

# **The Parishes of Swaffham and Sporle**

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*Following updated advice from the Bishop of Norwich, St Peter & St. Paul, Swaffham, and St. Mary the Virgin, Sporle, will not now be open for Sunday worship for the next few weeks. Funerals will, however, go ahead and can continue to be booked (as can emergency weddings).*

## **Welcome**

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting our website and hope that you will enjoy reading it. We would be delighted to meet you in person once that is allowed, particularly those who are new to our parishes.

### **Parish News week beginning 24.01.2021**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

#### **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 'SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY' button. The services are livestreamed from our Facebook page entitled Swaffham Parish Church.

#### **This week ahead**

**Mon**      **The Conversion of Paul**

#### **On Facebook**

**Tue Afternoon** Evening Prayer

**Wed 10.00am** Morning Prayer

**Thu Afternoon** Evening Prayer

#### **31<sup>st</sup> Jan: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

#### **ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, SWAFFHAM**

**9.30am** Eucharist – Order One (on Facebook)

#### **Covid-19 contact**

Whilst our church buildings are closed we would like to be able to offer prayers with you. Please email your name, phone no. Email address and home address to Revd Janet at [revdjanetallan@gmail.com](mailto:revdjanetallan@gmail.com) indicating if you would like to receive a prayer booklet. Revd Janet can also be reached by telephone on 01760 622241. Revd Janet would also like to be contacted by you if you would be willing to volunteer to bring shopping to a self-isolating person.

## **For our prayers**

### **CW Collect for The Conversion of Paul**

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant St Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your 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.

We praise you, O God, that the light of Christ shines amid the darkness of our world, and that the darkness has not overcome it; and we pray that his light may shine more and more into our own lives, illuminating our minds with the knowledge of the truth and enabling us to walk in the way of holiness and love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, the giver of strength and joy, whose Son turned the water into wine at Cana in Galilee: change our bondage into liberty, and the poverty of our nature into the riches of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, you are the source of all truth and your Spirit leads us into the truth; may all who teach and all who learn in our schools, colleges and universities be set free from everything that might hinder their search for the truth; and finding truth, may they learn to use it for the good of mankind and for your greater glory.

*James M Todd*

Almighty God, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ was made perfect by the things that he suffered: have compassion on those who are passing through illness and pain. Uphold their faith, that they may trust and not be afraid, and give them the comfort and strength of your presence, for your tender mercy's sake.

Bless, O Lord Christ, all whom you have called to share in your own ministry of healing as doctors and nurses. Give them skill, understanding and compassion, and enable them to do their work in dependence on your grace and for the promotion of your glory.

**THE SICK** - Henry Clark, Darcey Traylor, Pernille Henman, Pat Inman, Michelle Morano, Pauline Henman, Sarah Inman, Les Flaherty, Andrew Paton, Brian Lawes. **Pray also for:** Lucy Wilkinson, Judy Walder, Jenny Luck, Neil Hopkins, Paul Goodman, Rick Richards, Rosemary Skea, Beverley Gardam, Elizabeth Fooks, Frances Smith, Audrey McGuinness.

**THE DEPARTED** – Lenny Goldsmith, Nancy Atwood, Ian Tollit, Paul Ison, John Silvey.

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