

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

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

The Lord shows Ezekiel a valley of dry bones, commanding the prophet to speak forth God's life. As an enfolded and breathing multitude arises, God declares an intention to renew and restore the people.

Gospel John 11:1-45

At Bethany, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead, foreshadowing his own death and emergence from the tomb. Many of those who witness this miracle believe in Jesus.

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.

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 Diocese of Uruguay currently without a Bishop – The Anglican Church of South America and its Presiding Bishop Brian Williams.

Our local schools... For Kersey School the headteachers Jess Damant and Claire Dunnell Paley, 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 Children's Hospice in Ipswich.

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 Suffolk County Council and Matthew Hicks the council leader

Our local Hospitality industry... our local pubs, hotels cafes and bars.

Our clergy and accredited ministers...

This week we pray for the parish of Elmsett the churchwardens and the Local Ministry Team.

Dates for your diary

March 2026

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

1st April Kersey APCM 7:30 in church

8th April – Toddlers Group Hintlesham
Community Hall 10am – midday

13th April Elmsett APCM 7:30pm in church

14th April – 4pm Monthly midweek service +
tea at Hintlesham Community Hall

15th April – Discussion Group 3pm in
Chattisham Church

21st April – Rural coffee caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.

2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community

Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday

Elmsett 9:30 Holy Communion

Hintlesham 9:30 Holy Communion

Kersey 11am Holy Communion

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

Liturgy of the Passion

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

or Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Matthew 27:11-54

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

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 this day 22nd March 1957 “All Shook Up” by Elvis Presley reached number one in the charts. During the 50s Elvis released 25 singles. The 1950s represented the explosive start for Elvis Presley, with some individual singles selling in the millions. A conservative estimate would put his 1950s singles sales somewhere in the range of 20–30 million copies worldwide, although the true figure may be higher given the incomplete records from that era. Globally around 1.5 billion records by Elvis have been sold of which 135 million were singles.