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
www.earshambenefice.org.uk

THIS WEEK: Advent 1 **29th November 2026** **PURPLE**

10.00am ~ Benefice Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's Church, Denton
~ Guest Speaker Reverend Kenneth Thom

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Romans 10:12-17 **Matthew 28:16-20** **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK: Advent 2 **6th December 2026** **PURPLE**

Alburgh 9.00am ~ Holy Communion Service BCP
Denton 9.30am/10.00am ~ Family Service
Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service
Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service
Hedenham 6.00pm ~ Evensong

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Isaiah 40 v 1-11 **Mark 1 v 1-8** **John prepares the Way**

FOLLOWING WEEK: Advent 3 **13th December 2026** **PURPLE**

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service
Broome 10.00am ~ Morning Prayer
Denton 9.30am ~ Service at Chapel
Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

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Isaiah 61 v 1-4 + v 8-11 **John 1 v 6-8 + v 19-28** **John not the Christ**

First Candle - The Candle of Hope
The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus



Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

(A person lights the First Candle here)

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:
All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen**.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

5TH & 6TH DECEMBER

10.00AM TO 5.00PM

COME AND VIEW THE TREES AT

ALBURGH CHURCH

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE

(BRING CHANGE TO VOTE BY CASH DONATION)

BUY REFRESHMENTS

& LAST-MINUTE GIFTS

FREE ENTRY

ALL PROFITS IN AID OF ALBURGH CHURCH

All Saints Church Alburgh IP20 0DA

Christmas Tree Festival 2026

This year the Church is holding its 5th Competition and plans to have over 40 entries over the weekend of 5th and 6th December, the Church being open to viewing and voting from 10.00am to 5.00pm each day.

Come and see a wonderful and varied display of Christmas trees – vote for your favourite

Refreshments and produce table
Free entry

Contact Ann 07990 524794/01379 852569
For more information

Christingle Services 2026

Earsham 6.00pm ~ Tuesday 1st December
Alburgh 4.00pm ~ Wednesday 2nd December
Ditchingham 6.00pm ~ Thursday 3rd December
Broome 3.30/4.00pm ~ Sunday 6th December (Broome Village Hall)



Carol Services 2026

Alburgh 7.30pm ~ Friday 11th December
Broome 7.30pm ~ Tuesday 22nd December
Denton 6.00pm ~ Sunday 20th December
Ditchingham 6.00pm ~ Sunday 20th December
Earsham 6.00pm ~ Wednesday 24th December
Hedenham 4.00pm ~ Sunday 20th December



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Denton: Local Ecumenical Partnership *part of the Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership*
Minister Unavailable

Dates for the Diary

29.11.26: Denton 10.00am ~ Benefice Holy Communion Service ~ Guest speaker Reverend Kenneth Thom
29.11.26: ECR 12noon ~ Sew & So's Booking
30.11.26: ECR 9.00am – 5.00pm ~ Sew & So's exhibition
03.12.26: 5.30pm Norwich Cathedral ~ Appointment Service re: Archdeacon Rev'd Chris Bunce
04.12.26: 11.00am ~ Hedenham Int. of Ashes re: Karen Hulance CH

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 on 07951 922280 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 on 01986 895617 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