

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 26th – Trinity 8</u>	
<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
9:30am Sung Eucharist Hymns: CP 448, 494, 442, 590	11:00am Morning Prayer

The Week Ahead

Monday	2:00pm Sporle Monday Cafe
Tuesday	No Adult Choir Practice – resumes on September 1st
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist – Mary & Martha
Friday	8:00pm Wedding Rehearsal Allen & Winfindale
Saturday	9:30am – 12noon Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake 1:30pm Swaffham Wedding – Allen & Winfindale

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: *Catherine Ashford, Adam Greenacre*

Sunday next 2nd August – Trinity 9

9:30am Sung Eucharist St Peter & St Paul Hymns: CP 536, 288, 272, 455 Readings: Isaiah 55.1-5, Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21	11:00am Eucharist at St Mary's 6:00pm Evensong Hymns: CP 555, 385, 19, 278 Readings: Psalm 80, 10 Kings 10.1-13, Acts 13.1-13
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Collect

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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.

Jeremiah 45.1-5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, 'Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

Acts 11.27-12.2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Matthew 20.20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the

cup that I am about to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We are able.’ He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Flower Group Meeting – Monday 3rd August, 10am Pre Flower Festival meeting.

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.

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.

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.