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Elham Valley Group Newsletter
8th November 2026

"Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all"

This week's services : Remembrance Sunday

Postling - 9.30am – Holy Communion
Elham – 10.40am leave church for war memorial at 10.50am followed by Service of the Word
Lyminge – 10.45am war memorial, then joint Remembrance service in church
Stanford – 10.50am war memorial, then Worship service in church.
Paddlesworth – 10.50am Remembrance Service in church.
Denton – 10.45am at War Memorial
Wootton – 10.50am war memorial, then Remembrance service in church
Lyminge - 6pm - Evensong
NB – No Service at Acrise

***Tuesday 10th November* – 8.30am – Morning Prayer – Elham**
***Wednesday 11th November* - 10.50 – Remembrance Service - Paddlesworth**

The Readings for 8th November
Amos 5 :18-24 ~ Psalm 70 ~ 1 Thess 4:13- end ~ Matthew 25: 1-13

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Prayer from the Church of England)

Please Pray for *the Hamer family, Ray & Kathy, Marion Holmes, Johnathan Greenwood, Norah Chinneck, Mark, Val Pinder, Roger Goody, Wendy Cook, 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*, Derrick Hamer* and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, *Eliot Gower, Roger Hargreaves, Denise Swinn, Marjorie Heritage & Ron Lamb.*

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 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 **26th November**. 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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