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Elham Valley Group Newsletter

27th September 2026

"Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all"

This week's services : 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am – Joint Harvest Festival at Elham Methodist Church

9.30am – Family Harvest Festival – St Martin, Acrise

9.30am – Eucharist – All Saints, Stanford

11am – Joint Harvest Festival at Lyminge Methodist Church

11.15am – Eucharist – St Martin, Wootton

Tuesday 29th September – 8.30am – Morning Prayer – Elham

The Readings for 27th September

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-end ~ Psalm 25:1-8 ~ Philippians 2:1-13 ~ Matthew 21:23-32

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist:

give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 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, *Margot Barry, Richard Newington, Ken Law, Sarah Maclean, Shirley Marshall, Mary Harman & Janet Thornby.*

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

NOTICES

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 **24th September**. If you have any questions, or prayer requests, do contact me on sharonpaine10@aol.com or 07503 290552. Rev. Sharon

PCCs Meeting with Archdeacon Darren – to discuss the vacancy in the Benefice. **Thursday 24th September 7pm at Lyminge Church.**

More Harvest Festivals

4th Oct. 5pm – Postling; **11th Oct.** 11.15am – Wootton; **18th Oct.** 11.15am – Denton

Wootton Harvest Supper

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

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