



## Alde Sandlings Benefice

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Aldringham, St Andrew's Parish Church,  
Friston, St Mary's Parish Church  
Knodishall, St Lawrence's Parish Church

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Her Majesty  
Queen Elizabeth II  
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THE CHURCH  
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**A Civic Service will take place to  
commemorate the life of our late  
Sovereign Lady HM Queen Elizabeth II  
at Aldeburgh Parish Church at 6pm on  
Sunday 18 September 2022**

**Services this Sunday for The Alde Sandlings Benefice  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Fourteenth Sunday after  
Trinity**

Aldeburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Civic Service of Remembrance
Aldringham	11.00am	Holy Communion
Knodishall	9.00am	Holy Communion

## **Message from our priest in charge – The Revd Sarah du Boulay**

Dear Friends,

It's been a week in which the whole world as we know it has changed. A new Prime Minister, a new King. The war in the Ukraine is developing every day. And that's just on the world stage. Even in this benefice, we are being kept very busy with occasional offices at the moment – weddings, baptisms and funerals. People's lives are changing, momentarily.

In a funeral earlier today, I was struck by the line in 'Abide With Me'; I need thy presence every passing hour'. In a world of change, and great joys and sorrows, God remains our one constant. Our one certainty. He is there for our every prayer, our every need; our Creator and our Redeemer.

Our churches are all open every day for private prayer and space to spend time with God. We have books of condolence, and I, and the whole ministry team are on hand should anybody need us. Be kind to yourselves, and each other, and be assured of my continued prayers.

With every blessing,

Sarah

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

## **First Reading**

### **Amos 8.4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

## **Second Reading**

### **I Timothy 2.1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 16.1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest

manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

**Sermon preached by The Rev'd James Marston  
at Aldeburgh and Friston on the 11<sup>th</sup> September**

May I speak in the name of the living God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.  
'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.'

What a week!!

From last Sunday until this morning, our nation looks a rather different place.

A much loved and long reigned Queen has died, and a new King is on the throne. Alongside the ancient ceremonies and constitutional processes of accession, alongside the transference of power and prestige, alongside the blanket news coverage and extraordinary scenes we have all been witnessing, we are also experiencing, I sense, a profound sense of loss as we come to terms with the death of a lady who has been such a fixed part of our national life.

I'm not going to repeat the clichés of the media this morning or add to the eulogising and extolling, but amidst this week, in this week of moment of national reflection and of coming together as a national community, it strikes me we are also somewhat collectively unsettled, unnerved even, perhaps more than we anticipated.

I don't want to over-egg the pudding but it's all going to take a little getting used to.

I am talking, of course, about change. And it seems to me that the rituals and customs we have been observing, from the atavistic and archaic, to the laying of flowers, to the ringing of bells, and to the flying of flags, are all part of how we deal with change.

We need to mark these things properly and these rites and ceremonies bind us together as a national community.

We do much the same in our community each Sunday, we bind ourselves together with prayer and worship as we live through the vicissitudes of life. We build and foster community in order that we can draw closer together with each other and with God.

And it is our relationship with God that helps guide us all through the ever changing experience of human life.

I'm not 100pc sure but if memory serves, it was Heraclitus of Ephesus who said something about not being able to step in the same river twice. And, among his philosophical treatises I think he espouses the idea that the only constant in life is change – nothing stays the same.

And indeed, as we live through an intense experience of loss and change, I wonder if the parable of the lost sheep of our Gospel reading has extra resonance today. We are reminded this morning of the sheep, which is found by the shepherd, the person who is found and supported by God in times of trouble.

In many ways change is something we expect and are used to. But sometimes things happen we don't look forward to, we don't expect, we don't plan for, and we don't much like.

As priests Rev'd Sarah and I are often called upon at times of joy, sadness and change; indeed, it seems to me, our lives change all the time and navigating it isn't always easy. The sharp alterations of life, affect us all.

But it is not totally true to say that the only constant in life is change.

For me and our church community, we are reminded through worship and prayer, and the gratitude of the Eucharist we are about to celebrate, of the constancy and steadfastness of God in our lives.

The late Queen, of course, knew this and lived a life of Christian witness that we all admire and relate to.

Her Majesty's relationship with God defined who she was, and I think we can all draw inspiration from that.

Indeed, our church community, also remains a constant for all and at this time of change.

We invite you this week, as we always do, to nourish your soul, to take care of the spiritual side of your life, to pop in and light a candle, to join us in worship, or simply to explore the building; we are here to encourage you at all times to draw closer to God.

And we pray in the coming days for God “to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed”.

It is, after all, our relationship with the God of love that guides us through the ever changing scenes of life, “for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.”

Amen

### **Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **NOTICES**

### **HARVEST MESSY CHURCH – POSTPONED**

**As respect during this period of national mourning, it has been agreed that the Harvest Messy Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September will be postponed.  
More information to follow.**

### **† Morning Prayer across the Benefice with Revd Sarah †**

Revd Sarah will be bringing the benefice together in prayer each morning from 9 -9.30am. People are very welcome to join Sarah, no regular commitment required, just pop along when you wish.

Monday – Friston

Tuesday - Knodishall

Wednesday - Aldringham

Thursday - Aldeburgh

### **Harvest Festival Services in The Alde Sandlings Benefice**

Friston - 9am – September 25<sup>th</sup>

Knodishall - 9am – September 25<sup>th</sup>

Aldeburgh – 10.30am - 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Aldringham 11am – 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Thank God for the Harvest**

### **Harvest Decoration in Aldeburgh Parish Church**

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, the flower team will be preparing the church ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> October Harvest Festival Service. If you have any produce that you can donate, please see Dru or Karen, or see them in church on the Saturday. Any useable produce will be donated to the Fairfield Centre Lunch Club.

### **† Church of England and Diocese Online Worship †**

There are many online services you can view from the Church of England and our cathedral. Here are some links below.

Church of England website

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services>

Church of England Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland/>

Church of England YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLecK8GovYoaYzIgyOEIKZg>

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral>

### **Food Banks at the East of England Co-op**

Foodbanks provide a valuable service to those in need in our communities. The Aldeburgh Co-op and Solar in Leiston are doing a grand job in collecting food donations, which are collected regularly and distributed. So please look out for the various collection baskets.

### **Youth Club – We need your help!**

The Youth Club is back! 7pm to 9pm on Monday evenings during term time for 10–14-year-olds. We are thankful that the Youth Club is as popular as ever. We **really need** some more volunteers to help on these evenings. There is a rota in the west porch that you can add your name to, if you can help (after the summer holidays) or you can contact Fran Smith at [admin@aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk)

### **Weekly Benefice Newsletter**

If you would like something added to the weekly newsletter that is relevant to the Benefice, please do let Claire know and we will do our best to include it the following week.

**All requests by 4pm on Thursday please**

† **Pilgrims Together on Wednesdays on Zoom** †

The worship starts at 6.30pm (Zoom call opens from 6.10pm) and the call is then left open after the worship time for people to catch up. People are welcome to email [pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com) to receive a copy, be added to our mailing list or for the Zoom links.

**Saturday 1st October Community Breakfast and Local Ramble starting 9.30 @ The Parrot**

As before, a delicious breakfast bap and coffee / tea combo for £6.50 is on offer at the Parrot, before we head out to explore local paths. Come just for breakfast and a catch-up with folk, come for just the ramble or come and enjoy both. (You don't need to book in advance, you can decide on the morning.) To help with timing, if coming only to ramble then we generally head from The Parrot around 10.30am. Please do invite friends along.

**Saturday Community 15th October Good News Faith Cafe @ The Outside Inn, Parrot Pub 9.30 - 10.30**

A time for conversation, a hot drink and a croissant. A time to share and offer our thoughts and stories. Acts of kindness within the Outside Inn and taken out into the outside world.

**Piano Music Recital with Louisa Harmer**

**Aldeburgh parish Church**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm**

to include music by Bachs, Mozart, Chopin, Jara & Durand

Retiring collection in Aid of the Ukraine Appeal

**All Welcome**

**Lunchtime Classical Concert Series**

**Aldeburgh Parish Church**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12noon**

The highly successful series of the 2022 Classical Concerts organised by **Save the Children** in collaboration with Nadia Lasserson continue.

The third concert will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon with trios for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano.

Masumi Ogura (Clarinet)

Janet Coles (Cello)

Nadia Lasserson (Piano)

**All Welcome**