

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER



ALDHAM
ST MARY



KERSEY
ST MARY



HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS



CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 8th February **2nd 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

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 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, also known as the Hong Kong Anglican Church, and it's 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

4th February – Coffee Stop 10-12pm

Hintlesham Community Hall

9th February 10am Burial of Ashes, the late

Mary Smith in Aldham churchyard

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

17th February – Rural coffee caravan

10am – 12 Chattisham Church

2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community Hall

18th February – Discussion Group 3pm in Chattisham Church

24th February – Craft & Chat 10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church

25th February Lent Course 10am Elmsett Methodist Church

25th February Fish and Chip lunch 12pm Elmsett methodist Church

Sunday 15th 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 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 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.