

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

Sunday September 6th – Trinity 14

St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham

St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle

9:30am Sung Eucharist

11:00am Eucharist

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

The Week Ahead

Monday **2:00pm** Sporle Monday Cafe

Tuesday **10:00am** Eucharist – Birth of John the Baptist

3:30pm Jubilate Children's Choir

4:40pm Adult Choir Practice

7:00pm Silent Prayer, Contemplation and Meditation

Wednesday **10:00am** Eucharist

7:00pm Faith & Confirmation Group at the Vicarage

7:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, Swaffham

Thursday **All Day** Fr. Nigel Day Off

10:00am Mothers' Union, Baptist Church Rooms

Saturday **9:30am – 12 noon** Saturday Morning Coffee & Cake

2:00pm Swaffham Wedding, Lee Rodwell & Hayley Hoare

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, Reuben Wheeler*

We pray for those who have died: *Ann Corley, Joan Goodchild, Anne Handley, Mrs Mabel Colman, Jimmy Harvey, Bill Smith, Ena Ely, Revd. Sally Kimmiss*

Sunday next 13th September – Trinity 15

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Peter & St Paul **11:00am** Eucharist, St Mary's

Hymns: MP 400, 988, 111, 187 Readings: Numbers 21.4-9, Philippians 2.6-11, John 3.13-17

2:00pm Baptism, Swaffham

2:00pm Lazy Sunday Afternoon, Sporle

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 33.7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Romans 13.8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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.

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.

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.

Thursday 10th September – Mothers' Union meet at the Baptist Church Room, 9:30am onwards for refreshments, 10am start. ALL WELCOME!

Flower Festival 2026 - £4010.09 has been raised. Thank you and well done to all involved.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride 2026 – Last opportunity to sponsor Veronica, Naomi and Biddy who will be cycling next Saturday, September 12th to raise money for Swaffham & Sporle Churches.

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.

100 Club Winning Numbers for August - 1st 95, 2nd 22 & 3rd 16 – congratulations!

Second Collection, August – Convoy of Hope, £61.50 raised, thank you.

Second Collection, September – Emmaus (pronounced em-may-us) 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 skill, training and work experience to achieve their goals. Working together, we're ending homelessness one person at a time.

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