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Elham Valley Group Newsletter 11th October 2026

“Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all”

This week's services : 19th Sunday after Trinity

8am – Said Holy Communion – St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge

9.30am – Morning Service – St Mary the Virgin, Elham

9.30am – Matins – St Martin, Acrise

9.30am – Worship Service – All Saints, Stanford

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mary & St Radegund, Postling

11.15am – Harvest Wootton Worship – St Martin, Wootton

6pm – Evensong – St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge

Tuesday 13th October – 8.30am – Morning Prayer – Elham

The Readings for 11th October

Isaiah 25:1-9 ~ Psalm 23 ~ Philipians 4: 1-9 ~ Matthew 22:1-14

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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, and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, *Callum Rose, Drusilla Gammon, Anthony Farmer, Roy Atkins & James Smith..*

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

Harvest Festival

18th Oct. 11.15am - Denton

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

Dates for Your Diaries

Organ Recital & Candlelit Soiree – 14th Nov. 7pm -St Mary's, Elham. £15 per ticket includes welcome drink, canapes, bar.

Acrise Church Christmas Fair – 28th Nov. 10am -2pm – Elham Village Hall. To book a table, call 01303 892364.

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