

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*

1st and 8th March 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 1st MARCH 2026

Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5; 13-17 John 3:1-17

COLLECT FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness; grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

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
3.00pm	Messy Church	St. Peter's	Boxted
6.30pm	Evening Prayer*	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026

Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 15th MARCH**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT/MOTHERING SUNDAY**

9.15am	Morning Worship	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Family Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Boxted
11.00am	Fun4Families	St. John's	Great Horkesley
11.00am	Family Service	St. Andrew's	Wormingford
6.30pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley

Readings: To be confirmed by preacher

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 John Davies, Diana Kinnear, John Soloman, Revd Henry Heath, Eileen Norfolk, Edith Watts, Brefni Langdon and Pat Fosker. Pray for the Bereavement Journey, for all who are attending and for those who are leading the course.
- Pray for our schools and give thanks for all the links we have with them.
- Pray for all the couples preparing to be married in our churches over the coming months.
- Pray for plans for a Youth Alpha course in the Autumn term, pray that we will have enough volunteers and that the young people will come.
- As we journey through lent, give thanks for the opportunities we have to come together, through Lent lunches and the Lent course, growing in fellowship and in faith as we journey to the foot of the cross.

COMPLINE FOR LENT – Monday evenings, 9.30pm on ZOOM. Join us for this quiet, reflective service at the end of the day, every Monday throughout Lent.

Meeting ID: Passcode:

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 2 nd March	10.00am	Great Horkesley PCC	St. John's, GH
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	9.30pm	Compline for Lent	on ZOOM
Tues 3 rd March	12.00noon	Lent Soup Lunch	Mount Bures Church
	2.00pm	The King's Ridge Mothers Union	St. Mary's, WB
Thurs 5 th March	7.30pm	Lent Course	WB Church Hall
Fri 6 th March	10.00am	Bereavement Journey ®	St. Mary's, WB
	11.00am	Funeral Service	St. Mary's, Langham
	1.00pm	Soup Lunch and WDP service	St. Mary's, WB
Sat 7 th March	9.30 – 3.00	First Aid training	St. Mary's Church, WB
	10am	The Café at St. Mary's	WB Church Hall
	7.00pm	Boxted Quiz Night	Boxted Village Hall
Mon 9 th March	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	9.30pm	Compline for Lent	on ZOOM
Tues 10 th Mar	9.30 – 11am	Toddler Play and Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted
	12.00noon	Lent Soup Lunch	WB Church Hall
	7.30pm	Youth Alpha Planning Meeting	The Rectory
Thurs 12 th Mar	7.00pm	The King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
	7.30pm	Lent Course	WB Church Hall
Mon 16 th Mar	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	The King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
	7.30pm	Churchwardens meeting	The Rectory
	9.30pm	Compline for Lent	on ZOOM
Tues 17 th Mar	12.00noon	Lent Soup Lunch	St. John's, GH
Wed 18 th Mar	7.30pm	West Bergholt PCC meeting	Venue TBC
Mon 23 rd Mar	9.00am	Boxted Easter Service	St. Peter's, Boxted
	1.45 – 3.00pm	Heathlands Easter Services	St. Mary's, WB
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	9.30pm	Compline for Lent	on ZOOM
Tues 24 th Mar	12.00noon	Lent Soup Lunch	St. Peter's, Boxted
Wed 25 th Mar	7.00pm	The King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Thurs 26 th Mar	7.30pm	Langham with Boxted PCC	Venue TBC
Sat 28 th Mar	3.00pm	Forest Church	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sun 29 th Mar	12.00noon	Great Horkesley APCM	St. John's, GH
Mon 30 th Mar	11.30 – 2.00pm	FISH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
	9.30pm	Compline for Holy Week	on ZOOM

LENT SOUP LUNCHEES 2026 – Come and join us at 12.00noon on Tuesdays for our Lent Soup Lunches, moving around the different parishes. Tuesday 3rd March in Mount Bures Church, Tuesday 10th March in West Bergholt Church Hall. This year the donations towards the soup lunches will be split 50/50 between Beacon House and St. Helena Hospice.

LENT COURSE 2026 – Dominic has written a Lent course for the King’s Ridge Parishes, and is leading a group weekly, on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm in West Bergholt Church Hall. To enable the maximum number of people as possible to access the course, it will also be run through the Tuesday afternoon home group (2.00pm in West Bergholt Church Hall/church) and Wednesday morning group (Great Horkesley) Please do consider joining a group for this 5-week course.

WORLD DAY OF PRAY SERVICE 2026 – FRIDAY 6TH MARCH. Join us in St. Mary’s, West Bergholt for this special service, prepared by women in Nigeria. There will be a soup lunch at 1.00pm ahead of the service starting at 2.00pm. All are very welcome.

THE CAFÉ @ ST. MARY’S – SATURDAY 7TH MARCH, 10 – 12.00noon – Why not pop along for a bacon roll, cheese scone, tea and cake and plenty of relaxed conversation or simply read the newspaper or play some board games. All are very welcome.

BOXTED FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 7TH MARCH, 7 for 7.30pm start. Teams of 6-8 per table, £8 per head, under 12’s free. Licensed bar with snacks during the interval. To book please contact

TODDLER PLAY AND PRAISE – TUESDAY 10TH MARCH, 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.

YOUTH ALPHA – We are hoping to run a Youth Alpha course for the King’s Ridge Parishes, beginning September/October. We are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more there will be an initial planning meeting on **TUESDAY 10th**



MARCH, 7.30pm at The Rectory. Come along, find out what’s involved and please start praying for the young people who will be coming along.

CHRISTIAN AID CAFÉ AND PLANT SALE – SATURDAY 2ND MAY. This is an early call as everyone starts to get busy in the garden, to please plant extra seeds, ready for our annual plant sale. It will be part of the normal monthly Café @ St. Mary’s, WB.

THE KING’S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS

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