

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

30th November 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 30th NOVEMBER 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 24:36-44

COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15am	Holy Communion	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Morning Worship	St. Peter's	Boxted
11.00am	Advent Tree Service	All Saints'	Great Horkesley
3.00pm	Messy Christmas	St. Peter's	Boxted
5.00pm	Advent Taize Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
Readings:	Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12		

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion*	All Saints'	Great Horkesley
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Langham
9.30am	Messy Church	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John's	Great Horkesley
11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Andrew's	Wormingford
2.30pm	Carol Service	St. Mary's Old Church	West Bergholt
5.00pm	Blue Christmas	St. Peter's	Boxted
6.30pm	Evening Prayer*	St. Peter and St. Paul's	Little Horkesley
Readings:	Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11		

MATTHEW 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS: Everyone is welcome

Every Wednesday morning 9.15am on ZOOM

Meeting ID:

Passcode:

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*

2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings - 7.45pm - West Bergholt - *Ian Hilton*

Wednesday evenings (following Tuesday evenings) – 7.45pm – West Bergholt

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. Pray for the Bereavement journey course starting in the New Year and for those who will be leading it.
- Give thanks for the opportunities we have to go into our local schools and pray particularly for opportunities over the coming weeks as the schools prepare for Advent and Christmas. Pray for all who serve on the governing bodies in all our schools.
- As we begin our Advent Journey, pray for space for silence and reflection as we wait in expectant hope.
- Pray for the planning and preparation for the many Advent and Christmas services and events over the coming weeks.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 1 st Dec	1.00 – 3.00pm	Heathlands Christingle Services	St. Mary's, WB
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 2 nd Dec	12 – 1.00pm	Soup Lunch in Mount Bures	Mount Bures Church
	4.30pm	Advent Window & Carols	The Rectory
Wed 3 rd Dec	9.15am	King's Ridge Weekly Prayers	on ZOOM
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
	9.30pm	Advent Compline	on ZOOM
Thurs 4 th Dec	7.30pm	Walking the Camino de Santiago	St. Mary's, WB
Sat 6 th Dec	10 - 12noon	The Café @ St. Mary's	St. Mary's, WB
	11am – 4pm	Trees for Advent	All Saints', GH
Sun 7 th Dec	11am – 4pm	Trees for Advent	All Saints', GH
	3.00pm	Christmas Messy Church	St. Peter's, Boxted
	5.00pm	Taize for Advent	St. Mary's, WB

8th – 14th Dec, Mount Bures - Mini Christmas Tree Festival & Winter Wonderland

Mon 8 th Dec	9.15am	Boxted school Nativity service	St. Peter's, Boxted
Tues 9 th Dec	9.30am	Toddler Play and Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted
Wed 10 th Dec	9.15am	King's Ridge Weekly Prayers	on ZOOM
	9.30pm	Advent Compline	on ZOOM
Thurs 11 th Dec	6.30pm	Carol singing in Mount Bures	The Thatchers Arms
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 13 th Dec	3.00pm	Christingle and Tree Decorating	Lt. Horkesley Church
Sun 14 th Dec	5.00pm	Blue Christmas Service	St. Peter's, Boxted
Mon 15 th Dec	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 16 th Dec	6.00pm	Langham School Carols	St. Mary's, Langham
Wed 17 th Dec	9.15am	King's Ridge Weekly Prayers	on ZOOM
	9.30pm	Advent Compline	on ZOOM
Thurs 18 th Dec	2.30pm	Horkesley Manor Carol Service	Horkesley Manor
	7.00pm	Carols at the Shepherd and Dog	Langham
Sat 20 th Dec	4.00pm	Wedding Service	St. Peter's, Boxted

WEST BERGHOLT ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL – TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 4.30pm

@ The Rectory. Join us for Mulled wine, festive treats and some carol singing as the first of this years Advent Windows is revealed at the Rectory. All are welcome, wrap up warm for this outdoor event!

WALKING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO – OUR JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY. Nicky and Ian's Pilgrimage Walk – May/June 2025. Come and hear more about Nicky and Ian's recent adventure, **St. Mary's Church, West Bergholt, Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm.** Spanish themed drinks and nibbles will be provided, for catering please let the parish office know by Tuesday 2nd December, if you are attending. A donation plate for St. Helena Hospice, the chosen charity for the walk, will be available on the night.

ADVENT COMPLINE ON ZOOM – 9.30PM on for the following Wednesdays, 3rd, 10th and 17th and Tuesday 23rd December.

Meeting ID:

Passcode:

THE CAFÉ @ ST. MARYS – 10am – 12noon, SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER - West Bergholt Church Hall. Pop along for Bacon Butties, cheese scones, tea, coffee and cake. Sit and read the papers or chat with friends, there is something for all.

TREES FOR ADVENT, 6TH & 7TH DECEMBER, ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GREAT HORKESLEY. Come and see the display of trees between 11am – 4pm, decorated by different community groups from the village and join us for a special **Advent Tree Service on 7th December at 11am.**

MESSY CHRISTMAS, SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER @ 3PM IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BOXTED. Join us as think about Christmas with crafts, food, fun and worship. All are welcome.

MINI CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AND WINTER WONDERLAND – ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOUNT BURES & OLIVES GARDEN. MONDAY 8TH – SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER. Church open daily 10 – 4pm, during the weekend, 13th – 14th December, refreshments also available along with live music.

TODDLER PLAY AND PRAISE – TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER, 9.30 – 11.00AM IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BOXTED. Come along for crafts, toys, refreshments and a short act of worship with a simple bible story and toddler friendly songs.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 3PM AT ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL CHURCH, LITTLE HORKESLEY. Join us for a celebration of Christmas with a Christingle service, crafts and tree decorating. With Festive refreshments, suitable for all ages together.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 5.00PM IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BOXTED. This is a more reflective service in the run up to Christmas for those who might be struggling with the festive joy. For more information, please speak to Heather or Dominic.

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