

Constable Country Benefice



St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Branham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattingstone

Four Parishes - One Benefice – Stronger in Unity

18th January 2026

Bentley

10am Morning Worship (lay led)

Brantham

11am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

6.30pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt

8am BCP (Rev Roy)

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Roy)

Tattingstone

9.30am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49.1–7

Psalm 40.1–12

1 Corinthians 1.1–9

John 1.29–42

**Next Sunday
25th January**

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)

Epiphany 3

Jeremiah 1.4–10

Psalm 67

Acts 9.1–22

Matthew 19.27–end

COLLECT

Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of
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

Monday 19 th January	2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Ruth and the OtB team) 6pm Church of England Evening Prayer at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Genesis 6.11—7.10; Matthew 24.1–14
Tuesday 20 th January	2pm -3.30pm Prayer walking – meet at St. Mary's, Bentley
Daily Reading	Genesis 7.11–end; Matthew 24.15–28
Wednesday 21 st January	7pm Benedictine Prayer (Lectio Divina) at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Genesis 8.1–14; Matthew 24.29–end
Thursday 22 nd January	9am Church of England Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Genesis 8.15—9.7; Matthew 25.1–13
Friday 23 rd 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)
Daily Reading	Genesis 9.8–19; Matthew 25.14–30
Saturday 24 th January <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9.30am Prayer at Brantham with coffee and pastries
Daily Reading	Genesis 11.1–9; Matthew 25.31–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 service is 25th January 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 26th January

Monday 26th

6pm Church of England Evening Prayer at the Rectory

Tuesday 27th

2pm-3.30pm prayer walking at Tattingstone

2.30pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt

Wednesday 28th

11am Funeral of Maggie Smith at Bentley (Rev Chris)

7pm Benedictine Prayer (Lectio Divina) at East Bergholt

Thursday 29th

9am Church of England Morning Prayer at the Rectory

1pm Funeral of Natalie Finch at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

Friday 30th

9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

1pm Lunch time Prayer by ZOOM (or join Rev. Chris at the Rectory)

7pm An evening with Roger Tricker - The History of St Mary's (Tattingstone)

Saturday 31st

9.30am Prayer at Brantham with coffee and pastries

Sunday 1st February

8am BCP Communion Service at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

10.30am Connect at Brantham

6.30pm Moving Up Club at Brantham

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; Wendy Felgate; Adi Lavender

Thursday: Vicky Scott; Peter Green and the Youth Group

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

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
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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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Bentley	Jane Day	01473 310518	Tattingstone	Issy Smith	07941 096809
	Carolyn Evans	01473 311090		Simon Harley	01473 327531
	Doreen Savage	01473 311122		Suena Harley	01473 327531

Organists

East Bergholt – Vacancy
Tattingstone - Jane Gould
Brantham - David McLachlan
Bentley - Wilf Newport-Herring