

# LOOKING FORWARD

Newsletter for The King's Ridge Parishes

Many Voices, One Mission

*Langham with Boxted, West Bergholt and Great Horkestone, Wormingford and Mount Bures with Little Horkestone*

**11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-end

## COLLECT FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

### SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

			EPIPHANY 2
9.15am	Morning Worship	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Boxted
11.00am	Fun4Families	St. John's	Great Horkestone
6.30pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkestone
Readings:	Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42		

### SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

3.00pm	Forest Church	St. Peter's glade	Boxted
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### SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

			EPIPHANY 3
9.30am	Café church	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Langham
11.00am	Morning Worship	St. Andrew's	Wormingford
11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Great Horkestone
6.30pm	Patronal Festival	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkestone
Readings:	Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23		

## **MATTHEW 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so for now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. and a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

### **REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS: Everyone is welcome**

**Every Wednesday morning** 9.15am on ZOOM  
Meeting ID: 812 6067 2472 Passcode: 940668

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays @ 8pm** - Beer and Bible - Shepherd Pub, Langham - *Dominic Sheil*

**Tuesday afternoons** - 2.00pm - West Bergholt – *Richard Chadborn*

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings** - 7.45pm - West Bergholt - *Ian Hilton*

**Wednesday evenings (following Tuesday evenings)** – 7.45pm – West Bergholt

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Rosie Pulford and Marilyn Halsall. Pray for the Bereavement Journey starting in the New Year and for those who will be leading it.
- As we approach the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January) pray for greater unity amongst the different denominations. Pray that we will all be united in our desire to love God and love our neighbour in whatever way we express that in our own life and witness.
- As schools have returned following the Christmas Break, pray for the staff and pupils in this new term, and pray for governors as they prepare to meet, that they may be wise in their strategic decision making.
- Give thanks for all who serve on our PCC's, giving thanks in particular for our churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries and Parish Safeguarding Officers.
- Pray for those in our communities who are struggling with rising costs, and in this colder weather, particularly those who are struggling to heat their homes. Pray that we might be alert to the needs of those around us and respond appropriately.

## FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Toddler Play and Praise	Boxted Church
	7.00pm	Little Horkestone PCC	Lt Horkestone Church
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30pm	West Bergholt PCC	
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Bereavement Journey®	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	Wormingford PCC	Wormingford church
	7.00pm	The King's Ridge Choir	St. Peter's, Boxted
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	11.00am	Funeral service	St. Mary's, WB
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10.00am	Bereavement Journey®	St. Mary's, WB
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11am – 12noon	RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch	St. Mary's, WB
	12noon – 1pm	RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch	St. Mary's, WB
	3.00pm	Forest Church	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.00 – 5.00pm	Beetle Drive	St. John's, GH
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.30pm	Churchwardens meeting	The Rectory, WB
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Bereavement Journey®	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	12noon – 1pm	Curry Lunch	Mount Bures Church
	2.00pm	The Kings Ridge Mothers Union	St. Mary's, WB
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.30pm	Mount Bures PCC Meeting	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Langham with Boxted PCC	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Bereavement Journey®	St. Mary's, WB
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am – 12noon	The Café @ St. Mary's	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 – 11.00	Toddler Play and Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted

### TODDLER PLAY AND PRAISE – TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH 2026 – St. Mary’s Church, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 11am – 12noon or 12noon to 1pm.** See how many types of bird you can spot and identify in an hour. Hot drinks and cake will be provided. This is an outdoor event, so please dress warmly. For more information please contact:

**FOREST CHURCH – St. Peter’s Churchyard, in the glade, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January @ 3pm.** Join us for our special outdoor worship, in the beauty of Gods marvellous creation. Dress appropriately for the weather!

**KING’S RIDGE PARISHES CHOIR** – Choir practices re-start on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm in St. Peter’s Church, Boxted. Come along and find out what exciting events we might be preparing for over the coming months. All are welcome, no need to be able to read music. For more information please speak to Elaine Marshall, or why not just pop along one day and find out more.

**BEAT THE WINTER BLUES BEETLE DRIVE – SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 3 – 5PM, In St. John’s Church, Great Horkestone** – Join us for a free, fun afternoon for all ages. Come on your own, with your family or with friends. Refreshments will be available, please contact Anne on or

**THE KING’S RIDGE BRANCH OF THE MOTHER’S UNION** – launches on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026 and will meet in West Bergholt church hall at 2pm. Meetings will then be held every 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**CARBON LITERACY TRAINING** – Join us for an in-person, interactive, 1 day course to help us better understand the carbon footprint of individuals, organisations and countries and what action can be taken at all levels to reduce them. **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 10am – 3.30pm, St. Mary’s Church, West Bergholt.** A soup lunch and refreshments throughout the day will be provided. Parking is available. To book please email by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **THE KING’S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS**

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