



EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH BENEFICE

Notices 22nd February 2026

FROM THE CLERGY - Rev. A. Brown

A Prayer for the Lenten Journey

Lord of the Desert and the Mountain,

As I begin this season of Lent, we feel the weight of the dust upon our brow. We acknowledge our weakness, our distractions, and the ways we have stayed "down" when You called us to rise.

In these forty days, grant us the courage to be modern day disciples as we journey with you throughout your public ministry and ultimately to the the cross. When the path ahead feels challenging, or when our own failings make us want to hide in fear, reach out and touch our hearts so that we can be reminded that you are with us.

Speak the words of life and love into our souls: "Rise up and do not be afraid."

May our bodily sacrifices draw us close to Your grace.

May they be a bridge for us to reach our to our neighbours in need.

And may our prayer in these forty days be a quiet place where Your light drives away the shadows of the soul.

Lead us through this holy season with steady hearts, that we may arrive at the empty tomb ready to rise with You in glory.

Amen.

BENEFICE OFFICE

If you wish to contact the office please do so on:

eastry.benefice@gmail.com or 01304 611323

Office opening hours:

Wednesday 9am-12pm and Thursday 9am - 12pm

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2026

Please find below a schedule of services for January 2026. All Services at Northbourne will be held in the Church Rooms until further notice.

If you require a gluten-free wafer at communion please let a Churchwarden know when you arrive for a communion service.

Date	Day	Eastry	Northbourne	Staple	Tilmanstone	Woodnesborough
1/03/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am HC	10am HC	8am BCP	10am Morning Prayer
			6:30pm Evensong			
4/03/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
8/03/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am Prayer and Praise			10am HC
11/03/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
15/03/2026	Sunday	10am Come and Worship	10am Informal Service	10am Mothering Sunday Breakfast Service	10am HC	10am Informal Service
18/03/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
22/03/2026	Sunday	10am HC	10am HC	10am Family Service		10am HC
25/03/2026	Wednesday	10am HC				
29/03/2026	Sunday			10am PALM SUNDAY BENEFICE SERVICE		
30/03/2026	Monday					6:30pm Compline
31/03/2026	Tuesday			6:30pm Compline		

OTHER BENEFICE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th February

10am Tilmanstone Coffee Morning in Tilmanstone Church

10am Coffee Pot in Woodnesborough Church

2pm Tea & Natter - HALF TERM



Saturday 28th February

10am Coffee, cake and chat in Woodnesborough Church

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Ill, Housebound & in need of support

Peter Coombe; Revd Andrew Brown and Grace Brown; Penny; Marian McCartney; Fletcher Banner; Stella Armstrong; Grace Wray; Dave and Doris Newman; Melanie and Alan North; Vera Hunt; Vera Mann; Anthony Tilley; Trevor Tilley

Recently Departed

Stan Smith



Please let the Benefice Office or Churchwardens know if you are aware of any of our congregation who are sick and would welcome a pastoral visit. Please also let the Benefice Office know when names on the sick list should be removed.

PRAYER GROUPS

St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Eastry, every Friday at 11:30am. All welcome. For more information contact Sue Brearley on: 07843 739447

St James the Great, Staple, first Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Church for half an hour. In the winter the venue is in Ash - Please contact Vanessa for more details.

vanessanedderman@googlemail.com

St Augustine, Northbourne, every Thursday at 4:45pm. For more details please contact Anne Platt . 01304 695046

ONLINE SERVICES

Not able to get to church on Sunday for any reason?
Church buildings too cold or uncomfortable? You can always join the service on Zoom through your smart phone or tablet from the comfort of your own home.

In the browser of your device go to " zoom.us/join " click "Join a Meeting", enter the Meeting ID : 736 005 5669, then click "Join", and when prompted, enter the Passcode : 246810

READINGS 15th February First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2. 15 - 17; 2 Romans 5. 12 - 19; Matthew 4. 1 - 11



LENT COURSE

The Glorious Journey: A Lent Course - Inspired by the film 'The Two Popes.

Join us this Lent as we embark on a profound exploration of faith, humanity, and the power of dialogue. Using Liam Kelly's book, The Glorious Journey, we will dive into the themes of the acclaimed film The Two Popes to reflect on our own spiritual paths.

From 25th Feb

TIME: 11am and 7pm

DAY: Wednesday

LOCATION: St Mary The Blessed Virgin Eastry

Church Hall at 11:15am

Online via Zoom at 7:30pm

Sign up sheets at the back of all benefice churches.



PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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. Amen.