

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: 2nd before Advent

16th November 2025

RED

Denton 9.30am ~ Holy Communion Service

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

2 Thessalonians 3: 6 -13

Luke 21: 5 – 19

Signs of the End Times

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK: 1st before Advent

23rd November 2025

RED

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Broome 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

Denton 9.30am ~ Holy Communion Service at Chapel

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Jeremiah 23: 1 -6

Luke 23: 33 – 43

Christ the King

FOLLOWING WEEK: Advent 1

30th November 2025

PURPLE

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Benefice Holy Communion Service at

St. Mary's Church, Ditchingham

~ Reverend Chris Hutton & with guest speaker Reverend David Lloyd

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

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

1st Advent Sunday Benefice Service



November 30th 2025 at 10am

St Mary's Ditchingham

A Service for the whole Benefice

with the Hedenham Choir leading our worship

And with Guest Speaker – Rev'd David Lloyd

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.**



John Thornton

We are sorry to announce that on Friday 31st October John Thornton died at the age of 98yrs, having suffered a stroke a few days earlier. John served the parish of Alburgh for many years, with several stints as churchwarden, as well as the Benefice and Diocese in his other roles.

John was a special man and had a confident faith.

His funeral will be at Alburgh Church at 12noon on Friday 28th November.

CHANTER'S JIGGE

invite you to

DECK THE HALLS



**6.30p.m. FRIDAY 21ST. NOVEMBER
BROOME VILLAGE HALL**

**Tickets £10 (incl. wine and nibbles)
available from**

Liz 01986 893069 and Jane 07763 814729

A festive celebration of carols, and seasonal music from
across the centuries, sung and played with
ancient, traditional and modern instruments.
Stamp, clap and sing along to familiar favourites,
carol sheets provided. An excellent way to start Christmas!
PROCEEDS IN AID OF BROOME CHURCH

www.chantersjigge.co.uk

DENTON CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Friday 5th December
5.30 to 7 pm
Village Hall**

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS
RAFFLE HAMPERS
WREATHS REFRESHMENTS
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!**



**COME AND MEET
FATHER CHRISTMAS**

St Mary's Church, Ditchingham

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**December
6th-7th
11 am-3pm**

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Come and enjoy

- Music
- Refreshments
- Children's Christmas Craft
- Tombola
- Hand Bell Ringing

**DONATIONS
WELCOME**



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Dates for the Diary

17.11.25: Diocesan Synod meeting: 7.30pm at Dickleburgh Church Rooms – all welcome

22.11.25: Earsham Mill Winter Fayre – Earsham Church car park booked

28.11.25: Alburgh: Cremation followed by 12noon Funeral Service re: John Thornton

29.11.25: Earsham Church Rooms Booked 10.00-3.30pm ~ Sew&So's Wreath Making

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