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## **Elham Valley Group Newsletter**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

“Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all”

### **This week's services : 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**8.30am – Morning Service - St Mary & St Radegund, Postling**

**9.30am – Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin, Elham**

**9.30am – Morning Prayer – St Martin, Acrise**

**10am – Eucharist - St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge**

**11.15am – New Day – St Mary Magdalene, Denton**

**4pm – Evening Holy Communion – St Oswald, Paddlesworth**

**Tuesday 22nd September – 8.30am – Morning Prayer – Elham**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – Benefice Prayer Meeting - Lyminge**

### **The Readings for 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Jonah 3:10-end of 4 ~ Ps. 145:1-8 ~ Philippians 1:21-end ~ Matthew 20:1-16

Almighty God,

who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

*(Prayer from the Church of England)*

Please Pray for *Jonathon Greenwood, Norah Chinneck, the Spencer family, Leah Laughland, Joseph, Mark, Val Pinder, Roger Goody, Jenni Lister, Wendy Cook, Millie Collins, Jill Fitch, Poppy Allard, Michael Kirk, Claire Laker.*

***Please contact the Benefice Administrator Alison Dale 07985025381 or [beneficeadmin@elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk](mailto:beneficeadmin@elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk) to add people to the prayers.***

Please pray for the departed, *Marion Spencer*, and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, *Jane Kemp, Brian Sellars, Stephen Parmenter, Mardi Hall, Venie Edney, Joyce Jackaman & Michael Hall.*

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](mailto:sharonpaine10@aol.com)

## NOTICES



There is to be a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – 10am – 12 noon**, at 17 Coach Road, Acrise, CT18 8LS. All donations will be going to this very worthy charity. All are welcome.

### **Benefice Prayer Meeting**

Meet 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. Do feel free to join us. The next meeting is on the **24<sup>th</sup> September**. If you have any questions, or prayer requests, do contact me on [sharonpaine10@aol.com](mailto:sharonpaine10@aol.com) or 07503 290552. Rev. Sharon

**Meeting with Archdeacon Darren** – to discuss the vacancy in the Benefice.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7pm at Lyminge Church.** Would **PCC members** please let their church warden know if they will be attending, for catering purposes. Churchwardens, please advise Alison Dale of the numbers.

### **Harvest Festivals**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sept.** – Joint service at Elham Methodist Church -9.30am; Family Harvest Service at Acrise – 9.30am; Joint service at Lyminge Methodist Church – 11am;  
**11<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 11.15am - Wootton; **18<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 11.15am - Denton

### **Wootton Harvest Supper**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 7 for 7.30pm.** Soup & bread, & fruit crumble – all for a donation! Contact Debbie 07866751616 to reserve a place. Everyone Welcome!

### **Penhurst Retreat**

I am hoping to organise a retreat for next spring. To be held at Penhurst retreat centre in Sussex. It is a lovely Queen Anne manor house with modern comfortable rooms, on a full board basis, in lovely countryside. The house has a library, an art room, as well as a church in the grounds. It can take a maximum of 16 visitors. I have tentatively booked it out for the week of 16th April, although we will only stay for possibly three nights in that week. This is not a planning event, just fellow Christians spending time either together, or in solitary pursuits, as each person pleases. There are only two single rooms, the rest are doubles. Do have a look on their website for more information. If you have any questions, or wish to express an interest in attending, do let me know as soon as possible as this venue is extremely popular and gets booked up quickly. Rev. Sharon Paine. 07503 290552.  
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