

## BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT  
ST PETER

ALDHAM  
ST MARY

KERSEY  
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM  
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM  
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Guerreiro 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

**13<sup>th</sup> January** Funeral Ian Hattrick 1:30pm  
St Mary's Kersey

**14<sup>th</sup> January** Toddlers Group Hintlesham  
Community Hall 10am – midday

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

**21<sup>st</sup> January** Discussion Group 3pm in  
Chattisham Church

**24<sup>th</sup> January** Service to welcome our new  
Bishop in the Cathedral. Time to be  
confirmed.

**27<sup>th</sup> January** Craft and Chat 10am – 3pm in  
Chattisham Church

### February 2026

**4<sup>th</sup> February** – Coffee Stop 10-12pm  
Hintlesham Community Hall

**11<sup>th</sup> February** – Toddlers Group Hintlesham  
Community Hall 10am – midday

### Next Sunday 18 January 2026

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Drop in between 10am – 12 Community  
Hall

**Discussion Group** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month  
3pm in Chattisham Church

**Craft and Chat** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month  
10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church

**Rural coffee caravan** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the  
month

10am – 12 Chattisham Church.

2pm – 4pm Outside Community Hall

**Toddlers Group Hintlesham Community  
Hall** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month  
10am - 12

### Elmsett

**Methodist Coffee Morning** Every 1<sup>st</sup>  
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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.