

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 1st March Lent 2

Kersey 11am Holy Communion
Chattisham 9:30am Morning Prayer
Elmsett 9:30am Morning Prayer
Aldham 11am Morning Prayer

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Romans 4:1-5. 13-17

We do not earn our salvation, but rather it is God's gift, which we receive through faith.

Gospel John 3:1-17

Jesus tells Nicodemus that eternal life is available to those who have faith in what seems logically impossible.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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. For Bishop Joanne as she begins her ministry among us, and those responsible for selecting the next Bishop of Dunwich.

Our local schools. For Hintlesham and Chattisham School the headteacher Emma Burgess the staff, governors and pupils.

Those who are suffering in body mind and spirit. For our local healthcare centres and those who work in mental healthcare.

Trouble spots around the world.

Remembering the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, Sudan and the middle East praying for those who are working to bring peace and reconciliation.

Local and national government. For the Mid Suffolk District Council, Andrew Mellen the council leader, and our local parish councils.

Our local farmers and those employed in the agricultural industry.

Our clergy and accredited ministers...

This week we pray for the parish of Hintlesham and Chattisham, the churchwardens and the Local Ministry Team.

Dates for your diary

March 2026

4th March – Coffee Stop 10-12pm Hintlesham Community Hall

18th March Lent Course 10am Elmsett Methodist Church

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

11th March Lent Course 10am Elmsett Methodist Church

13th March 7:30pm Beetle Drive Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall

17th March – Rural coffee caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community Hall

18th March – Discussion Group 3pm in Chattisham Church

18th March Lent Course 10am Elmsett Methodist Church

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

Sunday 8th March, Lent 3

Hintlesham 9:30am Holy Communion with Baptism

Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion

Kersey 11am Parish Service

Aldham 11am Morning Prayer

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Romans 5:1-11

Gospel John 4:5-42

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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

Today is St David's Day.
The City of St David in Pembrokeshire, Wales, is the UK's smallest city (population ~1,600) and the birthplace of Wales's patron saint. Built around a 12th-century cathedral in a stunning coastal setting, it is the ecclesiastical capital of Wales, a centuries-old pilgrimage site. It lost its city status in 1886 due to changing rules but had it restored in 1994 to recognize its historic importance. The stunning 12th-century St David's Cathedral is built in a secluded, low-lying valley, specifically hidden to prevent detection by Viking raiders.