

BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTICES



ELMSETT
ST PETER

ALDHAM
ST MARY

KERSEY
ST MARY

HINTLESHAM
ST NICHOLAS

CHATTISHAM
ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 18th October Trinity 20

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

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul commends the Thessalonian Christians' example of lives changed from idol worship to Spirit-filled and faithful service of Christ, personal hardship notwithstanding.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus calls out a question designed to mire him in hostility or condemnation, and responds with a challenge concerning the loyalties of his questioners.

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; 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.

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.

We also remember the student unrest in France praying for a peaceful resolution.

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

October 2026

20th October – Rural Coffee Caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham
Community Hall
21st October – Discussion Group 3pm in
Chattisham Church
21st October - Fish and Chip lunch
Methodist Church 12pm
27th October – Craft & Chat 10am – 3pm
in Chattisham Church
28th October – Coffee Stop 10-12pm
Hintlesham Community Hall
11th November – Kersey Coffee Morning
9-12
17th November – Rural Coffee Caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham
Community Hall
18th November - Fish and Chip lunch
Methodist Church 12pm
18th November – Discussion Group 3pm in
Chattisham Church

Sunday 25th October Last Sunday after Trinity

Hintlesham 9:30am

All age Eucharist with Baptism

Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion

Aldham 11am Holy Communion

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

Regular Events

Kersey

Celtic Morning Prayer – Tuesdays at 9:30am

Coffee Morning 2nd Wednesdays 9:30-12 in church.

Hintlesham and Chattisham

Coffee Stop 4th Wednesday of the month
Drop in between 10am – 12 Community Hall

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

Craft and Chat 4th Tues of the month
10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church

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.

Fish and Chip Lunch Every 3rd Wednesday
From 12pm

Bellringing:

Kersey Thursdays 7:45pm

Elmsett Wednesdays 7:30pm

Hintlesham First Friday of the month
7:30pm

And finally...

On this day 1867 the US took formal possession of Alaska. Purchased from Russia at a bargain price of 2 cents per acre totalling \$7.2 million. At the time Russia faced heavy debts following the Crimean War and needed the cash. Russia also felt that Alaska would be difficult to defend in any future war with Great Britain due to the proximity of British forces in Canada. Added to this Russia also had shifted its focus to expanding its influence in Asia. Some critics in the US mocked the deal as a folly – until gold was discovered!