

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: Advent 2

7th December 2025

PURPLE

Alburgh 9.00am ~ Holy Communion Service BCP

Denton 10.00am ~ Family Service

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Hedenham 11.30am Baptism/ 6.00pm ~ Evensong

Isaiah 11: 1 – 10

Matthew 3: 1 – 12

John B Prepares the Way

The Collect

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK: Advent 3

14th December 2025

PURPLE

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

Broome 10.00am ~ Morning Prayer

Denton 9.30am ~ Holy Communion Service at Chapel

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

Isaiah 35: 1 – 10

Matthew 11: 2 – 11

Jesus and John B

FOLLOWING WEEK: Advent 4

21st December 2025

PURPLE

Denton 6.00pm ~ Carol Service at St. Mary's

Ditchingham 6.00pm ~ Carol Service

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Hedenham 4.00pm ~ Carol Service

Isaiah 7: 10 – 16

Matthew 1: 18 – end

Birth of Jesus



Second Candle - The Candle of Peace The prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus

Leader: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace.

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

(A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

(A person lights Second Candle, the Candle of Peace)

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen.**

Confirmation Service

On the Sunday 18th January 2026 10am at St Mary, Denton
we are having a Confirmation Service led by the Bishop of Norwich.
If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to the Rector

We warmly invite you to **Our Christingle Services**

Tuesday 2nd Dec 6pm
at Earsham Church

Wednesday 3rd Dec
4pm at Alburgh Church

Tea/Coffee & Cake served at 3:30pm

Thursday 4th Dec 6pm
at Ditchingham Church

Sunday 7th Dec 4pm

at Broome Village Hall
Tea/Coffee & Cake served at 3:30pm

Get you Christmas started!

All donations will be for the
Children's Society.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES 2025



Christmas Services during Advent

Friday 12th December 7pm – Alburgh Carol Service with the Salvation Army

Sunday 21st December 4pm – Hedenham Carol Service by Candlelight & Choir

Sunday 21st December 6pm – Denton Carol Service with Choir

Sunday 21st December 6pm – Ditchingham Carol Service by Candlelight

Monday 22nd December 7:30pm – Broome Carol Service by Candlelight
with the Salvation Army

Tuesday 23rd December 5pm – Denton Nativity Service

Wednesday 24th December 6pm – Earsham Family Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December 10pm – Denton Holy Communion Service

Wednesday 24th December 11:30pm – Hedenham Holy Communion Service

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 10am – Alburgh Holy Communion Service

Thursday 25th December 10am – Broome Holy Communion Service

Thursday 25th December 10am – Denton Morning Service

Thursday 25th December 10am – Ditchingham Holy Communion Service

**The Service Rota for December – February
can now be downloaded from the Benefice Website**

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Dates for the Diary

12.12.25: Denton: Funeral Service followed by Burial ~ 11:30am re: Eveline Bullen CH/JC/J.Collins

28.12.25: Earsham: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Service at Earsham SC/BC

08.01.26: Alburgh: Funeral Service 1.30pm re: Margaret Kerrison, followed by cremation 9.1.26 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 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