

Elham Valley Group Newsletter – 10th August 2025

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This week's services : 8th Sunday after Trinity

8am – Said Eucharist - St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge

8.30am – Morning Prayer – St Mary & St Radegund, Postling

9.30am –Eucharist - St Mary the Virgin, Elham

9.30am – Matins – St Martin, Acrise

9.30am – Worship Service – All Saints, Stanford

11.15am – Wootton Worship – St Martin, Wootton

6pm - Evensong - St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge

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

The Collect:

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ² But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵ He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not

wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Please Pray for *Gill 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 to add people to the prayers.

Please pray for the departed, *John Cooper, Derek Wood, Rev Peter Ashman*, and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, *Marjorie Hayward, Jocelyn Lees, Harry Walker and Ron Waite*.

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Parish Notices:

Baptism

Sienna Amos – Sun. 10th August at 11.45am – Acrise

Funeral

Derek Wood – Mon. 11th August at 2pm – Postling

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