

LOOKING FORWARD

Newsletter for The King's Ridge Parishes

Many Voices, One Mission

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

7th September 2025

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 7th SEPTEMBER

Deut 30:15-end

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

or Isaiah 61:10-end

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:46-55

COLLECT FOR THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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**

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am Holy Communion*

9.30am Messy Church

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11.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Praise

5.00pm Evening Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion*

Readings: Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

All Saints'

St. Mary's

St. Peter's

St. Andrew's

All Saints'

St. Mary's

St. Peter and St. Paul

TRINITY 13

Great Horkesley

West Bergholt

Boxted

Wormingford

Great Horkesley

West Bergholt

Little Horkesley

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

9.15am Harvest Praise

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

11.00am Fun4Families

2.00pm Baptism

6.30pm Evening Prayer*

Readings: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

St. John the Baptist

St. Mary's

St. Peter's

St. John's

St. Andrew's

St. Peter and St. Paul

TRINITY 14

Mount Bures

West Bergholt

Boxted

Great Horkesley

Wormingford

Little Horkesley

LUKE 14:25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brother and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS: Everyone is welcome

1st Saturday monthly - 8am - West Bergholt Church

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

Thurs (Term)	10 - 11.30am	Coffee & Cake	WB Church Hall
Thursdays	10 - 11.30am	Take a Break Café	St John's Great Horkesley
Thursdays	10 – 12.00pm	Connections	Mount Bures Village Hall
Thursdays	2.00 – 3.30pm	5Ts	WB Church hall

REGULAR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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

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

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

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

1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 10.30am – Gt Horkesley

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

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for all who have lost loved ones remembering, in particular, the family of Lady Rogers.
- Pray for the couples married in our churches in recent weeks, and those preparing for their marriages over the coming weeks.
- Pray for our schools as children as they begin this new term. Give thanks for the opportunities we already have to go into our schools and for more opportunities to share God's love in our school communities.
- Pray for our farmers in this time of harvest, particularly those who are struggling with the dry weather and low yields. Pray for the Rural chaplaincy teams and their work within the farming community.
- Give thanks for answered prayer and for Gods amazing provision.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 8 th Sept	7.00pm	Wormingford PCC Meeting	Wormingford Church
	7.15pm	Great Horkesley PCC meeting	St. John's, GH
Tues 9 th Sept	9.30 – 11am	Toddler Play and Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 13 th Sept	Essex churches Trust Ride and Stride 9am – 5pm		
	1.00pm	Wedding Service	St. Peter's, Boxted
Mon 15 th Sept	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Thurs 18 th Sept	2.00pm	Wedding Service	All Saints', GH
Sat 20 th Sept	7.00pm	Barn Dance with supper	GH Village Hall
	7.00pm	Mount Bures Harvest Supper	MB Village Hall
Mon 22 nd Sept	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.30pm	Churchwardens meeting	The Rectory
Tues 23 rd Sept	All Day	Prayer spaces	Bishop William Ward
Wed 24 th Sept	All Day	Prayer spaces	Bishop William Ward
Fri 26 th Sept	12 noon	Roman River festival concert	Mount Bures Church
Mon 29 th Sept	1pm – 3pm	Heathlands Harvest Services	St. Mary's, WB
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB

SEASON OF CREATION – September is the Churches Season of Creation. To Mark this, there are some interactive Prayer Spaces in West Bergholt church, with a focus on creation and praying for peace with creation. All are welcome to come and engage with the prayer spaces, the church is open, Monday to Friday, 10am – 4pm.

ESSEX CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE – SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER. Please speak to your local organiser if you would like to take part and start getting sponsors for the day. All money raised by sponsorship is split 50/50 between the Essex Churches Trust and the church of your choice.

BARN DANCE IN GREAT HORKESLEY VILLAGE HALL – SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM – 10.30PM WITH MUSIC FROM THE CALEDONIAN REELERS. Tickets £15 per person (includes a Ploughman's supper) To book contact the parish office or Lesley on

MOUNT BURES HARVEST SUPPER – SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 7.00 FOR 7.30PM START. Mount Bures Village Hall. Tickets £10 which includes the supper and entertainment from Mbugs. For tickets please contact Pam on or email eventsmountbures@gmail.com

85th ANNIVERSARY AND COMMEMORATION SERVICE – 21ST SEPTEMBER, 6.30PM IN ST. PETER AND ST. PAULS CHURCH, LITTLE HORKESLEY – Please join us for a special service with Bishop Roger marking the 85th Anniversary of the bombing of Little Horkesley Church. ***There will be refreshments and displays in the church from 5pm, and a special presentation of the original church door key.***

ROMAN RIVER FESTIVAL CONCERT IN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, MOUNT BURES. FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 12NOON. Tickets available online using the following link. [What's on | Roman River Music](#)

COLCHESTER DEANERY DAY – 11TH OCTOBER, 10am – 3pm See posters in church for more details. With a range a guest speakers there is something for everyone, with lunch and refreshments provided throughout the day. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the sheets provided to give an indication of numbers and to help with catering.

GREAT HORKESLEY QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER. Time to get your teams (of up to 6) booked in for the Annual Great Horkesley Quiz night. £6 per person, with an optional fish/sausage and chip supper (£6 per person) veggie option available. To book please contact Lesley on or John on

THE KINGS RIDGE PARISHES BIG BREAKFAST – Saturday 18th October, 9am – 11am in St. Mary's Church Hall, West Bergholt. We will be joined by Reverend Canon Janet Nicholls, Rural Advisor and Agricultural Chaplain for the Chelmsford Diocese. The breakfast will be locally sourced, £10 suggested donation per head to cover costs, any profit will go to a local farming charity. **Please book via office**

THANK YOU – To everyone who supported the Model Railway event at Richard and Dorothy's. A fantastic £386.00 was raised for the New Church Hall Building project. A special thank you to Richard and Dorothy for hosting such a lovely event!

REGULAR GIVING – All of our churches rely on faithful, regular giving by its members. Generosity is at the heart of our faith, we believe in a generous God and our own generosity is a testament and hallmark of our faith in action. Thank you to everyone who gives so generously to our parishes. If you would like to find out more about regular giving and the different options open to you in the different parishes, please speak to the treasurers. (If you don't know who the treasurer is for your parish, please speak to Heather or the Parish Administrators, who can pass the details on to you.) Thank you.

THE KING'S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS

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