

# *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 2**

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**WHITE**

**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**

**Acts 2 v22-32**

**John 20 v19-31**

**Jesus appears**

## **The Collect**

**Almighty Father,**

**you have given your only Son to die for our sins**

**and to rise again for our justification:**

**grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness**

**that we may always serve you**

**in pureness of living and truth;**

**through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Easter 3**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**WHITE**

**Denton 9.30am ~ Holy Communion Service**

**Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Morning Service**

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

**Acts 2 v36-41**

**Luke 24 v13-35**

**Changed Hearts**

**FOLLOWING WEEK: Easter 4**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**WHITE**

**Alburgh 10.00am ~ Morning Service**

**Broome 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service**

**Denton 9.30am ~ Partnership Service**

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

**Acts 2 v42-47**

**John 6 v35-40**

**True Church**

**The Earsham Benefice**  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**7.30pm, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Held at Ditchingham Primary Academy**

7.30pm

**WORSHIP**

**RESULTS OF THE VESTRY MEETINGS 2026 – followed by ...**

**Commissioning of the elected Churchwardens**

**APCM TOGETHER**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last year's meeting
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Rector's Report – Questions
5. Synod report (*one person representing the parishes*)
6. School's Worker Report
7. Safeguarding
8. Notices – Vote of Thanks

**IN PARISH GROUPS**

**Led by Lay Chair, these meetings are strictly for the receiving of reports and for AGM business.**

9. Members present/apologies for absence
10. Approval of Minutes of last year's meeting
11. Wardens' report
12. Treasurer's Report & approval of accounts
13. Fabric Officer's report (if not already covered)
14. Any other reports from Church organisations
15. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives  
**(Synod Reps elected for 3yr term)**
16. Election to the PCC (nominations may still be received at this meeting (up to 6 PCC members), but each nominee must be proposed & seconded)
17. Raised matters. *Issues can be raised from the floor that will then go to the next full PCC meeting for discussion.*

**BRIEF MEETING OF NEW PCC** for elections only (*any others may stay for this or come into the hall for refreshments*)

18. Elections: *Lay Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer, Fabric Officer, Verger (if applicable), Gift Aid Secretary (if applicable), Standing Committee, Safeguarding Officer.*
19. Appointment of Co-opted members to PCC
20. Adoption of 3 Policies ~ Children & Young People, Adults at Risk, Recruitment of ex-offenders.
21. Date of first PCC meeting
22. Close in prayer

**SECRETARIES, PLEASE NOTE**

The Form showing the result of your elections, the names of those who have retired from responsibilities and the date of your next PCC meeting must be given to Sally Thomson a.s.a.p and you are asked to give the forms to Caroline Hutton as soon as possible. Please visit the Church Office for any help needed.

*Accounts and statements signed by Chairman to be displayed in the churches for 14 days after APCM. Notice of election results to be displayed for 14 days after APCM*

There will be Refreshments available in Hall ~ thanks to Denton PCC.

**Reverend Reg Kirkpatrick will be taking part in a Sponsored Bike Ride in aid of Multiple Sclerosis on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026. If you wish to sponsor Reg, please contact him.**

## He Walks Beside Us Still

Two travellers walked with heads hung low,  
The road ahead was hard and slow.  
Their hearts were crushed, their hope seemed gone,  
Until a stranger came along.

He spoke with warmth, He knew their pain,  
He talked of Moses, loss, and gain.  
And as He broke the bread that night,  
Their eyes were opened to the Light.

It was the Lord — alive, so near!  
No ghost, no tale — their Savior dear.  
He vanished then, but left a spark,  
A fire burning through the dark.

Now every road and every land  
May find His footsteps in the sand.  
He walks beside the broken soul,  
And whispers, "Child, I make you whole."

He still appears, not just in dreams,  
But in our hearts, in prayerful streams.  
We are not left to walk alone,  
He lives, He leads, He guides His own.

The tomb is empty, still today,  
And Jesus walks with us — always.



## Benefice Contact Details

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### Schools Chaplain

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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

**14.04.26:** Alburgh ~ Funeral & burial 2pm re: Wilfred Upson ~ CH

**18.04.26:** Earsham Church Rooms ~ Flute booked

**19.04.26:** Ditchingham ~ Baptism 11.30am re: Aura Rosalie Angela Kelly ~ CH

**28.04.26:** Benefice APCM: 7.30pm: Ditchingham School

**30.04.26:** Churchwarden Meeting: 7.30pm at Rectory

**03.05.26:** Ditchingham ~ Baptism 11.30am re: Aria Rose Woodison ~ 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](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.

## 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