



ELMSETT  
ST PETER



ALDHAM  
ST MARY



KERSEY  
ST MARY



HINTLESHAM  
ST NICHOLAS



CHATTISHAM  
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent Liturgical Colour Green**

**Hintlesham 9:30am** Holy Communion  
**Elmsett 9:30am** Holy Communion  
**Kersey 11am** Parish Service  
**Aldham 11am** Morning Prayer

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

**First Reading** Romans 8:18-25  
Creation is fallen. Suffering is built into the fabric of life. Like a woman in labour, all of us must endure pain before the future promise of glory as God's children.

**Gospel** Matthew 6:25-34  
As part of his long discourse known as the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to worry. We concern ourselves with how our needs will be met. But our heavenly Father is ahead of us. The key for us is to place God and God's kingdom first.

**Post Communion**  
God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Benefice of St Peter Elmsett  
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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 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, also known as the Hong Kong Anglican Church, and its Archbishop Andrew Chan.

**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 to conflict zones around the world

**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

## February 2026

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

**9<sup>th</sup> February** 10am Burial of Ashes, the late  
**Mary Smith** in Aldham churchyard

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

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

**18<sup>th</sup> February** – Discussion Group 3pm in  
Chattisham Church

**24<sup>th</sup> February** – Craft & Chat 10am – 3pm in  
Chattisham Church

**25<sup>th</sup> February** Lent Course 10am Elmsett  
Methodist Church

**25<sup>th</sup> February** Fish and Chip lunch 12pm  
Elmsett methodist Church

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

### Sunday before Lent Quinquagesima

**Elmsett 9:30am** Family Service

**Chattisham 9:30am** Holy Communion

**Aldham 11am** Family Service

**Kersey 4pm** Evensong

#### Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### First Reading Exodus 24:12-end

#### Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

#### Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through 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 Tuesday 10th February 1787 William Bradley was born in Market Weighton. He was known as "Giant Bradley" or the "Yorkshire Giant", he was the tallest recorded British man measuring 7 feet 9 inches – 2.36 m in modern parlance. He was the fourth child of thirteen and weighed 14 pounds at birth. He charged people a shilling to see him. He died aged 33 and was buried inside the church of Market Weighton because of fears that someone might dig up his body for display purposes. Today there is a wooden statue of him in the town.