

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 15th March – 4th Sunday in Lent and Mothering Sunday

Chattisham 9:30am Holy Communion

Elmsett 9:30am Family@StPeter's

Aldham 11am Family Service

Kersey 4pm Evensong

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Elmsett and Kersey Readings

Exodus 2:1-10

Because the number of Israelites in Egypt had grown so much, the Pharaoh had ordered the slaughter of all male Hebrew babies.

Gospel Luke 2:33-35

A holy man named Simeon has some incredible things to say to Mary and Joseph about baby Jesus when they meet him in the Temple.

Chattisham and Aldham Readings

1 Samuel 1:20-end

Hannah had been unable to conceive but she prayed for a son, promising that she would dedicate him to God if her prayers were answered.

John 19:25-27

As he is dying on the cross, Jesus makes provision for his mother, Mary.

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 Church of Kenya and it's Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit.

Our local schools... For the staff and pupils of the 3 schools in our benefice.

Those who are suffering in body mind and spirit... For our local healthcare centres and those who work at Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge.

Trouble spots around the world... Remembering the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan praying for those who are working to bring peace and reconciliation.

Local and national government... For our local Parish Councils.

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 Aldham the churchwarden and the Local Ministry Team.

Dates for your diary

March 2026

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

17th March Kersey PCC 7pm

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

25th March Lent Course 10am Elmsett Methodist Church

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

25th March Chattisham and Hintlesham APCM 7:30pm Community Hall

April 2026

1st April – Coffee Stop 10-12pm Hintlesham Community Hall

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

Sunday 22nd March Lent 5

Hintlesham 9:30am Café Church

Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion

Aldham 11am Holy Communion

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory, 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gospel John 11:1-45

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

And finally...

Beware the "ides of March"!

On this day, 15th March Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44BC. The term comes from the Latin *idus*, likely related to a word meaning "to divide."

The Roman calendar had three named reference points each month: Kalends— always the 1st of every month. Nones, the 9th day before the Ides. And Ides marked the middle of the month. In March, May, July, October: the Ides falls on the 15th in other months the Ides falls on the 13th. Romans counted dates *backwards* from these three markers. So instead of saying "March 10th," they'd say "five days before the Ides of March."