

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 30th – Trinity 13</u>	
<u>St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham</u>	<u>St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle</u>
8:00am Said Eucharist	
9:30am Joint Benefice with St. Mary's, Sporle	
Hymns: CP 621, 383, 393, 386	
6:00pm Flower Festival Songs of Praise	

The Week Ahead

B/H Monday	10am - 4pm Flower Festival
Tuesday	2:00pm Celebration of Life Anne Handley, Swaffham *Please see note regarding car park 4:00pm Visit by The Friends of York Minister 5:30pm Adult Choir Practice – note later time
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist 2:00pm Funeral Mabel Colman, Sporle
Thursday & Friday All Day	Fr. Nigel Day Off
Saturday	9:30am – 12 noon Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake 10:00am Sporle PCC 2:00pm Baptism, Swaffham 7:30pm Dereham Brass Band, Jack Peachy Memorial Concert – Free

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, Elaine Miller*

We pray for those who have died: *Mrs Ann Corley, Joan Goodchild, Anne Handley, Mrs Mabel Colman, Jimmy Harvey*

Sunday next 6th September – Trinity 14

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Peter & St Paul	11:00am Eucharist, St Mary's
Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11, Romans 13.8 – end, Matthew 18.15-20	
Hymns: CP 334, 608, 427, 626	
3:00pm County RBL Standard Rededication (Parade starting at 2:30pm)	
6:00pm Evensong	
Readings: Psalm 108, Ezekiel 12.21-13.16, Acts 19.1-20 Hymns: CP 571, 416, 40, 22	

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 15.15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Romans 12.9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on

you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sidesman 8:00am Services – Is there an 8:00am attendee who would be willing to carry out the Sidesman role? With grateful thanks to Ian for your service in this role.

Baptism - Please pray for George Wesley Baxter who is to be Baptised on Saturday 5th September.

***PLEASE NOTE CHURCH CAR PARK, 1st SEPTEMBER:-** The Car Park will be closed on Tuesday 1st September, there will be limited disabled parking from 1:00pm.

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.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride 2026 - Once again, Veronica will be pedal pushing for this event on Saturday September 12th. 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.

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 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 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