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 3pm for visitors

Sunday November 8th – *Remembrance Sunday/3 before Advent*

St. Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham	***St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle***
9:00am Said Eucharist **10:45am** Remembrance Service, War Memorial then Church Hymns: 537, 427, 384, Eternal Father, 354	**10:45am** Remembrance Service at St. Mary's, Sporle

The Week Ahead

Tuesday **11:30am** Interment of ashes Peter & Kathleen Darby
3:30pm Jubilate! Children's Choir
4:40pm Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday **10:00am** Eucharist
11:00am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
7:00pm Faith Explored Group, at The Vicarage, Swaffham

Thursday **All Day** Fr. Nigel Day Off
10:00am Mothers' Union, Baptist Church Rooms

Friday **All Day** Fr. Nigel Day Off

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

We pray for those who are sick: *Kathryn Haynes, Fr. Richard Howells, Ivan Clarke, Leslie Iles-Hunt, Elaine Miller, Reuben Wheeler, Anthony Kershaw, Helen Dye*

We pray for those who have died: *Shirley Smith, Doreen Barret, Molly, Phyllis Hubbard, Dorothy Baker, Sue Wallis, Fred Heysmond*

Sunday next 15th November – 2 before Advent

8:00am Said Eucharist
9:30am Joint Benefice Sung Eucharist with St. Mary's Sporle
Hymns: 4, 383, 385, 571
Readings: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30
2:00pm Baptism – Charlotte Crundwell

Collect
Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25.1-13
'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they

took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please pray for Charlotte Crundwell who is to be baptised next Sunday.

Please congratulate our new Parish Safeguarding Team. We now have three Parish Safeguarding Officers: Carol Hart, Louise Lewis and Joe Marks. Their pictures and contact details will soon be on posters around church and on our website.

Faith Explored Group – Wednesday 11th November, 7pm The Vicarage, White Cross Road. **Confirmation** in Church 9th December at 7:30pm, anyone wishing to be Confirmed please contact Fr. Nigel at swaffhamsporlepriest@gmail.com or on: 07743 937050.

Mothers’ Union are meeting on Thursday 12th November, 9:30am onwards in the Baptist Church Rooms where we shall be enjoying some Christmas craft activities. All welcome!

Saturday 21st November – 9:30am – 12:30pm Christmas Bazaar – Refreshments, Festive Draw & Many Seasonal Stalls.

Christmas Tree Festival – Saturday 28th November – Sunday 6th December from 10am – 4pm (except Sundays 11am - 4pm), refreshments available every day.

Friday 4th December 7:00 & 9:00pm, Lumos Christmas Concerts

Saturday 5th December 7:30pm, Cawston Brass Band

Sunday 6th December 6:30pm, Britten Sinfonia

Stewards – Fr. Nigel & Church Wardens – Would like to thank our wonderful team of Stewards who have welcomed visitors to our church throughout the summer months. We appreciate your time and support, and hope you have enjoyed meeting and greeting our many visitors while sharing your knowledge of this magnificent church.

Second Collection November – Samaritans help people by providing listening and support in times of emotional distress or despair. They offer a 24/7 helpline where trained volunteers are available to listen without judgement or pressure. This service is accessible to anyone who is struggling to cope, including those who may be at risk of suicide. Samaritans also work to prevent crisis by offering ways to cope and the skills to support others.

Bible Discussion Group – The next meeting is Wednesday 18th November 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 01603 882345 or email safeguarding@diocesesofnorwich.org 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