

# 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*

**15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 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 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Exodus 24:12-end

2 Peter 1:16-end

Matt 17:1-9

## **COLLECT FOR SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

10.00am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion

8.00pm Holy Communion

St. Mary's

St. John the Baptist

St. Mary's

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Langham

Mount Bures

West Bergholt

## **SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

9.30am Café church

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship

6.00pm Celebration of Marriage

6.30pm Evening Prayer\*

St. Mary's

St. Mary's

All Saints'

St. Andrew's

St. Mary's

St. Peter and St. Paul

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

West Bergholt

Langham

Great Horkesley

Wormingford

West Bergholt

Little Horkesley

## **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Genesis 215-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

## **COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit: and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

## SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

3.00pm	Forest Church	St. Peter's	Boxted
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## SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9.15am	Holy Communion	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Morning Worship	St. Peter's	Boxted
9.30am	Baptism Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John's	Great Horkesley
11.00am	Morning Prayer	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
5.00pm	Taize Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt

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

## REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS: Everyone is welcome

**Every Wednesday morning:** 9.15am on ZOOM  
Meeting ID: Passcode:  
**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 John Davies, Diana Kinnear, John Soloman, Revd Henry Heath, Eileen Norfolk, Edith Watts and Brefni Langdon. Pray for the Bereavement Journey, for all who are attending and for those who are leading the course.
- Pray for our pupils and staff during the half term break. Pray for opportunities for rest and relaxation and pray for FiSH and the Free Fun Morning running in our parishes over the break for families to attend.
- As we prepare to begin our journey through Lent, pray that we will have time for reflection and drawing closer to God.

## PANCAKE PARTY AT THE RECTORY – TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 7.30pm –

**9.00pm.** Pop along to the Rectory for delicious homecooked pancakes, with your choice of favourite toppings. Suggested donation of £3 which will be split 50/50 between Beacon House and St. Helena Hospice.

### FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.30 – 2.00pm	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30 – 9.00pm	Pancake Party	The Rectory
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion with Ashing	St. Mary's, Langham
	10 – 11.30am	FREE Fun Morning	St. John's, GH
	12.30pm	Mount Bures PCC meeting	The Thatchers, MB
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	Mount Bures Church
	8.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	St. Mary's, WB
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00pm	Mount Bures Quiz Night	MB Village Hall
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10 – 3.30pm	Carbon Literacy training day	St. Mary's, WB
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	3.30pm	Wedding Preparation tea	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	The King's Ridge Choir practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
	9.30pm	Compline for Lent	on ZOOM
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.00noon	Lent soup Lunch	LH Village Hall
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Lent Course	WB Church Hall
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Bereavement Journey ®	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> March	12.00noon	Lent Soup Lunch	Mount Bures Church
	2.00pm	The King's Ridge Mothers Union	St. Mary's, WB
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Lent Course	WB Church Hall
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Bereavement Journey ®	St. Mary's, WB
	1.00pm	Soup Lunch and WDP service	St. Mary's, WB
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	9.30pm	Compline for Lent	on ZOOM
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30 – 11am	Toddler Play and Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted
	12.00noon	Lent Soup Lunch	WB Church Hall
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00pm	The King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
	7.30pm	Lent Course	WB Church Hall

**FREE FUN MORNING – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10am – 11.30am** at St. John's Church, Great Horkesley. Pop along for crafts, games and refreshments. Suitable for pre-school and primary aged children, who must be accompanied by an adult.

**MOUNT BURES VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm for 7.30pm start.** Teams of 6, £5 per person, bring your own drinks and snacks. To book ring

**WEDDING PREPARATION AFTERNOON TEA – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.** We will be hosting our annual Wedding preparation event with Afternoon Tea. If you are able to help with baking a cake, scones or making sandwiches, please let the office know. **Followed by a special service celebrating the gift of marriage at 6.00pm in St. Mary's Church, West Bergholt, everyone is very welcome.**

**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. Heather  
Meeting ID: Passcode:

**LENT SOUP LUNCHES 2026** – Come and join us at 12.00noon on Tuesdays for our Lent Soup Lunches, moving around the different parishes. Starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February in Little Horkesley Village 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 is writing a Lent course for the King's Ridge Parishes, and will be leading a group weekly, on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm in West Bergholt Church Hall, starting on 26<sup>th</sup> February. To enable the maximum number of people as possible to access the course, it will also be run through the Tuesday morning home group (West Bergholt) and Wednesday morning group (Great Horkesley) Please do consider joining a group for this 5-week course.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAY SERVICE 2026 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BOXTED FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 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 KING'S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS***

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