

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday August 16th Trinity 11

Chattisham 9:30am Holy Communion
Elmsett 9:30am Family@StPeter's
Aldham 11am Family Service
Kersey 6:30pm Evensong

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 11:1-2a. 29-32

Paul explains that God will never reject God's own people but has used their disobedience to bring everyone into the universal plan of salvation.

Gospel Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The Gospel reading is an exploration of who and what is acceptable to God, challenging Jesus' hearers in earthy illustrations and harsh words that can sound shocking to our ears.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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 and her ministry in this diocese.

Our local schools. For Hintlesham and Chattisham School, the headteacher Emma Burgess, the staff, governors and pupils, as they continue to enjoy their holiday.

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 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 Suffolk County Council and it's leader Councillor Michael Hadwen.

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

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

20th October – Rural Coffee Caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.

2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community Hall

Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12

Hintlesham 9:30am All age Eucharist

Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion

Aldham 11am Holy Communion

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 12:1-8

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

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

On this day 16th August Michelangelo is awarded a contract to create a statue of David at Florence Cathedral. It depicts David before doing "battle" with Goliath. It stands 17ft tall and was carved from a single slab of Carrara marble that two other sculptors had previously rejected due to flaws in the stone. Michelangelo was 26 when he started, and it took 2 years to complete. David's right hand and head are out of proportion to the body, probably because it was intended to be placed high up on Florence Cathedral where perspective would shrink the upper body. It ended up outside the Palazzo Vecchio. Today it is displayed inside the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence, Italy.