

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 2nd – Trinity 9</u>	
<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
9:30am Sung Eucharist Hymns: CP 536, 288, 272, 455 6:00pm Evensong, Hymns: CP 555, 385, 19, 278 Readings: Psalm 80, 1 Kings 10.1-13, Acts 13.1-13	11:00am Eucharist

The Week Ahead

Monday	10:00am Flower Group Meeting
Tuesday	11:00am Pipe Organ Assessment Visit
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist 2 – 4pm Swaffham PCC
Thursday	10:00am Said Eucharist – The Transfiguration 2:30pm Celebration of Life – Catherine Ashford
Friday	All Day Administrator on annual leave returns Monday 17 th 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal Atkins & Lawrence
Saturday	9:30am – 11:30am Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake 1:00pm Swaffham Wedding – Atkins & Lawrence

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 9th August – Trinity 10

9:30am Sung Eucharist St Peter & St Paul - 150 th Anniversary of Mothers' Union Hymns: MP 428, 456, 806, 200 Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18, Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33	11:00am Eucharist at St Mary's
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Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 55.1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Romans 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is

now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday 22nd August 3pm – Organ Recital by Gabriel de Laharpe, Guest organist at Saint Jean Baptist de la Salle, Paris. Free admission. Donations for St. Peter & St. Paul. Refreshments.

Friday 28th August 6:30pm – “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 to 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 is coordinating this. A list of dates and time slots is available at the back of church.

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.

Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake – additional volunteers and bakers needed for Saturday's. If you can help please speak to Susan or Veronica.

Christian Foundations and Adult Confirmation Group – Open to all! Next session, 7pm Wednesday 12th August, 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 raised £88.00.

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.

100 Club Winners for July - 1st 79, 2nd 9, 3rd 63.

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