

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 26th July Trinity 8

Elmsett 9:30am Morning Prayer
Hintlesham 9:30am Café Church
Aldham 11am Family Service

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Romans 8:26-39

Paul teaches that the Spirit gives words when prayer is frozen and offers us ways of opening our hearts to that same Spirit's grace.

Gospel Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52

Jesus describes the kingdom of God as something unprepossessing – tiny, vulnerable and hidden – but which survives and flourishes to grow abundantly and bountifully.

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 Anglian Church of Tanzania and it's Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa.

Our local schools... For the staff and pupils of the 3 schools in our benefice as they begin their summer break.

Those who are suffering in body mind and spirit... For our local healthcare centres and those who work at Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge.

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

Local and national government... For our local Parish Councils

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

Our clergy and accredited ministers... This week we pray for the parish of Aldham the churchwarden and the Local Ministry Team.

Dates for your diary

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

August 2026

12th August Coffee Morning Kersey church 9:30-12

19th August Fish and Chip lunch Methodist Church 12pm

September 2026

2nd September – Coffee Stop 10-12pm Hintlesham Community Hall

9th September – Kersey Coffee Morning 9-12

15th September – Rural Coffee Caravan 10am – 12 Chattisham Church.

2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community Hall

16th September – Discussion Group 3pm in Chattisham Church

22nd September – Craft & Chat 10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church

October 2026

7th October – Coffee Stop 10-12pm Hintlesham Community Hall

14th October – Kersey Coffee Morning 9-12

Sunday August 2nd Trinity 9

Chattisham 9:30am Morning Prayer

Elmsett 9:45am Joint service at Methodist Church

Aldham 11am Morning Prayer

Kersey 11am Holy Communion

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Regular Events

Kersey

Celtic Morning Prayer – Tuesdays at 9:30am

There will be no Celtic Morning Prayer in August

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

There will be no Coffee Stop in August

Discussion Group 3rd Wed of the month 3pm in Chattisham Church

There will be no Discussion Group in August

Craft and Chat 4th Tues of the month

10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church

There will be no Craft and Chat in August

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...on this day 26th July 1519 Francisco Pizarro received his "Royal Charter" officially authorising the conquest of Peru from King Charles V of Spain. Pizarro captured the Inca Emperor Atahualpa and initiated the collapse of the empire with a force of exactly 168 Spanish soldiers. The Inca Empire at its height, stretched around 2,500 miles from Colombia to central Chile, covering approximately 770,000 square miles. Centred on its capital, Cusco, the empire included much of modern-day Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, northern Chile, northwestern Argentina, and part of Colombia. It ruled over an estimated 10–12 million people from more than 100 ethnic groups, all linked by a remarkable 25,000-mile road network that crossed mountains, deserts, and plains.