

# *NEWS for the PEWS*

## The Weekly Newsletter for the Earsham Benefice

We warmly welcome you to our church today.

If you are a visitor or newcomer to our church, please sit anywhere,  
enjoy the worship and stay for coffee which is usually after the service.

Our Benefice vision is for people to come to faith in Christ and for us all to grow in  
faith and discipleship so that together we offer whole-hearted worship to Christ.

We serve the communities of

Alburgh, Broome, Denton, Ditchingham, Earsham & Hedenham

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**THIS WEEK: 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**GREEN**

**Alburgh 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service**

**Broome 10.00am ~ Morning Prayer**

**Denton 9.30am ~ Service at Chapel**

**Earsham 9.00am/10.30am ~ Holy Communion/Fresh Expressions Café Service**

**Philippians 4: 10 -13     Luke 12: 13 – 21     10<sup>th</sup> Commandment ‘You shall not covet’**

### The Collect

Almighty God,

who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**NEXT WEEK: 14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**GREEN**

**Denton 9.30am ~ Holy Communion Service at St. Mary’s**

**Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Harvest Service**

**Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service/11.30am Baptism All Saints Church**

**Judges 4: 1 -10**

**Matthew 5: 13 – 16**

**5 Strong Women: Deborah**

**FOLLOWING WEEK: 15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**GREEN**

**Alburgh 10.00am ~ Harvest Service**

**Broome 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service**

**Denton 9.30am ~ Service at Chapel/11.30am Baptism at St. Mary’s Church**

**Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service**

**Esther 4: 1 -17**

**John 15: 13 – 17**

**5 Strong Women: Esther**

# **HARVEST SERVICES 2025**

**Alburgh 10.00am ~ Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Broome 10.00am ~ Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Denton 10.30am ~ Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**Earsham 9.00am ~ Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Hedenham 6.00pm ~ Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



Within the Old Testament there are many Spiritually Strong Women. Starting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 we will be looking at Five of these women and seeing what they can teach us, what it means to follow God.

## **Five Strong Women**

Deborah

Esther

Ruth

Rehab

Abigail

## Church Thoughts – Harvest 2025

‘Please’ and ‘Thank-you’ were probably among the first things we ever learned to say as children. ‘What’s the magic word’ your parents may have said to you before they would allow you to open your present from great granny. Make sure you say thank you to auntie before you eat your sweets. And saying thank you is still what we do as adults. As you step off the bus you say thank you to the driver. As you fight your way through Bungay you say thank you to the car driver who pulls in, even when it’s your right of way. It’s what you do!

Here in the church season we are running upto Harvest. Harvest is the churches time for saying thank-you. Thank you that someone (chances are that even in our rural communities it was not one of us) has been busy ploughing the fields and scattering the good seed, so that, after a bit of snow in winter and some warmth to swell the grain, (apart from this year with a bit to much snow and then a bit to much warmth) it can be harvested and processed, allowing us to pop out to the supermarket and buy food for Sunday lunch, neatly packaged, shrink wrapped in plastic and possibly even ready-to-serve or pop into the microwave.

But how often do you say thank you for our food? The annual Harvest Festival gives us an opportunity to celebrate all that God provides for us: *"first the grain, and then the ear and then the full seed shall appear."* This cycle of life in the natural world is one of nature’s miracles. We so easily take it for granted especially with on time delivers and supermarkets down the road. That is until we turn on the TV and see floods or droughts threaten the world’s supplies; then we’re reminded that food supplies are often uncertain for many people across the world.

Check out the dates of your church harvest Service this year and come along and say thank you for all the good things that we have received.



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## Dates for the Diary

**18.09.25 – 20.09.25: Sew and So's Exhibition ~ All Saints Church & Church Rooms, Earsham**

**21.09.25: 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Banns re: Jordan Brown & Alice Hansey ~ St Mary's Ditchingham**

## EFEBs (Earsham Fresh Expression Bible Study)

A mostly weekly Bible Study on a **Wednesday 10am-11.30am** in Earsham Church Rooms.

All Welcome to join. Contact Phil or Chris Edwards for more info.

## Benefice Prayer Meeting

Do join us for our weekly prayer meeting at **6pm** every **Friday**, in the Earsham Church Rooms for 30 minutes.

If you feel uncomfortable praying out loud, you do not have to but can sit and pray in silence.

Contact Jo for more information.



## Keeping in Touch

If you miss picking up the News for the Pews in Church, the latest copy can be downloaded each week from [www.earshambenefice.org.uk](http://www.earshambenefice.org.uk). For up-to-date information like us on Facebook – search Earsham Benefice or look out for the regular Benefice e-mails. If you don't receive these please e-mail the office with your details.

If you are running an event, please e-mail the Office so that it can be included in the N4P.