

The Parishes of Swaffham and Sporle

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Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting our website and hope that you will enjoy your experience reading it. We would be delighted to meet you in person once that is allowed, particularly those who are new to our parishes. Meanwhile do look for us on Facebook under Swaffham Parish Church (where services are being livestreamed) and under Sporle Parish Church of St. Mary.

Parish News week beginning 29.11.2020

First Sunday of Advent

ST PETER & ST PAUL, SWAFFHAM

9.30am Eucharist – Order One

A brief Order of Service, including the hymn words, is posted on the right-hand side of our webpage. Click on the 'ADVENT SUNDAY' button. The services are livestreamed from our Facebook page entitled Swaffham Parish Church.

Tues afternoon Evening Prayer – CW

Wed 10.00am Morning Prayer – BCP

Thu afternoon Evening Prayer – CW

The week ahead in Swaffham

Mon Andrew the Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland

1.45pm Funeral of Alan Fisk at Mintlyn

Wed PCC Meeting

6th Dec. Second Sunday of Advent

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, SWAFFHAM

The church will be open for public worship

9.30am Eucharist – Order One

Christmas Cake Raffle A large and a small cake are being raffled for Church funds. Tickets, at £1 are available from Anne Handley (01760 336328) and Sheila Fowler (01760 722224).

Christmas Hamper Raffle A Christmas Hamper is also being raffled for church funds. Tickets, at £1 are also available from Sheila Fowler.

The draw for both raffles will be on December 10th at the Mothers' Union meeting. Prizes will be delivered where possible and winners' names posted on the Notice Board.

Contact Forms If you haven't already, do please complete one of these when you are next in church. This ensures we can contact you in a way which complies with Data Protection legislation. There is a supply of forms at the back of church and a box for returns. Many thanks.

We are delighted to announce that Victoria Venmore-Rowland, who is to be ordained deacon at Norwich Cathedral on 27th June 2021, will be joining us as a curate. She and her family look forward to their return to Swaffham.

We are also very pleased to congratulate Derek Thackray on his 90th Birthday today (Sun 29th). Our love, best wishes and 'Many Happy Returns'

For our prayers

Book of Common Prayer Collect for Saint Andrew

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy Holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray, O God, for your church throughout the world that Christians may respond wholeheartedly to your love by committing themselves to the service of your kingdom, with faith strengthened by a living experience of Christ's presence, and with freedom and courage to follow where Christ leads, for the honour of his name. *Church Missionary Society*

Enable us, our Father, to respond to the grace of your Word with humility of heart and in the spirit of loving obedience; that our wills may be brought into submission to your perfect will, and our lives be conformed more and more to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace, O Father, not to pass by suffering or joy without eyes to see. Give us understanding and sympathy, and guard us from selfishness, that we may enter into the joys and sufferings of others. Use us to gladden and strengthen those who are weak and suffering; that by our lives we may help others to believe and serve thee, and shed forth thy light, which is the light of life. Amen

THE SICK - Henry Clark, Darcey Traylor, Pernille Henman, Pat Inman, Michelle Morano, Pauline Henman, Sarah Inman, Andrew Nairn, Les Flaherty.

Pray also for: Lucy Wilkinson, Judy Walder, Jenny Luck, Neil Hopkins, Paul Goodman, Rick Richards, Rosemary Skea, Beverley Gardam, Elizabeth Fooks, Frances Smith, Brian & Audrey McGuinness.

THE DEPARTED – Joy Newby, Alan Fisk.

Pray for all those mourning the loss of a loved one.