

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: Third before Lent

1st February 2026

GREEN

Alburgh 9.00am ~ Holy Communion Service BCP

Denton 9.30-10.00am ~ Family Service

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Hedenham 6.00pm ~ Evensong Service

1 Corinthians: 3: 1 – 9

Matthew 5: 21 – 37

Sermon on the Mount

The Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.

NEXT WEEK: Second before Lent

8th February 2026

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

Genesis 1: 1 – 2.3

Matthew 6: 25 – end

God's Creation

FOLLOWING WEEK: First before Lent

15th February 2026

GREEN

Denton 9.30/10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

2 Peter 1 : 16 – end

Matthew 17 : 1 – 9

Lent

Beetle Drive

on

Saturday 28 February 2026

at

Broome Village Hall

at 6pm

**including choice of three soups,
bread and cakes**

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

Prizes for top scorers + Raffle

Tickets: £7 adults - £2 under-16s

Tickets from:

Hilary or Terry Harrison

07823 332032 or

07733 354841

Funds raised will support restoration of Broome Church

Ash Wednesday

Service on Wednesday 18th February 2026

12noon

Followed by soup lunch

At All Saints Church, Earsham.

Parish Statistics for 2025

Church	Funeral Services	Burial in Churchyard/Cemetery	Interment of Ashes	Service at Crematorium	Graveside Service & burial	Weddings	Baptism
Alburgh	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Broome	1	1	3	1	0	0	2
Denton	2	2	1	0	0	1	2
Ditchingham	1	1	1	6	0	2	1
Earsham	4	3	4	3	0	0	2
Hedenham	2	2	0	0	0	0	1

Baptism details: Statistics for Mission:

2025 –	Infants (up to 1yr)	(1 – 4yrs)	(5 – 12yrs)	Youth/Adults (13 +)
Alburgh	0	0	0	0
Broome	2	0	0	0
Denton	1	0	1	0
Ditchingham	1	0	0	0
Earsham	1	1	0	0
Hedenham	0	1	0	0



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Denton: Local Ecumenical Partnership part of the Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership

The Rev'd Bruno Boldrini ~ UNAVAILABLE

Dates for the Diary

01.02.26: Alburgh ~ Int. of Ashes re: John Thornton

03.02.26: Alburgh ~ Int. of Ashes re: Margaret Kerrison 12noon

05.02.26: Alburgh ~ Funeral Service + burial 11.00am ~ John Ladbrooke ~ CH/WDB/AW

EFEBs (Earsham Fresh Expression Bible Study)

A mostly weekly Bible Study on a **Wednesday 10am-11.30am** in Earsham Church Rooms (held during cold weather at various members homes).

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. 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.

Safeguarding

Within the Earsham Benefice we take safeguarding very seriously. If you have a concern about the safety of someone or the actions of a person working with children or vulnerable adults, please speak out and stay safe.

Our Named Safeguarding Officer is Sally Thomson, and she can be contacted on 01986 894494