

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

Hintlesham 10:45am

Elmsett 10am

Kersey 10:45am

Aldham 10:45am



Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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... In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember this week... The Church in the Province of the West Indies it's acting Archbishop Philip Wright the Bishop of Belize.

Our local schools. For Elmsett School the headteacher Leigh Hilton the staff, governors, and pupils

Those who are suffering in body mind and spirit. For our local healthcare centres and those who work at the Ipswich Hospital.

Trouble spots around the world...

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

Local and national government... For James Cartlidge MP for South Suffolk who serves as the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence.

Our local Hospitality industry, our local pubs, hotels and cafes and bars.

Our clergy and accredited ministers...

This week we pray for the parish of Kersey, the churchwarden and the Local Ministry Team.

Dates for your diary

12th November Toddlers Group Hintlesham Community Hall 10am – midday
18th November Rural coffee caravan 10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community Hall
19th November Discussion Group 3pm in Chattisham Church
22nd November Elmsett Christmas Fair, Village Hall
25th November Craft and Chat 10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church
26th November Advent course at Elmsett Methodist Chapel 10am
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 Kesey Carols 4pm

Sunday 16 November 2025 Second Sunday Before Advent

Chattisham 9:30am Holy Communion
Elmsett 9:30am Family@StPeter's
Aldham 11am Family Service
Kersey 4pm Evensong

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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...

At its peak during WWI about **1.7 million letters per day** were sent to British troops on the Western Front. This volume equates to over 12 million letters a week.

In 1917 alone, over 19,000 mailbags crossed the English Channel every day carrying letters and parcels. Throughout the entire war, the British postal system handled around two billion letters and 114 million parcels. By comparison, German soldiers and civilians exchanged close to 30 billion pieces of mail over the war's duration.