

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 3rd May – Easter 5

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

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 7:55-60

Stephen faces death by stoning with a vision of God's glory, commending his spirit to Jesus and praying for forgiveness for those who kill him.

(Chattisham 1st Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10)

Gospel John 14:1-14

Jesus tells his disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life and can therefore enable them to join his union with his Father in the kingdom of heaven.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, 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 Yambio – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, its Bishop The Most Rev Samuel Peni.

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, 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

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

20th May Coffee Morning Kesey church 9:30-12

20th May Fish and Chip lunch Methodist Church 12pm

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

June 2026

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

9th June – 4pm Monthly midweek service + tea at Hintlesham Community Hall

10th June – Toddlers Group Hintlesham Community Hall 10am – midday

Next Sunday 10th May Easter 6

Hintlesham 9:30am Café Church

Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion

Kersey 11am Parish Service

Aldham 11am Morning Prayer

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Acts 17:22-31

Gospel John 14:15-21

Regular Events

Kersey

Celtic Morning Prayer – Tuesdays at 9:30am

Coffee Morning 3rd 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

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

And finally on this day...

3rd May 1979 Margaret Thatcher became Prime Minister. When she travelled to Japan in 1979 the Japanese arranged to have 20 female karate experts escort her as bodyguards. She refused the offer and asked to be treated the same as other world leaders. In an interview in 1995 she said: "If I had my time again, I wouldn't go into politics because of what it does to your family." And of course as we all know, as a research chemist at J Lyons she helped develop soft-scoop ice cream.