

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: Easter 5

3rd May 2026

WHITE

Alburgh 9.00am ~ Holy Communion Service BCP

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

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service + Baptism 11.30am

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Hedenham 6.00pm ~ Evensong

Acts 7 v54-60

John 14 v1-7

True Follower

The Collect

Almighty God,

**who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:**

grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK: Easter 6

10th May 2026

WHITE

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

Broome 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Denton 9.30am ~ Service at Chapel

Earsham 10.30am ~ Contemporary Holy Communion Service

Acts 17 v22-31

John 14 v15-21

Promises of the Holy Spirit

FOLLOWING WEEK: Easter 7

17th May 2026

WHITE

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

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Acts 1 v6-14

John 17 v1-11

Ascension

DENTON ANNUAL PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 9TH MAY
11AM - 2PM

AT

DENTON VILLAGE HALL
Flower & Vegetable Plants

For Sale

DELICIOUS QUICHE & SALAD
LUNCH AVAILABLE

ALSO

TEA / COFFEE & SCONES

The Ever Popular Raffle

All proceeds in aid of the Church in Denton

The Bishop's
Lent Appeal

2026

Thank you for all those who donated to the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026, whether through Splat the Vicar, Collections on Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday, Smartie Tubes or Donations.

We raised a grand total of

£640

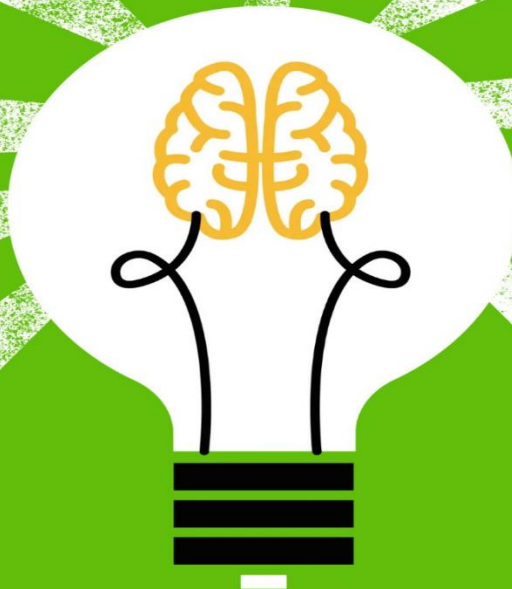
Alburgh Church – Annual Spring Clean ~ Saturday 2nd May 2026

If you have a free hour to help, please come along. Materials provided and refreshments.

Reverend Reg Kirkpatrick would like to thank all who sponsored him for the Sponsored Bike Ride in aid of Multiple Sclerosis ~ over £300!

In aid of St Peter's Church, Hedenham

QUIZ NIGHT



**15 May
2026**

Doors open at 7pm. £12 per person. Teams of 4-6 players, or form a team on the night

**Entry includes a ploughmans supper
and a glass of wine * Great prizes * Raffle**

Contact Rosie Sethia: 07768 285503 or rosiesethia@btinternet.com

Village Hall, Hedenham

After the Winter, God sends the Spring

Springtime is the season
of hope, and joy, and cheer.
There's beauty all around;
to see, to touch, to hear.
So no matter how downhearted
or discouraged you may be,
New hope is born when we behold
leaves budding on a tree.
Or when we see a timid flower
push through the frozen sod,
And open wide, in glad surprise,
it's petalled eyes to God...
For this is just God saying
"Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit
like the budding springtime tree,
Will loose it's wintry darkness
and your heavy heart will sing!"
For God never sends the winter
without the joy of Spring.

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~



Nubia Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nubia_Group/

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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

03.05.26: Ditchingham ~ Baptism 11.30am re: Aria Rose Woodison ~ CH

08.05.26: Earsham ~ Interment of Ashes 11.00am re: Pearl Strachan & Ian Strachan CH

13.05.26: Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm at Rectory

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. 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