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# Elham Valley Group Newsletter
## 1st November 2026

"Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all"

**This week's services : All Saints Day**

**8am – Said Holy Communion – St Mary the Virgin, Elham**
**9.30am – Morning Prayer – St Martin, Acrise**
**9.30am –Patronal Festival Eucharist – All Saints, Stanford**
**10am – WoW – St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge**
**11.30am – Eucharist – St Mary Magdalene, Denton (Note later time)**
**3pm – All Souls Evensong - St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge**
**4pm – Evensong – St Oswald, Paddlesworth**

***Tuesday 3rd November*** **– 8.30am – Morning Prayer – Elham**

**The Readings for 1st November**
Revelation 7: 9-end ~ Psalm 34: 1-10 ~ 1 John 3: 1-3 ~ Matthew 5: 1-12

God, our maker and redeemer, we pray you of your great mercy and by the power of your holy cross to guide us by your will and to shield us from our foes: that, after the example of your servant Alfred, we may inwardly love you above all things; 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. Amen.
*(Prayer from the Church of England)*

Please Pray for *the Hamer family, Ray & Kathy, Marion Holmes*, *Johnathan Greenwood, Norah Chinneck, 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*, Derrick Hamer* and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, *Mary Robinson, Peter Vincent, Mavis Hodson, Lilian Bungard, Jacqueline Nonis & Vera Law.*

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**

**All Saints Day – 1st Nov. 9.30am – Holy Communion at Stanford Church** which is dedicated to All Saints!
**All Souls Day – a Service of Commemoration of our loved ones departed – 1st Nov. 3pm – Lyminge Church**
**Remembrance Services -8th November**
Elham – 1040 leave church for 1050 at war memorial, then Service of the Word
Stanford – 1050 war memorial, then service in church. Postling & Stanford names will be read out.
Lyminge – 1045 war memorial, then joint service in church
Paddlesworth – 1050 in church. Also **11th Nov.** 1050
Wootton – 1050 war memorial, then service in church

***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 **26th November**. If you have any questions, or prayer requests, do contact me on sharonpaine10@aol.com or 07503 290552. Rev. Sharon

***Dates for Your Diaries***
**Organ Recital & Candlelit Soiree – 14th Nov. 7pm -**St Mary's, Elham. £15 per ticket includes welcome drink, canapes, bar.
**Acrise Church Christmas Fair – 28th Nov. 10am -2pm** – Elham Village Hall. To book a table, call 01303 892364.

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