

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 5th April Easter Day

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

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Peter challenges the prevailing culture by witnessing to the truths of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Gospel John 20:1-18

Drawn to the tomb, Peter is curious but unsatisfied, John observes then believes, and Mary Magdalene recognises, worships and witnesses to Christ's resurrection.

Or Matthew 28:1-10

Faithful women witness to the resurrection with sight, touch and sound, before being commissioned by Christ as his first evangelists.

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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... In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember this week our Christian brothers and sisters celebrating Easter in places where they are in the minority and suffer discrimination or persecution.

Our local schools. For Elmsett School the headteacher Leigh Hilton 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 Ipswich Hospital.

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

Local and national government... For James Cartlidge MP for South Suffolk who serves as the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence.

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 Kersey, the churchwarden and the Local Ministry Team.

Dates for your diary

April 2026

13th April Elmsett APCM 7:30pm in church

15th April – Discussion Group 3pm in
Chattisham Church

21st April – Rural coffee caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community
Hall

28th April – Craft & Chat 10am – 3pm in
Chattisham Church

May 2026

6th May – Coffee Stop 10-12pm Hintlesham
Community Hall

13th May – Toddlers Group Hintlesham
Community Hall 10am – midday

19th May – Rural coffee caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community
Hall

20th May – Discussion Group 3pm in
Chattisham Church

26th May – Craft & Chat 10am – 3pm in
Chattisham Church

Next Sunday 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

Hintlesham 9:30am Café Church
Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion
Kersey 11am Parish Service
Aldham 11am Morning Prayer

Collect Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21
Gospel John 20:19-end

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 5th April 1772 Dutch navigator Jacob Roggeveen is the first European to discover Easter Island, also known as Rapa Nui, in the southeastern Pacific Ocean. One of the island's oldest names is "Te Pito O Te Henua", which translates to "The World's Navel" or "The Center of the World". Contrary to popular belief, the statues have full bodies that were buried up to their necks by soil erosion over centuries. Some even have intricate "tattoos" carved onto their backs. The statues are about 4m tall and weigh over 12 tonnes.