

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 4

26th April 2026

WHITE

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Morning Service

Broome 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

Denton 10.30am ~ Partnership Service At Emmanuel Church, Bungay

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Acts 2 v42-47

John 6 v35-40

True Church

The Collect

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him,

from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,

that we may seek those things which are above,

where he reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK: Easter 5

3rd May 2026

WHITE

Alburgh 9.00am ~ Holy Communion Service BCP

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

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service + Baptism 11.30am

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Hedenham 6.00pm ~ Evensong

Acts 7 v54-60

John 14 v1-7

True Follower

FOLLOWING WEEK: Easter 6

10th May 2026

WHITE

Alburgh 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service

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

Ditchingham 10.00am ~ Holy Communion Service + Baptism 11.30am

Earsham 10.30am ~ Fresh Expressions Café Service

Hedenham 6.00pm ~ Evensong

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John 14 v1-7

True Follower

The Earsham Benefice
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7.30pm, Tuesday 28th April 2026

Held at Ditchingham Primary Academy

7.30pm

WORSHIP

RESULTS OF THE VESTRY MEETINGS 2026 – followed by ...

Commissioning of the elected Churchwardens

APCM TOGETHER

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last year's meeting
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Rector's Report – Questions
5. Synod report (*one person representing the parishes*)
6. School's Worker Report
7. Safeguarding
8. Notices – Vote of Thanks

IN PARISH GROUPS

Led by Lay Chair, these meetings are strictly for the receiving of reports and for AGM business.

9. Members present/apologies for absence
10. Approval of Minutes of last year's meeting
11. Wardens' report
12. Treasurer's Report & approval of accounts
13. Fabric Officer's report (if not already covered)
14. Any other reports from Church organisations
15. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives
(Synod Reps elected for 3yr term)
16. Election to the PCC (nominations may still be received at this meeting (up to 6 PCC members), but each nominee must be proposed & seconded)
17. Raised matters. *Issues can be raised from the floor that will then go to the next full PCC meeting for discussion.*

BRIEF MEETING OF NEW PCC for elections only (*any others may stay for this or come into the hall for refreshments*)

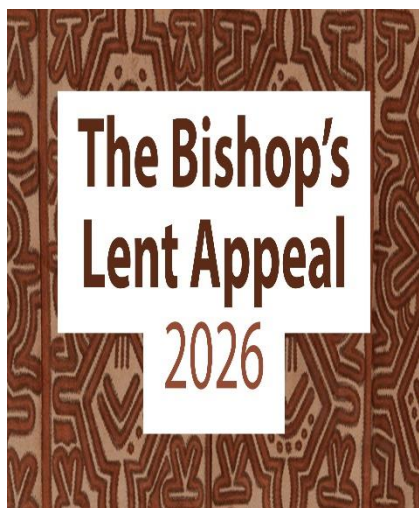
18. Elections: *Lay Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer, Fabric Officer, Verger (if applicable), Gift Aid Secretary (if applicable), Standing Committee, Safeguarding Officer.*
19. Appointment of Co-opted members to PCC
20. Adoption of 3 Policies ~ Children & Young People, Adults at Risk, Recruitment of ex-offenders.
21. Date of first PCC meeting
22. Close in prayer

SECRETARIES, PLEASE NOTE

The Form showing the result of your elections, the names of those who have retired from responsibilities and the date of your next PCC meeting must be given to Sally Thomson a.s.a.p and you are asked to give the forms to Caroline Hutton as soon as possible. Please visit the Church Office for any help needed.

Accounts and statements signed by Chairman to be displayed in the churches for 14 days after APCM. Notice of election results to be displayed for 14 days after APCM

There will be Refreshments available in Hall ~ thanks to Denton PCC.



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

*Alburgh Church – Annual Spring Clean ~ Saturday 2nd May 2026
If you have a free hour to help, please come along. Materials provided and refreshments.*

Reverend Reg Kirkpatrick would like to thank all who sponsored him for the Sponsored Bike Ride in aid of Multiple Sclerosis ~ over £300!

Benefice Contact Details

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Caroline Hutton

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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

28.04.26: Benefice Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 7.30pm: Ditchingham School

30.04.26: Churchwarden Meeting: 7.30pm at Rectory

03.05.26: Ditchingham ~ Baptism 11.30am re: Aria Rose Woodison ~ CH

08.05.26: Earsham ~ Interment of Ashes 11.00am re: Pearl Strachan & Ian Strachan CH

13.05.26: Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm at Rectory

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