



ELMSETT
ST PETER



ALDHAM
ST MARY



KERSEY
ST MARY



HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS



CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 11th January Baptism of Christ

Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion
Hintlesham 9:30am Café Church
Aldham 11am Morning Prayer
Kersey 11am Morning Prayer

Collect: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon to the Gentiles is the Christian story, from the preaching of John the Baptist to the resurrection and humankind's eventual judgement. Peter emphasises that God has no favourites.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus is baptised at the beginning of his ministry, is publicly endorsed by God and receives the Holy Spirit.

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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... In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember this week... The Anglican Diocese of Venezuela, it's Bishop Orlando Guerreo Torres and the people of Venezuela in these troubled times.

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 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

January 2026

13th January Funeral Ian Hattrick 1:30pm
St Mary's Kersey

14th January Toddlers Group Hintlesham
Community Hall 10am – midday

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. Time to be
confirmed.

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

Next 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

Gospel John 1:29-42

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.

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 11th January 1864 Charing Cross
Station in London opened. The Charing Cross was
one of 12 monuments Edward I built between
1291 and 1295 to honour his wife Eleanor of
Castille. They marked overnight resting places
along her funeral route from Harby in
Northamptonshire to Westminster Abbey. The
Charing Cross was the most ornate of the 12.
For the train buffs amongst you, it is estimated
that between 10-15 million trains have departed
from Charing Cross in 162 years.