

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 18 January 2026 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Chattisham 9:30am Holy Communion
Elmsett 9:45am Joint Covenant Service
at the Methodist Chapel
Aldham 11am Family Service
Kersey 4pm Evensong

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Paul calls the Corinthian Christians to holiness and reminds them it is only achievable through the grace of God in Christ.

Gospel John 1:29-42
John the Baptist sees the newly baptised Jesus fulfilling Isaiah's servant vision as, by calling his first disciples, Jesus begins to draw Israel back to God.

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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... In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember this week... The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain* and it's Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano.

Our local schools... For the staff and pupils of the 3 schools in our benefice.

Those who are suffering in body mind and spirit... For our local healthcare centres and those who work at Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge.

Trouble spots around the world...

Remembering the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, praying for those who are working to bring peace and reconciliation. We pray for the people of the middle east in particular in Iran and Gaza.

Local and national government... For our local Parish Councils

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 Aldham the churchwarden and the Local Ministry Team.

**The diocese of Spain is under the metropolitan authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury.*

Dates for your diary

January 2026

20th January Rural coffee caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community Hall

21st January Discussion Group 3pm in Chattisham Church

24th January Service to welcome our new Bishop in the Cathedral 2pm

27th January Craft and Chat 10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church

February 2026

4th February – Coffee Stop 10-12pm
Hintlesham Community Hall

11th February – Toddlers Group Hintlesham Community Hall 10am – midday

17th February – Rural coffee caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community Hall

Next Sunday 25th January Epiphany 3

Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion

Hintlesham 9:30am Holy Communion

Aldham 11am Holy Communion

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 and 4th 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...

On this day, 25th January 1585 Pieter van den Broecke was born. Who? He was the first Dutchman to bring coffee to Europe in 1640. Within a few years coffee houses opened in England. Other than serving coffee they served as democratic spaces where social hierarchies were suspended, and ideas could be freely exchanged among merchants, intellectuals, artists, and professionals and became known as “Penny Universities”. They were also the birth place of The Royal Society, Sotheby’s auction house and Lloyds Bank amongst other institutions.