

# LOOKING FORWARD

## Newsletter for the Six Parishes of

*Langham with Boxted, West Bergholt and Great Horkesley, Wormingford and Mount Bures with Little Horkesley*

**14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### Welcome, it's good to have you with us!

We hope you enjoy the service and will know God's blessing. If you are a visitor and would like any information, or someone to visit you, please have a word with one of the sides people, a churchwarden or one of the ministers.

#### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Acts 3:12-19    1 John 3:1-7    Luke 24:36b-48

#### COLLECT FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and 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.

#### SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

6.00pm                      Storytime                                      St. Mary's Church hall                      West Bergholt

#### SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

9.15am	Morning Worship	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Said Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Langham
9.30am	Parade Service (APCM)	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
10.30am	Morning Worship	St. Mary's	Langham
11.00am	Fun4Families	St. John's	Great Horkesley
6.30pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter and St. Pauls	Little Horkesley
Readings:	Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-end; John 10:11-18		

#### EASTER 4

#### SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

9.30am	Holy Communion (APCM)	St. Mary's	Langham
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
11.00am	Morning Worship	St. Saints'	Great Horkesley
6.00pm	Storytime	St. John's	Great Horkesley
6.30pm	Evening Prayer*	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
Readings:	Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48		

#### EASTER 5

#### WEEKDAY PRAYER MEETINGS: Everyone is welcome

**1st Tuesdays** - 10.30am - Great Horkesley for info contact  
Lesley Richardson

**1st Saturday monthly** - 8am - West Bergholt Church



## LUKE 24:36b - 48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

### REGULAR COFFEE MORNINGS, MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP GROUPS & CAFÉS:

Thurs (Term)	10 - 11.30am	Coffee & Cake	West Bergholt Church
Thursdays	10 - 11.30am	Take a Break Café	St John's Great Horkesley
Thursdays	10 – 12.00pm	Connections	Mount Bures Village Hall
Thursdays	2.30 – 4.00pm	*5Ts	W Bergholt Church hall
Fridays (term)	8.45 - 10.15am	Open Door Café	Boxted Village Hall

(\*Together for Tea at Two Thirty on Thursdays)

### REGULAR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays @ 10.30am** – Langham – *Contact Heather for more info*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays @ 8pm** - Beer and Bible - Shepherd Pub, Langham - *Dominic Sheil*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 10.30am** - Great Horkesley – *Reverend Anne Mason*

**Tuesday afternoons** - 2.00pm - West Bergholt – *Richard Chadborn*

**Tuesday evenings** - 7.45pm - West Bergholt - *Ian Hilton*

For more information please contact the leaders or the Parish office.

### PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for all who have lost loved ones in recent weeks, remembering in particular the family of David Allen, Anthony Clark, Janet Chisnall, Gill Pullen and Doreen Slowgrove.
- Pray for the work of Korban, supporting young people who find themselves homeless for whatever reason and for generous giving to support their work.
- Give thanks for answered prayer.
- Give thanks for all who have served on our PCC's over the last year, and pray for those who are preparing to step down from roles and responsibilities and for those who are considering taking on new roles at the APCM's.

## FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Wormingford APCM	St. Andrew's
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Bible Course	The Rectory
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm	The Zone Youth group	St. Peter's, Boxted
	7.00pm	Great Horkesley Youth Club	Gt Horkesley, VH
	7.30pm	The Edge Youth group	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10 – 12noon	Big church Spring Clean	St. Mary's, WB
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.45am	West Bergholt APCM	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	5.00pm	Great Horkesley PCC	St. John's room
	7.00pm	Little Horkesley APCM	Lt Horkesley Church
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 – 9.00pm	Bible Course	The Rectory
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.45am	Langham with Boxted APCM	St. Mary's, Langham
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	Funeral Service in church	St. Peter's, Boxted
	2.30pm	Funeral Service in Church	St. Mary's, WB
	7.15pm	Great Horkesley PCC	St. John's, GH
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.45am	Burial in churchyard	St. Andrew's, Worm
	7.30 – 9.00pm	Bible Course	The Rectory
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	5.30pm	The Zone Youth group	St. Peter's, Boxted
	7.00pm	Great Horkesley Youth Club	Gt Horkesley, VH
	7.30pm	The Edge Youth group	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	The Café @ St. Mary's	WB Church Hall
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	6 Parishes Rogation Walk	
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm	Mount Bures APCM	MB Church
	8.00pm	All Saints' alive AGM	St. John's, GH
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Ascension Day Communion	St. John's, GH
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	7.45pm	Wired Youth Group	St. Mary's, WB
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Big Breakfast with Padre Antony Wilson	
	3.00pm	Forest Church	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	12.15pm	Great Horkesley APCM	All Saints's, Gt H
	2 – 4pm	Café in Wormingford	St. Andrew's, Worm

**APCM'S** – this years round of annual church meetings start on the 15<sup>th</sup> April in Wormingford. These meetings are open to all, and an opportunity to find out more about what the PCC have been doing and for the election of churchwardens and PCC members. So if you would like to find out more please speak to your PCC secretary. **All the dates will appear in the diary dates**, make a note of when your church meeting is and please do come along!

**THE ROMANS COURSE** – discover your place in Gods story as you explore the Letter to the Romans. The Monday morning bible study group that meets at Patsy Anns will be studying this course fortnightly **beginning on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, at 10.30am**. All are welcome, for more information please speak to Heather or Patsy Ann.

**BIBLE COURSE – STARTING ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 7.30PM AT THE RECTORY, WEST BERGHOLT.** – The Bible course is an 8 week, interactive course that offers a superb overview of the Bible, using short videos by Dr. Andrew Ollerton with plenty of time for discussion. All are welcome. If you plan to attend, please let Heather know so enough handbooks can be ordered in advance.

**THE BIG CHURCH SPRING CLEAN – SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 10 – 12NOON – ST.MARY’S CHURCH, WEST BERGHOLT.** All are welcome as we give the church a good spring clean, bring along any equipment that you might find useful. Refreshments will be served.

**ROGATION WALK** – Fancy a ramble around some of the 6 parishes? Then why not join the 6 parishes Rogation walk on **MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY** when we will walk part of the Essex way, through several of the parishes, praying for God’s blessing on the land and the coming harvests. The walk will start with Breakfast in St. Mary’s church hall, **West Bergholt at 9.30am.** the end point is yet to be confirmed but more details will be coming in future weeks. Get the date in your diary now, and even if you can’t do the walking, you can join us for worship at our rest points along the way!

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE – TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY – At the Rectory.** This is just a gentle reminder to all the fantastic gardeners out there, when planting your seedlings this year, please think about doing a few extras, to sell in aid of Christian Aid 😊 Books, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, cakes and raffle prizes will also be very welcome nearer the day.

**6 PARISHES VISION AWAY DAY – 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY** – This will be an all-day event in Elmstead Market Church rooms, with refreshments including lunch provided and is open to all members of the churches. Please let the office know if you are planning on attending so we can start getting an idea of numbers.

### ***MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS***

Priest in Charge: Revd. Heather Wilcox 01206 240906  
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