

Constable Country Benefice



St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Brantham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattingsstone

Four Parishes - One Benefice – Stronger in Unity

This Sunday
1st March

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service

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

Brantham

6.30pm Moving Up Club

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1–4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

John 3.1–17

Next Sunday
8th March

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion
Service (Rev Don)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with
Communion Service (Rev Peter)

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship with Communion
with first reading of Banns for Hannah
Edwards and Justin Maxwell (Rev Chris)

4pm family@church celebrating Mothering
Sunday (led by Fiona)

6.30pm The Gathering at East Bergholt

Tattingsstone

6pm Evensong at Tattingsstone (led by
Simon)

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1–7

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1–11

John 4.5–42

COLLECT

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
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 2 nd March	2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Nick) 7.15pm-9.15pm Lent Group at “Nine Oaks” Tattingstone, IP9 2NY
Daily Reading	Genesis 43.16–end; Hebrews 1
Tuesday 3 rd March	7pm Deanery Synod at Capel St Mary
Daily Reading	Genesis 44.1–17; Hebrews 2.1–9
Wednesday 4 th March	9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter) 10:00 Take a Break Coffee, with “Knit & Natter” at East Bergholt 10.30am-12pm Lent Group at 52 Richardsons Road, East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Genesis 44.18–end; Hebrews 2.10–end
Thursday 5 th March	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 12.30pm Soup lunch at East Bergholt - all welcome! 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Genesis 45.1–15; Hebrews 3.1–6
Friday 6 th March	9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 1pm - Wardens meeting at Bentley 2.30pm Ecumenical Service at Brantham Methodist Church 6pm choir practice at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Genesis 45.16–end; Hebrews 3.7–end
Saturday 7 th March <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9am Men's breakfast at East Bergholt 9.15am-9.45am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham
Daily Reading	Genesis 46.1–7, 28–end; Hebrews 4.1–13

❖ **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 services are 8th March at East Bergholt and 23rd March 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 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month starting at 6.30pm.

❖ **East Bergholt 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

❖ **Tattingstone Lent group** are meeting Mondays at 7pm, starting 23rd February. If you would like to attend this, please contact Lyn on 07762 326254.



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

Tuesday 10th

Wednesday 11th

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

Thursday 12th

- 9am-3.30pm Constable Country Childcare mother's day celebrations at Brantham
- 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory
- 12.30pm-2pm Mothers' Union Lent Soup Lunch at East Bergholt. Raising funds for the "Make a Mothers' Day" appeal. Tickets £5 from members of the branch committee

Friday 13th

- 9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt
- 6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

- 8am BCP Communion Service at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)
- 9.30am Morning Worship with Communion at Tattingstone (Rev Chris Chapman)
- 10am Morning Worship with Communion 2nd reading of Banns for Hannah Edwards and Justin Maxwell at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)
- 10am Morning Worship at Bentley (lay led)
- 11am Mothering Sunday Family Service (led by Len)

Pray for the church family:

- Monday:** Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Steve Newman; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Carole Wheatley; Christopher Lewis; Rev Chris Chapman
- 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 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 - rседен@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
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Elders

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	Carolyn Evans	01473 311090		Suena Harley	01473 327531
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Organists

East Bergholt – Vacancy

Tattingstone - Jane Gould

Brantham - David McLachlan

Bentley - Wilf Newport-Herring