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Elham Valley Group Newsletter
22nd November 2026

"Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all"

This week's services : Sunday next before Advent- Christ the King

9.30am – Morning Service –St Mary the Virgin, Elham
9.30am – Eucharist – St Martin, Acrise
10am – Family Praise – St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge
11.15am – Eucharist – St Martin, Wootton
n.b. No service at Stanford

Tuesday 24th November **– 8.30am – Morning Prayer – Elham**
Thursday 26th November **– 9am – Benefice Prayer Meeting - Lyminge**

The Readings for 22nd November

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 ~Psalm 95:1-7 ~ Ephesians 1:15-end ~ Matthew 25: 31-end

In this Season of Safeguarding -
God our rock, our fortress and our saviour, you are the place of safety where the frightened may shelter and the wounded be held. Make your Church a place of safety in your likeness: strong to protect the vulnerable, honest where we have failed, and patient in listening to those who have been harmed. Be the shield of every child and every adult at risk, and the power that saves those who found no safety among us; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.
(*Prayer written by Canon Dr Neville Emslie - Director of Mission and Ministry in Canterbury Diocese*)

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, and those for whom an anniversary of death falls at this time, *Timothy Parsons, Matthew Nixon, John Armstrong, Eveline Smith, Sam Perkins, Wally Palmer & Ann Ames.*

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

Acrise Church Christmas Fair – 28th Nov. 10am -2pm – Elham Village Hall CT4 6SX. Crafts, books, gifts, tombola, raffle, refreshments & Father Christmas!

Sung Eucharist for Advent – 29th Nov. 11am – Canterbury Cathedral. NB there will be only 2 services in the Benefice on this Sunday – 8am Holy Communion at Lyminge & 6pm Advent Evening Service at Postling. Many members of our churches gather at the Cathedral service. The preacher is listed as the Archbishop.

Christmas Services and Events – check our website (follow the link above) for full details of what is happening and where.

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