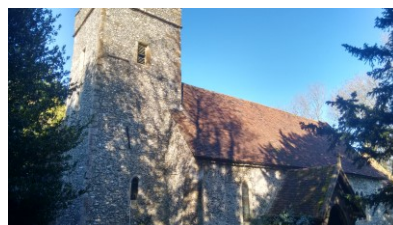


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Elham Valley Group Newsletter 4th October 2026

“Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all”

This week's services : 18th Sunday after Trinity

8am – Said Holy Communion – St Mary the Virgin, Elham

9.30am – Harvest Holy Communion – St Martin, Acrise

10am – WoW – St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge

11.15am – Eucharist – St Mary Magdalene, Denton

4pm – Evensong – St Oswald, Paddlesworth

5pm – Harvest Service – St Mary & St Radegund, Postling

Tuesday 6th October – 8.30am – Morning Prayer – Elham

The Readings for 4th October

Isaiah 5:1-7 ~ Psalm 80: 8-16 ~ Philippians 3: 4b- 14 ~ Matthew 21:33 – end

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

(Prayer from the Church of England)

Please Pray for *Ray & Kathy, Marion Holmes, Johnathan Greenwood, Norah Chinneck, Joseph, Mark, Val Pinder, Roger Goody, Jenni Lister, Wendy Cook, Millie Collins, Jill Fitch, Poppy Allard, Michael Kirk, Claire Laker.*

Please contact the Benefice Administrator Alison Dale 07985025381 or beneficeadmin@elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk to add people to the prayers.

Please pray for the departed, *Marion Spencer*, and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, *Jean Wiggins, Andrew Garrett, Phyllis Martin, Alfred Underdown, William (Jack) Cross & Richard Mallinson.*

For Baptisms and Weddings please contact the Benefice Administrator as above. To arrange for Funerals, Ashes Interments, Thanksgivings, Blessings, Renewal of Vows, and all other services please contact Revd Sharon Paine - 07503 290552 or email sharonpaine10@aol.com

NOTICES

Benefice Interregnum Prayer

Could you write a prayer that can be used in all 8 of our churches alongside the Collect at each service and as our daily prayer?

It should be no longer than 60 – 70 words – we are praying for the life, unity and future of our Benefice during the vacancy, including those who are exercising ministry and leadership; and for God's guidance and wisdom for those discerning whether they are called to serve as our next Rector.

All entries by the 18th October, please.

Benefice Prayer Meeting

Meet at Lyminge church at **9am** on the 4th Thursday of each month. We pray for our benefice churches, the village communities, and any particular need we are aware of, both local and wider. Do feel free to join us. The next meeting is on the **22nd**

October. If you have any questions, or prayer requests, do contact me on sharonpaine10@aol.com or 07503 290552. Rev. Sharon

More Harvest Festivals

11th Oct. 11.15am - Wootton; **18th Oct.** 11.15am - Denton

Wootton Harvest Supper

Saturday 3rd October – 7 for 7.30pm. Soup & bread, & fruit crumble – all for a donation! Contact Debbie 07866751616 to reserve a place. Everyone Welcome!

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