

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday – Purple

Benefice Service Aldham 10am Holy Communion

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah sees the Lord's house established on the highest mountain and the word of the Lord going forth from Jerusalem. God will judge the nations, war will end and peace will come.

Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

No one knows when the end times will come. We will be going about life as normal, like the people in the time of Noah before the flood came. We must keep awake because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected time.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Benefice of St Peter Elmsett
St Mary Aldham
St Mary Kersey
St Nicholas Hintlesham
All Saints and St Margaret Chattisham

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In our prayers this week...

The church throughout the world. For Bishop Joanne as she begins her ministry among us, and those responsible for selecting the next Bishop of Dunwich.

Our local schools. For Hintlesham and Chattisham School the headteacher Emma Burgess the staff, governors, and pupils.

Those who are suffering in body mind and spirit. For our local healthcare centres and those who work in mental healthcare.

Trouble spots around the world...

Remembering the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Sudan, praying for those who are working to bring peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peace process in Gaza.

Local and national government, For the Mid Suffolk District Council, Andrew Mellen the council leader, and our local parish councils.

Our local farmers and those employed in the agricultural industry.

Our clergy and accredited ministers...

This week we pray for the parish of Hintlesham and Chattisham, the churchwardens and the Local Ministry Team.

Dates for your diary

3rd December Coffee Stop 10-12pm

Hintlesham Community Hall

3rd December Advent course at Elmsett

Methodist Chapel 10am

10th December Toddlers Group Hintlesham

Community Hall 10am – midday

14th December 11am Aldham Carols with

mince pies and sherry

14th December 4pm Chattisham Christingle

16th December Rural coffee caravan

10am – 12 Chattisham Church.

2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community

Hall

18th December Kersey, Madrigalia Christmas Concert

21st December 4pm Kersey Carol Service

21st December 6pm Chattisham Carol Service

21st December 6:30pm Elmsett Carol Service

Next Sunday 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Kersey 11am Holy Communion with Baptism

Chattisham 9:30am Morning Prayer

Elmsett 9:30am Morning Prayer

Aldham 11am Morning Prayer

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Regular Events

Kersey

Celtic Morning Prayer – Tuesdays at 9:30am

Hintlesham and Chattisham

Coffee Stop

1st Wednesday of the month Drop in between 10am – 12 Community Hall

Discussion Group 3rd Wed of the month 3pm in Chattisham Church

Craft and Chat 4th Tues of the month 10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church

Rural coffee caravan

3rd Tues of the month

10am – 12 Chattisham Church

2pm – 4pm Outside Community Hall

Toddlers Group

Hintlesham Community Hall

2nd Wednesday of month 10am - 12

Elmsett

Methodist Coffee Morning Every 1st Saturday of the month from 10am

Bellringing:

Kersey Thursdays 7:45pm

Elmsett Wednesdays 7:30pm

Hintlesham First Friday of the month 7:30pm

And finally...

Today, 30th November, is also St Andrew's Day. He is the patron saint of Scotland due to a combination of legendary events and political history, most notably the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which officially named him patron saint during the declaration of Scottish independence. A key legend involves Oengus Mac Fegusa, king of the Picts (also known as Angus II of Scotland) seeing a vision of a saltire (X-shaped) cross in the sky before a battle in the 9th century against the Angles, leading to his victory and the adoption of the saltire as a national symbol.