

Constable Country Benefice



St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Brantham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattingstone

Four Parishes - One Benefice – Stronger in Unity

Sunday 16th November

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service (Rev Roy)
10am Morning Worship with Communion
- and a celebration with Martin Huggett at
his last morning service (Rev Roy)

Bentley

10am Morning Worship (lay led)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with
Communion (Rev Chris)

2nd Sunday before Advent

Malachi 4.1–2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3.6–13

Luke 21.5–19

Next Sunday 23rd November

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship (led by Ruth)
4pm SVAM concert
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Len)
4pm Family at Church
(Led by Ruth - Light theme)

Sunday next before Advent

Jeremiah 23.1–6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1.11–20

Luke 23.33–43

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour
Amen

“THEREFORE go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

This Week

Monday

17th November

2.50pm Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School (led by Nick)

Daily Reading

Isaiah 9.8-10.4; Matthew 7.1-12

Tuesday

18th November

2.30pm Benefice Discussion Group - the Holy Spirit's nature

7pm EB PCC meeting

Daily Reading

Isaiah 10.5-19; Matthew 7.13-end

Wednesday

19th November

12pm Burial of ashes of Jacqueline Deller at Bentley (Rev Chris)

Daily Reading

Isaiah 10.20-32; Matthew 8.1-13

Thursday

20th November

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

11am Burial of ashes of Dot Tessier at Bentley (Rev Chris)

2pm - 3.30pm Alpha Course at the Rectory

7pm - 8.30pm Connect Youth Group at the Rectory

Daily Reading

Isaiah 10.33-11.9; Matthew 8.14-22

Friday

21st November

9.30am-11.30am Baby, Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

4pm Choir Practice at East Bergholt

Daily Reading

Isaiah 11.10-end of 12; Matthew 8.23-end

Saturday

22nd November

Rev Chris's day off

9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham -please just come and join us or contact Len and Issy Smith for details

Daily Reading

Isaiah 13.1-13; Matthew 9.1-17

Looking further ahead.....



Family Friendly Services are held at 4pm on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Bring the family to one of our all-age family friendly services with stories, songs, activities and cake, lasting 40-45 minutes. Our next family services are next Sunday at Brantham and on 14th December at East Bergholt

The Gathering: A contemporary service with worship, word and prayer. Followed by tea, coffee and cake! Held at St. Mary's East Bergholt every second and fourth Sunday of each month starting at 6.30pm.

Month of prayer – January will be a month of prayer - details to follow.

Christmas Services in the Benefice:

East Bergholt

Sunday, 14 th - 4pm	Christmas Family@Church
Sunday, 14 th - 6pm	Nine lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve - 3pm	Family Christmas service
Christmas Eve - 5pm	Family Christmas service
Christmas Eve - 9.30pm	Carols with Communion
Christmas Day - 9am	BCP Communion Service

Brantham

Thursday, 18 th - 6pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve - 2pm	Family Christmas service
Christmas Eve - 11.30pm	Midnight Communion Service
Christmas Day - 10.30am	Christmas Morning Service

Tattingstone

Sunday, 21 st - 6pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve - 4pm	Crib Service

Bentley

Sunday, 14 th - 10am	Christingle service
Friday, 12 th - 7pm	Carols and Mulled wine (Village Hall)
Sunday, 21 st - 10am	Nine lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve - 3pm	Bentley Crib services
Christmas Day - 10am	Christmas Morning Service with Communion

Pray for the church family:

- Monday:** Aydin Shepherd; Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Marji Holdsworth; Steve Newman; Carole Wheatley; Christopher Lewis
- Tuesday:** Hilary Taylor; Margaret and Helen Wheatley; Christine Page; Daphne Glen; Carol Whitby; Marion Noble; Frances Grimwood
- Wednesday:** Jonathan Fermor; Jo and William Marston; Mandy Churchill; Wendie Felgate
- Thursday:** Vicky Scott; Peter Green and the Youth Group
- Friday:** Mary West; Annie Winckler; Eva Rainey; Valerie Ayton; Peter Sutton; Sharon Auton

Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one

The families and friends of Marion Stott; Dot Tessier; Sheila Tweedy and all who grieve at this time of their sad loss

Please also pray for:

- the work of Christian Youth Ministries (CYM) as they work to appoint a new Chaplain to the High School
- our schools and the Open The Book team(s) (OTB) - as they bring Bible stories to life in Schools through drama
- the Benefice Youth Group, and the leaders, for fun, friendship and faith
- Rev. Chris, the Wardens and the Ministry Team - for wisdom, protection and grace as they serve the church.

Keeping connected....

- ❖ **Getting to services** – Do you need a lift to our services (or can provide lifts for others) please contact Michelle - michelle@constablebenefice.org / 07955 329341.
- ❖ **Weekly emails/blog** – if you would like to receive the weekly email, please message Michelle to add your name to our distribution list.
- ❖ **Alpha** – each year we run a least one Alpha course exploring life and the Christian faith. For more information Rev Chris revchris@constablebenefice.org / 07566 871270.
- ❖ **Discussion groups** - a number of discussion groups are held throughout the year, if you would like to join contact Rev Roy - rseden@gmail.com / 07806 940407
- ❖ **Connect Youth Group** – A weekly group aimed at teenagers with fun faith and friends... contact Rev Chris or Issy Smith - 07941 096809
- ❖ **Open the Book** -taking bible stories into school with drama. If interested contact Ruth Bull ruthbull@btinternet.com / 01206 298733

Website: www.ConstableCountryChurches.co.uk **YouTube:** Constable Country Churches
Facebook: stmaryseastbergholt and St Michael's Church, Brantham

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Benefice Administrator: michelle@constablebenefice.org / 07955 329341 (Fridays)

Parish Safeguarding Officers

East Bergholt	Howard Holdsworth	07970 416249	Brantham	Issy Smith	07941 096809
Bentley	Tom Hill	01473 311119	Tattingstone	Suena Harley	01473 327531

Retired Priests (Permission to Officiate granted by the Bishop)

Revd Peter Ball 01206 393316 | Revd Roy Seden 07806 940407 | Revd Don Mehen 01473 310383

Readers	Nick Pavitt	01473 328512	Ruth Bull	01206 298733	Sandra Mehen	01473 310383
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Churchwardens

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Jane Pavitt	01473 328512
	Jackie Reeves	01206 299973		Len Smith	07986 767123
Bentley	Tom Hill	01473 311119	Tattingstone	Linda Smalley	07803 589862
	Jane Day	01473 310518		Lyn Tomlinson	01473 328251

Elders

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	01206 391384
	Chris Jacob	01206 298552		Len Smith	07986 767123
				Issy Smith	07941 096809
Bentley	Jane Day	01473 310518	Tattingstone	Simon Harley	01473 327531
	Carolyn Evans	01473 311090		Suena Harley	01473 327531
	Doreen Savage	01473 311122			

Director of Music/Organist Martin Huggett 01206 395927 (East Bergholt)

Organists: **Brantham** - David McLachlan 01473 327164 **Tattingstone** - Jane Gould **Bentley:** Wilf Newport-Herring