

ELMSETT ST PETER | ALDHAM ST MARY | KERSEY ST MARY | HINTLESHAM ST NICHOLAS | CHATTISHAM ALL SAINTS & ST MARGARET

Sunday 15th November
2nd Sunday before Advent

Chattisham 9:30am Holy Communion
Elmsett 9:30am Family@StPeter's
Aldham 11am Family Service
Kersey 4pm Evensong

Collect
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
St Paul offers a string of metaphors highlighting our need to stay attentive to the Lord and his return. He also says that we should encourage one another.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
God gives to each of us only as much as we can manage. We are given all we need to face the challenges ahead, and it is our challenge to use it well.

Post Communion
Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.
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, giving thanks for the churchwardens and the Local Ministry Team and all who volunteer to be on the various rotas.

Dates for your diary

October 2026

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

24th November – Craft & Chat 10am – 3pm in Chattisham Church

25th November – Coffee Stop 10-12pm Hintlesham Community Hall

December 2026

No Coffee Stop in December

9th December – Kersey Coffee Morning 9-12

15th December – Rural Coffee Caravan
10am – 12 Chattisham Church.
2pm – 4pm Outside Hintlesham Community Hall

16th December – Discussion Group 3pm in Chattisham Church

Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King

Hintlesham 9:30am All age Eucharist
Elmsett 9:30am Holy Communion
Aldham 11am Holy Communion

Collect
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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 15th November 1837 Isaac Pitman invented his shorthand method of writing. It was later popularised when it was used at the trial of John Wilkes Booth accused of assassinating Abraham Lincoln.
And closer to home in 1899 the US steamship St Paul, en route to England, was the first ship to receive radio messages, transmitted from the Needles off the Isle of Wight.
And then, in 1923 German inflation reached a peak with the currency standing at four trillion marks to the dollar. Inflation was 41% per day. A loaf of bread that cost 250 marks in January 1923 rose to over 100 trillion (100,000,000,000,000) marks.

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