

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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR BUMPER ISSUE!

21st, 28th December 2025 & 4th January 2026

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 21st DECEMBER 2025

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

3.00pm	Crib Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
3.00pm	Crib Service	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
4.00pm	Christingle Service	St. Mary's	Langham
4.30pm	Crib Service	St. Andrew's	Wormingford
5.30pm	Christingle and Crib	St. John's	Great Horkesley
7.30pm	Midnight in Bethlehem	St. Peter and St. Paul's	Little Horkesley
11.00pm	Midnight Mass	St. Peter's	Boxted
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	All Saints'	Great Horkesley

CHRISTMAS EVE

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Eternal God, who made this most Holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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. **Amen**

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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. **Amen**

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

9.30am	Christmas Celebration	St. Mary's
10.00am	Christmas Communion	St. Mary's
10.30am	Christmas Communion	St Peter and St. Paul's

CHRISTMAS DAY

West Bergholt
Langham
Little Horkesley

SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER

3.00pm	Forest church	St. Peter's	Boxted
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COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ; grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

10.30am	United Celebration	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
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FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY**

9.15am	Holy Communion	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Morning Worship	St. Peter's	Boxted
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John's	Great Horkesley
11.00am	Matins*	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
5.00pm	Taize Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY

Readings: To be confirmed by preacher

SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY

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. Andrew's	Wormingford
11.00am	Morning Praise	All Saints'	Great Horkesley
6.30pm	Evening Prayer*	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST/EPIPHANY 1

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-end

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	St. John's Community Café	St John's, GH
Thursdays	10 - 12.00pm	Connections	MB Village Hall
Thursdays	2.00 - 3.30pm	5T's	WB Church hall

REGULAR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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 – *Anne Mason*

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 Dorothy Lister. Pray for the Bereavement Journey starting in the New Year and for those who will be leading it.
- Pray for all who might be struggling financially at this time, give thanks for the work of the food bank, supporting families and individuals in need.
- Pray for the families who will be attending FiSH over the Christmas period and give thanks for all the volunteers who give so much of their time to make it happen.
- Give thanks for answered prayer.
- Pray for the pupils and staff of our local schools as they enjoy their Christmas break.
- As people gather for special Christmas services over the coming few weeks, pray that hearts and minds will be touched by the love of God, and that more people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 22 nd Dec	11.30 – 2.00pm	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 23 rd Dec	9.30pm	Advent Compline	on ZOOM
Christmas Eve	<i>Please see front for details of services</i>		
Christmas Day	<i>Please see opposite for details of services</i>		
Sun 28 th Dec	10.30am	United Celebration Service	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 29 th Dec	11.30 – 2.00pm	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
Sat 3 rd Jan	10 – 12.00	The Café @ St. Mary's	WB Church Hall
Tues 6 th Jan	12.00noon	Soup Lunch	Mount Bures church
Wed 7 th Jan	9.15am	King's Ridge Weekly Prayers	on ZOOM
Thurs 8 th Jan	7.30pm	WB Homegroups social evening	WB Church Hall
Mon 12 th Jan	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 13 th Jan	9.30am	Toddler Play and Praise	Boxted Church
	7.00pm	Little Horkesley PCC	Lt Horkesley Church
Wed 14 th Jan	7.30pm	West Bergholt PCC	
Fri 16 th Jan	10am	Bereavement Journey®	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 19 th Jan	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	Wormingford PCC	Wormingford church
Fri 23 rd Jan	10am	Bereavement Journey®	St. Mary's, WB

MEMORY TREE IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WEST BERGHOLT – There is a special memory tree in St. Mary's Church, a place where people can remember lost loved ones this Christmas time. Please feel free to pop along, add a ribbon to the tree and have a moment to remember. Church open daily, 9.30 – 4.00, Mon – Fri.

ADVENT COMPLINE ON ZOOM – 9.30PM on Tuesday 23rd December.

Meeting ID:

Passcode:

UNITED CELEBRATION SERVICE – Just a reminder that we have a united service, on **SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER, 10.30AM IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WEST BERGHOLT**. Please car share where possible.

TODDLER PLAY AND PRAISE – TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY, 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.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY – Please come and join us on our first *Bereavement Journey*[®] course in the Kings Ridge Parish. The course is for all bereaved people and does not require you to be going to church to attend. It is for any bereaved person in the parish or outside to find healing and hope through a structured, volunteer-led peer group support. The course starts on Friday 16th January and runs from 10am to 12 noon at St Mary's Church West Bergholt for 7 weeks. Please contact the admin office for an application form or if you would like to talk to someone about whether to come, give the admin office your number and Delia will ring and be happy to answer any questions for you.

THE KING'S RIDGE BRANCH OF THE MOTHER'S UNION – plans to launch on the 3rd February, 2026 and will meet in West Bergholt church hall at 2pm. Meetings will then be held every 1st Tuesday of the month, at 2pm. Everyone from ALL OUR CHURCHES WILL BE MOST WELCOME. If you have any queries please contact JOY on _____ or ANNE on _____.

PARISH OFFICE – The parish office will be closed over the Christmas period from **Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026** whilst Donna and Jo have a much deserved Christmas break.

THE KING'S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS

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