

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

**This Sunday
15th February**

Bentley

10am Morning Worship (lay led)

Brantham

11am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Anthony Wilson)

6.30pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service (Rev Roy)

10am Morning Worship with Communion.

2nd reading of banns for Ellie Ranoe-Hall
and James Stocker (Rev Roy)

Tattingstone

9.30am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris Chapman)

1st Sunday before Lent

Exodus 24.12–end

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1.16–end

Matthew 17.1–9

**Next Sunday
22nd February**

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Livey)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Len)

4pm Family at Church (led by Ruth)

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship (led by Ruth)

4pm SVAM concert (Trio Isimsiz)

Tattingstone

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Don)

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15–17; 3.1–7

Psalm 32

Romans 5.12–19

Matthew 4.1–11

COLLECT

Holy God, you know the disorder
of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills
to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life
in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through 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 16 th February	11.30am Funeral of Peter Butcher at East Bergholt (Nick)
Daily Reading	Genesis 37.1–11; Galatians 1
Tuesday 17 th February	
Daily Reading	Genesis 37.12–end; Galatians 2.1–10
Ash Wednesday 18 th February	7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at Brantham
Daily Reading	Daniel 9.3–6, 17–19; 1 Timothy 6.6–19
Thursday 19 th February	7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Genesis 39; Galatians 2.11–end
Friday 20 th February	
Daily Reading	Genesis 40; Galatians 3.1–14
Saturday 21 st February <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9.15am-9.45am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham
Daily Reading	Genesis 41.1–24; Galatians 3.15–22

❖ **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 next Sunday at Brantham and 8th March 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. (but not on 22nd February)

❖ **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



Monday 23rd

2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Ruth)

7.15pm-9.15pm Lent Group at "Nine Oaks" Tattingstone, IP9 2NY

Tuesday 24th

Wednesday 25th

10.30am-12pm Lent Group at 52 Richardsons Road, East Bergholt

Thursday 26th

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

11am Funeral of Andrew Page at Tattingstone

Friday 27th

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

12.30pm Celebration service for the life of Marji Holdsworth at Brantham

Saturday 28th

9.15am-9.45am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham - please just come and join us or contact Len and Issy Smith for details

Sunday 1st March

8am BCP Communion Service at East Bergholt

10.30am Connect at East Bergholt

Friday 6th March

2.30pm World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity service at Brantham Methodist Church.

Saturday, 7th March

9am Men's breakfast at East Bergholt – Rev Nicky will be discussing your moral compass!

Pray for the church family:

Monday: Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Steve Newman; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; 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 Marji Holdsworth; Andrew Page; 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
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	Doreen Savage	01473 311122			

Organists

East Bergholt – Vacancy
Tattingstone - Jane Gould

Brantham - David McLachlan
Bentley - Wilf Newport-Herring