

# 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: First before Lent

15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

GREEN

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

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

2 Peter 1v16 – 25

Matthew 17v1 – 9

The Transfiguration

### The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory,

that we may be strengthened to suffer with him

and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

NEXT WEEK: First of Lent

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

PURPLE

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Broome 10.00am ~ Holy Communion

Denton 9.30am ~ Service at Chapel

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Genesis 2v15-17 & 3v1-7

Matthew 4v1-11

Temptation of Jesus

FOLLOWING WEEK: Second of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

PURPLE

Alburgh 9.00am ~ BCP Holy Communion

Denton 9.30am/10am ~ Family Service

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Holy Communion

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Hedenham 6pm ~ Evensong

Genesis 12v1-4

John 3v1-17

God do loved the World

March to May 2026 Service Rota  
can now be downloaded from the Benefice Website

# ASH WEDNESDAY

*Service & Soup Lunch*

18th Feb  
at 12 noon

**Earsham Church**

This year the Diocese Lent appeal is asking Benefices to raise £400 to send a clergy child in Papa New Guinea to school for the year. As a clergy family this is a cause close to our hearts. We have teamed up with our Benefice Schools to help reach our target £400 and wondered if you could help as well!

We are asking all who can to fill up a Smartie tube with any spare coins during lent to donate to the appeal. These can then be brought along to the Benefice service on the 29<sup>th</sup> March or dropped off at the benefice office by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**The Bishop's Lent Appeal**

**2026**

Please do support this appeal if you can. We would be very grateful. Thank you, Chris and Caroline



# Stories of Faith

Talking about the difference God has made in our lives is not only useful, it is deeply exciting. Stories are fascinating.



This Lent we would like to invite you to come and share your stories of faith. Each week we shall explore a different question which empowers us to share our stories of faith.

**Dates: Sunday, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March**

**Time: 4pm—5pm**

**Location: The Rectory**

## Lent Course 2026

## Broome Church Beetle Drive

**Saturday 28 February 2026 at 6pm**

**At Broome Village Hall**

**including choice of three soups, bread and cakes**

**Please bring your own drinks and glasses**

**Prizes for top scorers + Raffle**

**Tickets: £7 adults - £2 under-16s**

**Tickets from: Hilary or Terry Harrison**

**07823 332032 or 07733 354841**

**Funds raised will support Broome Church**

## Benefice Contact Details

**Rector: The Reverend Christopher Hutton** (Usual Day off Mondays)

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Jo Somerfield (Prayer)	01986 895617

### Schools Chaplain

Caroline Hutton	01986 895423
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**Denton: Local Ecumenical Partnership** part of the Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership

The Rev'd Bruno Boldrini	UNAVAILABLE
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## Dates for the Diary

**26.02.26: Funeral: Mr Lawrence Higham: 2.30pm: Broome Church: CH**

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

## 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