

# 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

**This Sunday  
23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

**Next Sunday  
30<sup>th</sup> November**

### **East Bergholt**

**10am** Benefice Communion Service

*This is new 'fifth Sunday' addition to the services we are holding. It is an opportunity for everyone in the benefice share communion, and worship together in what will be a more traditional, joyful and uplifting service for all.*

### Sunday next before Advent

**Jeremiah 23.1–6**

Psalm 46

Colossians 1.11–20

**Luke 23.33–43**

### Advent 1

**Isaiah 2.1–5**

Psalm 122

Romans 13.11–end

**Matthew 24.36–44**

## **COLLECT**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory  
Amen

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth  
the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
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

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| <b>Monday</b><br>24 <sup>th</sup> November                                 | <b>2.50pm</b> Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School<br>(led by Ruth / OtB)                                                                         |
| Daily Reading                                                              | Isaiah 14.3–20; Matthew 9.18–34                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>25 <sup>th</sup> November                                | <b>7.30pm</b> Brantham PCC meeting                                                                                                                    |
| Daily Reading                                                              | Isaiah 17; Matthew 9.35—10.15                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>26 <sup>th</sup> November                              | <b>2pm-3.30pm</b> Ministry team Meeting at East Bergholt                                                                                              |
| Daily Reading                                                              | Isaiah 19; Matthew 10.16–33                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>27 <sup>th</sup> November                               | <b>9am</b> Morning Prayer at the Rectory<br><b>2pm - 3.30pm</b> Alpha Course at the Rectory<br><b>7pm - 8.30pm</b> Connect Youth Group at the Rectory |
| Daily Reading                                                              | Isaiah 21.1–12; Matthew 10.34—11.1                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Friday</b><br>28 <sup>th</sup> November                                 | <b>9.30am-11.30am</b> Baby, Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt<br><b>4pm</b> Choir Practice at East Bergholt                                        |
| Daily Reading                                                              | Isaiah 22.1–14; Matthew 11.2–19                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>29 <sup>th</sup> November<br><i>Rev Chris's day off</i> | <b>9am-9.30am</b> Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham -please just come and join us or contact Len and Issy Smith for details                     |
| Daily Reading                                                              | Isaiah 24; Matthew 11.20–end                                                                                                                          |



**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 this Sunday at Brantham and on 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**East Bergholt Christmas Market** is being held on 6<sup>th</sup> December between 1pm and 5pm in The Village car park (behind Red Lion). Craft Market and Street food.

Also on 6<sup>th</sup> December, this year's **Christmas Tree Festival** marks the grand finale of our Tower 500 celebrations — a joyful close to the year as towering trees fill St Mary's Church with light, colour, and creativity. Entry is free and open to individuals, families, community groups, and local businesses.

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

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### Pray for the church family:

- Monday:** 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

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ruthbull@btinternet.com) / 01206 298733

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**Website:** [www.ConstableCountryChurches.co.uk](http://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](mailto:michelle@constablebenefice.org) / 07955 329341 (Fridays)

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## Parish Safeguarding Officers

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

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## Retired Priests (Permission to Officiate granted by the Bishop)

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

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| <b>Readers</b> | Nick Pavitt | 01473 328512 | Ruth Bull | 01206 298733 | Sandra Mehen | 01473 310383 |
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## Churchwardens

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

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## Elders

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

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| <b>Organists</b> | <b>East Bergholt</b> - Vacancy   | <b>Brantham</b> - David McLachlan     |
|                  | <b>Tattingstone</b> - Jane Gould | <b>Bentley</b> - Wilf Newport-Herring |