

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

1st February

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service
(Rev Chris)

Brantham

10.30am Connect - a service for all ages. The best of traditional and new, and to being all together.

6.30pm Moving Up Club

Epiphany 4

Malachi 3.1–5

Psalm 24. [1–6] 7–end

Hebrews 2.14–end

Luke 2.22–40

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God
Amen

**Next Sunday
8th February**

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Don)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship (Rev Peter)

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship with Communion.
1st reading of banns for Ellie Ranoe-Hall and
James Stocker (Rev Chris)
4pm Family@church (Fiona)
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Tattingstone

6pm Evensong (led by Simon)

2nd Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1.1–2.3

Psalm 136 or Psalm 136.1–9, 23–end

Romans 8.18–25

Matthew 6.25–end

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope
of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received
these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
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 2 nd February	2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Nick)
Daily Reading	Genesis 18.1–15; Matthew 27.11–26
Tuesday 3 rd February	7.30pm PCC meeting at Brantham
Daily Reading	Genesis 18.16–end; Matthew 27.27–44
Wednesday 4 th February	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
Daily Reading	Genesis 19.1–3, 12–29; Matthew 27.45–56
Thursday 5 th February	2.15pm Funeral of Charles Cripps at Seven Hills Crematorium (Rev Chris) 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Genesis 21.1–21; Matthew 27.57–end
Friday 6 th February	9.30am -11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 4pm Choir Practice at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Genesis 21.1–21; Matthew 27.57–end
Saturday 7 th February <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham
Daily Reading	Genesis 23; Matthew 28.16–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 8th February at East Bergholt and 22nd February at Brantham.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Lent group** will meet at 10.30am on Wednesdays at 52 Richardsons Road, East Bergholt for 6 weeks from 25th February. If you wish to take part, please let Rev Roy know, by 18th February. rseden@gmail.com / 07806940407



Looking further ahead.....

w/c 9th February

Monday 9th

9am Assembly at Bentley Primary School (Rev. Chris)
1.15pm Assembly at Tattingstone Primary School (Rev Chris)
2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Rev. Chris)

Tuesday 10th

2.30pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt

Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

2pm MU Meeting at East Bergholt

Friday 13th

9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt
4pm Choir practice at East Bergholt (*please note 4pm not 4.30pm as may have been mentioned previously*)

Saturday 14th

1pm Wedding of Maddie Smith and Sam Nightingale at Brantham

Sunday 15th

8am BCP Communion Service at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)
9.30am Morning Worship with Communion at Tattingstone (Chris Chapman)
10am Morning Worship with Communion at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)
10am Morning Worship (lay led)
11am Morning Worship with Communion at Brantham (Rev Anthony Wilson)
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; 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 Peter Butcher; Natalie Finch; Maggie Smith and all who grieve at this time of their sad loss.

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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East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	01206 391384
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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