

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: Lent 1

22nd February 2026

GREEN

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Broome 10.00am ~ Holy Communion

Denton 10.30am ~ Partnership Service at Emmanuel Church, Bungay

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Genesis 2v15-17 & 3v1-7

Matthew 4v1-11

Temptation of Jesus

The Collect

Almighty God,

**whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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: Lent 2

1st 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

FOLLOWING WEEK: Lent 3

8th March 2026

PURPLE

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

Broome 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Denton 9.30am ~ Holy Communion Service at Chapel

Earsham 9.00am/10.30am ~ Holy Communion/Fresh Expressions Café Service

Exodus 17v1-7

John 4v4-26

Women by the Well

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

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 29th March or dropped off at the benefice office by 31st 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

“For Lent, 1966” By Madeleine L’Engle

It is my Lent to break my Lent,

To eat when I would fast,

To know when slender strength is spent,

Take shelter from the blast

When I would run with wind and rain,

To sleep when I would watch.

It is my Lent to smile at pain

But not ignore its touch.

It is my Lent to listen well

When I would be alone,

To talk when I would rather dwell

In silence, turn from none

Who call on me, to try to see

That what is truly meant

Is not my choice. If Christ’s I’d be

It’s thus I’ll keep my Lent.

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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

26.02.26: Earsham ~ Bellringers visiting 1.30pm

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. 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