



## Elham Valley Group Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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### This week's services : 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**8am – Holy Communion – St Oswald, Paddlesworth**

**9.30am – All Age Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin, Elham**

**9.30am – Service of the Word – St Martin, Acrise**

**9.30am – Eucharist – All Saints, Stanford**

**10am – Family Praise – St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge**

**11.15am – Eucharist – St Martin, Wootton**

### Tuesday 8.30am - Morning Prayer- St Mary the Virgin, Elham

#### **The Collect:**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Post Communion Prayer:**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:9b -end**

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

#### **Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent

over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Please Pray for *Jill Fitch, Joseph, Poppy Allard, John Meers, Jen, Michael Kirk, Alice Mills, Martyn Bowles, Claire Laker.*

***Please contact the Benefice Administrator Alison Dale 07985025381 or [beneficeadmin@elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk](mailto:beneficeadmin@elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk) to add people to the prayers.***

Please pray for the departed, *Maureen Allen, John Cooper*, and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, *Gordon Smith, Alan Davies, Dorothy List, Dorothy Laker, Roy Ladd, Michelle Hearnden, Patrick McCormick and John Tierney.*

To arrange for Funerals, Thanksgivings, Blessings, Renewal of Vows and *all other services* please contact the Rector – [revcarolbates@gmail.com](mailto:revcarolbates@gmail.com) 0777 239 4855

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### **Parish Notices:**

#### ***Baptism***

**Lucian Clark – Sun. 31st August at 11.45am – Lyminge**

#### ***Wedding***

**Holly Cooke & Adam Young – Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm - Denton**

### **Benefice Notices:**