Friday	3:00pm Organ Restoration Meeting
Saturday	9:30am – 12 noon Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake

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

We pray for those who have died: *Keith Potter, Charles Mathews, Robert Tyrrell, Shirley Smith, Doreen Barret, Molly,*

Sunday next 1st November – All Saints' Day

9:30am Sung Eucharist Hymns: 219, 550, 228, 232 Readings: Revelation 7.9-end, 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12 3:30pm All Souls Service Hymns: 594, 352, 384, 152	11:00am Eucharist
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Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Nehemiah 8.1-6, 8-12

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam. Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve." Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy,

because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

Colossians 3.12-17

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 24.30-35

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Safeguarding Audit – As part of the large Safeguarding Audit being undertaken by the Church of England we are all invited and encouraged to complete an online survey regarding safeguarding in our church. Please could you consider doing this? It will take you about 10 minutes. The link is:

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/norwich/> Make sure that you put St Peter & St Paul, Swaffham or St Mary's, Sporle as your church and choose the Parish Community survey. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family in Swaffham or Sporle.

Faith Explored Group – Wednesday 28th October, 7pm The Vicarage, White Cross Road. **Confirmation** in Church 9th December at 7:30pm, anyone wishing to be Confirmed please contact Fr. Nigel at swaffhamsporlepriest@gmail.com or on: 07743 937050.

Saturday 7th November – from 5pm, **Saturday Jazz**, vocalist and bassist Ruth Bowen, a regular of the Brecon Jazz Festival. She will be joined by Nick Moore and Pete Wild, playing popular standards. £10 entry on the door. Full bar.

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 October – YANA, **You Are Not Alone**. Supporting those working in agriculture and rural businesses across East Anglia. Launched in 2008, YANA helps to improve mental health and wellbeing in farming and rural communities, where people can often feel isolated and under pressure.

Bible Discussion Group – The next meeting is Wednesday 4th 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: Sue Brice, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer on 01603 882345 or email safeguarding@diocesesofnorwich.org 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. www.swaffhamparishchurch.org