



Elham Valley Group Newsletter 30th August 2026

"Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all"

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This week's services : 13th Sunday after Trinity

10am – Benefice Eucharist Service – St Mary Magdalene, Denton

(see below for parking info)

Tuesday 1st September – 8.30am – Morning Prayer – Elham

The Collect:

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength and rest on
you in weakness, now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

God our creator, you feed your children with the
true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this
holy food sustain us through our earthly
pilgrimage until we come to that place where
hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Please Pray for Leah Laughland, Joseph, Mark, Andy Ashman, Val Pinder, Roger Goody, Jenni Lister, Wendy Cook, Millie Collins, Jill Fitch, Poppy Allard, Michael Kirk, Lilian Bowles & family, Claire Laker.

Please contact the Benefice Administrator Alison Dale 07985025381 or beneficeadmin@elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk to add people to the prayers.

Please pray for the departed, John Speicher, Barbara Amblard, and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, Patrick McCormick, John Tierney, Derek Sawyer, Ross Anderson & Maureen Earl..

For Baptisms and Weddings please contact the Benefice Administrator as above.

To arrange for Funerals, Ashes Interments, Thanksgivings, Blessings, Renewal of Vows, and all other services please contact Revd Sharon Paine - 07503 290552 or email sharonpaine10@aol.com

Parish Notices:

Sun. 30th Aug. - Peter Le Feuvre will give an illustrated talk on the history of Postling in the church at 7.30pm. All are welcome. No ticket needed.

Baptism – Beau Shields – Sun. 30th Aug. 1pm - Acrise

Wedding – Lucie Brachet & Ryan Hobbs – Sat. 5th Sep. 1.30pm – Wootton

Concert by The Elham Duo – Sun. 13th Sept. 3pm – tickets £15 on the door.

Benefice Notices:

Benefice Prayer Meeting

For the last several months a few of us have met at Lyminge church at **9am** on the 4th Thursday of each month. We pray for our benefice churches, the village communities, and any particular need we are aware of, both local and wider. It would be lovely to have representatives from other churches to join us in upholding these needs in prayer. Do feel free to join us. The next meeting is on the **24th September**.

If you have any questions, or prayer requests, do contact me on sharonpaine10@aol.com or 07503 290552. Rev. Sharon

Benefice Eucharist Service – Sun. 30th August 10am – St Mary Magdalene, Denton

Parking is in the field off Canterbury Rd (A260), Denton. Take the track opposite Snode Hill. Walk downhill through the graveyard to the church.

The what3words location is leathers.finely.paper

6th September: Revd Carol's last Eucharist Service in Elham Valley - 10am - Elham

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