

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 27th – Trinity 17</u>	
<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
9:30am Sung Eucharist Hymns: CP 301, 391, 466, 525	11:00am Eucharist

The Week Ahead

Sunday	3:00 – 5:00pm Chanters Jigge
Monday	10:00am Safeguarding Audit 2:00pm Flower Group Meeting
Tuesday	10:00am Eucharist, St Michael and All Angels 3:30pm Jubilate Children's Choir 4:40pm Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist 7:00pm Faith & Confirmation Group, The Vicarage
Thursday	All Day Fr. Nigel Day Off
Friday	All Day Administrator on annual leave (<i>returns Wednesday 7th</i>) 2:30pm Heartwood School Harvest Festival
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, Barry Raphael

We pray for those who have died: Jimmy Harvey, Bill Smith, Keith Potter, Revd. Sally Kimmiss, Charles Matthews, Paul Cater, Canon Michael Sexton

Sunday next 4th October – Francis of Assisi/Trinity 18

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Peter & St Paul Hymns: CP 250, 498, 618, 258 Readings: Micah 6.6-8, Galatians 6.14-18, Luke 12.22-34 6:00pm - Evensong, Trinity 18 Readings: Psalm 136, Proverbs 2.1-11, 1 John 2.1-17 Hymns: CP 532, 386, 449, 11	3:00pm Pet Service at St. Mary's
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Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form

of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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.

Christian Foundations and Adult Confirmation Group – Open to all! Next session, 7:00pm Wednesday 30th 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 4th October 3:00pm – Pets service with donkeys, at Sporle Church. Bring your favourite pet for a short service and a blessing.

Saturday 10th October 1:45pm – We Love Concerts presents: Sirens at the Helm & Nelson's Shanty-men. **7:30pm** Landslide – The Fleetwood Mac Concert. Box Office on: 07879 208141 or visit: www.weloveconcerts.com

Sunday 11th October – Swaffham Harvest Festival, Tinned and/or packet Harvest gifts welcomed.

Sunday 11th October 3pm – Mirliton Flute Group play a programme "Dance music throughout the age" in Sporle Church. Retiring collection.

Saturday 17th October 3pm – Organ recital by Thomas Burt, guest organist from West Norfolk. Free entry with retiring collection for the organ fund.

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.

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. www.swaffhamparishchurch.org