

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

25th January 2026

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Len)
4pm Family at Church (Led by Sarah/Sue)

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship (led by Nick)
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Tattingstone

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Don)

Brantham Methodist church

2.30pm Ecumenical Service

Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9.1–4

Psalm 27.1, 4–12 [or 27.1–11]

1 Corinthians 1.10–18

Matthew 4.12–23

Next Sunday
1st February

Brantham

10.30am Connect

Connect: a service for all ages.
The best of traditional and new,
and to being all together.

6.30pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service
(Rev Chris)

Epiphany 4

Malachi 3.1–5

Psalm 24. [1–6] 7–end

Hebrews 2.14–end

Luke 2.22–40

COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed
good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever
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 26 th January	2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Chris) 6pm Church of England Evening Prayer at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Genesis 11.27—12.9; Matthew 26.1–16
Tuesday 27 th January	2pm -3.30pm Prayer walking – meet at St. Mary's, Tattingsstone 2.30pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Genesis 13.2–end; Matthew 26.17–35
Wednesday 28 th January	11am Funeral of Maggie Smith at Bentley (Rev Chris) 7pm Benedictine Prayer (Lectio Divina) at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Genesis 14; Matthew 26.36–46
Thursday 29 th January	9am Church of England Morning Prayer at the Rectory 1pm Funeral of Natalie Finch at East Bergholt (Rev Chris) 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Genesis 15; Matthew 26.47–56
Friday 30 th January	9.30am -11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 1pm Lunch time Prayer via Zoom (click here or join Rev. Chris at the Rectory) 7pm The History of St Mary's at Tattingsstone - a talk by Roy Tricker
Daily Reading	Genesis 16; Matthew 26.57–end
Saturday 31 st January <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9.30am Prayer at Brantham with coffee and pastries
Daily Reading	Genesis 17.1–22; Matthew 27.1–10

❖ **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 service is this Sunday at Brantham and 8th February 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.



Looking further ahead.....

w/c 2nd February

Monday 2nd

2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Nick)

Tuesday 3rd

7.30pm Brantham PCC meeting

Wednesday 4th

9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter)

10:00 Take a Break Coffee, incorporating "Knit & Natter" at East Bergholt

2pm Ministry team meeting at East Bergholt

Thursday 5th

2.15pm funeral of Charles Cripps at Seven Hills Crematorium (Rev Chris)

Friday 6th

9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

4pm Choir practice at East Bergholt

Saturday 7th

9.30am Prayer at Brantham

Sunday 8th

10am Morning Worship with Communion Service at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

10am Morning Worship with Communion Service at Bentley (Rev Don)

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion Service at Brantham (Rev Peter)

4pm family@church at East Bergholt (led by Fiona)

6pm Evensong at Tattingstone (led by Simon)

6.30pm The Gathering at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

Pray for the church family:

Monday: Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Steve Newman; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Marji Holdsworth; 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; Adi Lavender

Thursday: Vicky Scott; Peter Green and the Youth Group

Friday: Mary West; Annie Winckler; Eva Rainey; Valerie Ayton

Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one

The families and friends of Natalie Finch; Maggie Smith; Norman Barnett; Peter Sutton; Hazel Sinclair and all who grieve at this time of their sad loss.

Please join in with one or more opportunities to pray in the Benefice Month of Prayer – see the times and places in blue on the previous page.

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. Contact Rev Chris revchris@constablebenefice.org / 07566 871270 for more information.
- ❖ **Discussion groups** - a few 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
- ❖ **Moving Up Club** – Something new for the “younger” youth - for those in school years 6, 7 and 8. beginning on 4th January at St Michael’s Brantham. Speak to Len or Issy Smith or Rev. Chris for more details or email: youth@constablebenefice.org

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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

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
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Elders

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	01206 391384
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				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			

Organists

East Bergholt – Vacancy
Tattingstone - Jane Gould

Brantham - David McLachlan
Bentley - Wilf Newport-Herring