



# EASTRY AND WOODNESBOROUGH BENEFACTICE

Notices 15th March 2026

## **FROM THE CLERGY - Rev. A. Brown**

This week as Continue our journey through lent, we have been exploring the wonderful gift of Mercy and forgiveness. Unfolding the concept that Christ is the face of mercy and that it is through his love and acceptance that we are welcomed and embraced as children of God. So as we celebrate Mothering Sunday, a day set aside in the year not only to remember our own Mothers, but set aside to remember the gift of the Holy Mother Church in which we were baptised and welcomed into the family of God. I wanted to this week to include a short reflection written by John Paul II given at World mission day in 2002 for it reveals to us especially during this lentin season a glimpse of just how much God loves each of us here and now.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The evangelising mission Church of the is essentially the announcement of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness revealed to mankind through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is the proclamation of the good news that God loves us and wants all people united in his loving mercy, he forgives us, and asks us to forgive others even for the greatest offences. This is the Word of reconciliation entrusted to us because, as Saint Paul says, 'God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.' (2 Cor. 5:19). John Paul II

## **BENEFACTICE 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 Family service for Mothering Sunday	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 17th March

10am Coffee Pot in Woodnesborough Church

2pm Tea & Natter - Eastry Church Hall - Sing - a long



### Saturday 21st March

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

Neil Davis; Doreen Welby; Dawn Prestidge



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.

## FUNERALS AND COMMITALS

The Funeral to take place on Thursday 19th March at Northumberland Crematorium, Bockenfield Wood, Felton, Morpeth NE65 9QJ Watching Live & On Demand. <https://watch.obitus.com> Username jefo8104 Password 662278 Douglas Welby's home address 10 Robert Adam Court, Bondgate Without, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1PH

**READINGS 1st March**  
**Mothering Sunday - 4th SUNDAY OF LENT**

Exodus 2. 1 - 10; 2 Corinthians 1. 3 - 7; John 19. 25b - 27



**EASTER LILLIES**

We will be using lillies again this year to decorate the Church at Eastry. If anyone would like to make a donation towards these lilies in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope with your name and 'Easter Lillies' on it and bring it to the Church on a Sunday put it in the collection box at the Church or in the Letter box at the Church Hall.



**QUIZZ NIGHT**

We are having a quiz on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the church hall. Anyone interested in having a table (max 8) should contact Alastair Carnegie on 07802 823801

**WOODNESBOROUGH CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP**

We will be having a Churchyard Tidy-Up morning. Saturday 28th March from 10am-12 noon. Tea, Coffee and Cakes will be served as usual in the church by the Coffee, Cake and Chat team. Please could you bring gardening gloves and any tools you feel might be useful.

**STAPLE CHURCH FUNDRAISING**

'Cinema Event' at Empire Cinema, Sandwich - MOTHER'S PRIDE. Saturday 14th March. Doors open from 6.30. Tickets £10 includes buffet supper. Raffle and cash Bar. To book your seat please text or call Trevor 07980 300084

**PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.