

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 7

17th May 2026

WHITE

Denton 9.30/10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Morning Service + Banns

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Acts 1 v6-14

John 17 v1-11

Ascension

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK: Pentecost

24th May 2026

RED

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Broome 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

Denton 9.30/10.00am ~ Service at Chapel

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Acts 2 v1-21

John 20 v19-23

Pentecost

FOLLOWING WEEK: Trinity

31st May 2026

WHITE

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Benefice Holy Communion Service at Alburgh

~ Guest Speaker Reverend Lucy Dallas & Reverend Chris Hutton

No other services within Benefice

2 Corinthians 13 v11 - 14

Matthew 28 v16-20

Trinity

The Lowestoft Longshoremen

A group founded 20 years ago to promote the history of shanty singing and the local fishing industry
They perform all over East Anglia



Come along and hear them on Saturday 6th June
at Alburgh Village Hall IP20 0BZ
Doors open 6pm, Buffet supper included
Tickets £15 from 01986 788934

All Saints Church Alburgh – Summer FETE

Saturday 27th June from 1.30 pm

On the playing field, Alburgh IP20 0BZ

Come and enjoy a traditional fete with something for everyone.

Display by the pupils of Alburgh with Denton Primary Academy

Cream teas, tombola, raffle, cakes, books, plants and much more.....

Vintage cars and tractors ~ In aid of All Saints Alburgh Church funds



**The Bishop's
Lent Appeal**

2026

Thank you for all those who donated to the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026, whether through Splat the Vicar, Collections on Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday, Smartie Tubes or Donations.

We raised a grand total of

£640

May the sun bring you new
energy by day
May the moon softly
restore you by night
May the rain wash away
your worries
May the breeze blow new
strength into your being
May you walk gently
through the world
and know it's beauty all the
days of your life.
—Apache Blessing

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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

17.05.25: Ditchingham ~ 1st reading of Banns re: Caitlyn Goward & Callum Shimmon

22.05.26: Benefice Office closed

17.06.26: Deaner Synod Meeting at Diss 7.30pm

29.06.26: Central Visitation ~ 7.00pm at Wymondham Abbey

04.07.26: Ditchingham ~ Wedding 2.00pm re: Caitlyn Goward & Callum Shimmon CH

EFESB (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