

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 24th May, Pentecost

Hintlesham 9:30am All age Eucharist

Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion

Aldham 11am Holy Communion

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit gives new power to the disciples, enabling them to share the good news of Christ with a wider audience.

Gospel John 20:19-23

God the creator brought Adam to life by breathing into his nostrils. Now Jesus breathes new life into the disciples, giving them the Holy Spirit.

Or John 7:37-39

Jesus connects the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, who is to come, with the image of living water, which sustains and refreshes all life.

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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 the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan praying for those who are working to bring peace and reconciliation.

Local and national government, For our Suffolk County Council and the recently elected councillors.

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

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

June 2026

3rd June – Coffee Stop 10-12pm Hintlesham
Community Hall

10th June – Coffee Morning Kersey church
9:30-12

16th June – Rural Coffee Caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community
Hall

17th June – Discussion Group 3pm in
Chattisham Church

17th June Fish and Chip lunch Methodist
Church 12pm

23rd June – Craft & Chat 10am – 3pm in
Chattisham Church

July 2026

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

8th July – Coffee Morning
Kersey church 9:30-12

Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday

Benefice Service

Chattisham 10am Holy Communion

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Isaiah 40:12-17. 27-31

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Regular Events

Kersey

Celtic Morning Prayer – Tuesdays at
9:30am

Coffee Morning 2nd Wednesdays 9:30-12
in church.

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

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... Aldersgate Day (or Wesley Day), observed annually on May 24, commemorates the pivotal 1738 moment when John Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed" at a London meeting, gaining assurance of his salvation. This defining event, occurring on Aldersgate Street, launched the Methodist movement. Methodists often celebrate on the nearest Sunday, known as Aldersgate Sunday. Wesley rode 250,000 miles on horseback! Asked if he would consider walking instead of riding, he replied, "Nay." Along the way he preached over 40,000 sermons.