

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 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

The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent your messenger

to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way

by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,

that at your second coming to judge the world

we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive and reign with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT 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

FOLLOWING WEEK: Christmas

28th December 2025

WHITE

Earsham 10.00am ~ Benefice Holy Communion Service

No other services within Benefice.

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Post Christmas



Third Candle - The Candle of Love - John The Baptist *(The Candles of Hope and Peace are already lit.)*

Leader: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Love. Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it and the Candle of Hope again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

(A person lights the Third Candle, the Candle of Love here)

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

Leader: Let us pray: **All:** Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. **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

Sponsored Charity Run for Local School Chaplaincy Projects

On the Saturday 20th December, the Rector and his wife have been volunteered to run in the Bury St Edmond Christmas Canter race (alongside 8 others) on behalf of Integrate Youth For Christ who oversee the chaplaincy projects in our local schools.

Chris is running 10K while Caroline is running 5K.

Visit www.integrateyfc.org.uk/ for online sponsorship or cash to the Benefice office.

The
SUANLO TRIO
performing,
A Trio's Tale

An intimate evening of music that tells a story, one piece at a time

Loreto Aramendi (Organ)
Ana Salaberria (Soprano) Suzanna Guterl (Alto)



Saturday 17th January 2026 at 7.30PM
All Saints Church, Alburgh

Tickets £15.00 each. Children under 12 are free.
Price includes canapes and a glass of wine.
Raffle to be held during the interval.
All proceeds will go to the All Saints Church extension fund.

Call Ann Wrench for tickets:
01379 852569 / 07990 524794



Christmas Church Services 2025

Christmas Services during Advent

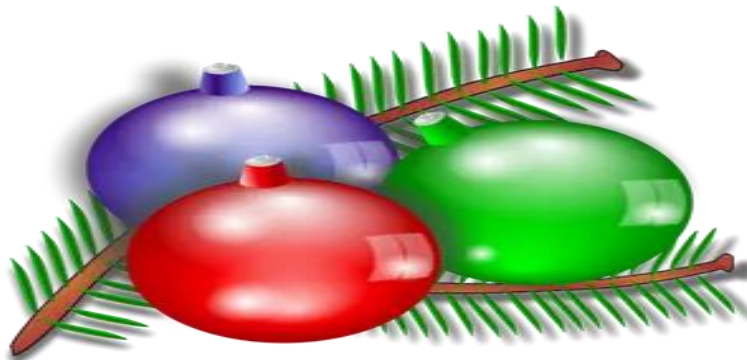
Friday 12th December 7:30pm – Alburgh Carol Service with the Salvation Army
Sunday 21st December 4pm – Hedenham Carol Service by Candlelight & Choir
Sunday 21st December 6pm – Denton Carol Service with Choir
Sunday 21st December 6pm – Ditchingham Carol Service by Candlelight
Monday 22nd December 7:30pm – 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



Benefice Office Closed

Monday 22nd December – 1st January
Reopened Friday 2nd January 2026

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Dates for the Diary

23.12.25: Funeral: Waveney Crem (Earsham): 12noon: Helen Mary Wright: CH

08.01.26: Funeral: Alburgh: 1:30pm: Margaret Ellen Kerrison: 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