

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
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

**Next 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.

6.30pm Moving Up Club at Brantham

2nd Sunday of Lent
Genesis 12.1–4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4.1–5, 13–17
John 3.1–17

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of
darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom
and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread
from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the
true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that
proceeds from out of your mouth;
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 23 rd February	2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Ruth) 7.15pm-9.15pm Lent Group at "Nine Oaks" Tattingstone, IP9 2NY
Daily Reading	Genesis 41.25–45; Galatians 3.23–4.7
Tuesday 24 th February	
Daily Reading	Genesis 41.46—42.5; Galatians 4.8–20
Ash Wednesday 25 th February	10.30am-12pm Lent Group at 52 Richardsons Road, East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Genesis 42.6–17; Galatians 4.21—5.1
Thursday 26 th February	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 11am Funeral of Andrew Page at Tattingstone (Rev Sally) 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Genesis 42.18–28; Galatians 5.2–15
Friday 27 th February	9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 1.30pm Celebration service for the life of Marji Holdsworth at Brantham
Daily Reading	Genesis 42.29–end; Galatians 5.16–end
Saturday 28 th February <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9.15am-9.45am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham
Daily Reading	Genesis 43.1–15; Galatians 6

- ❖ **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 this 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)
- ❖ **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 2nd March

2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Nick)

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

Tuesday 3rd

Wednesday 4th

9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter)

10:00 Take a Break Coffee, incorporating "Knit & Natter" at East Bergholt

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

Thursday 5th

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

12.30pm Soup lunch at East Bergholt - all welcome!

Friday 6th

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

1pm - Wardens Meeting at Bentley

6pm choir practice

Saturday 7th

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

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

Sunday 8th

10am Morning Worship with Communion at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

10am Morning Worship with Communion Service (Rev Don)

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion Service (Rev Peter)

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

6pm Evensong at Tattingstone (led by Simon)

6.30pm The Gathering at East Bergholt

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 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
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Elders

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	01206 391384
	Chris Jacob	01206 298552		Len Smith	07986 767123
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Bentley	Jane Day	01473 310518	Tattingstone	Simon Harley	01473 327531
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	Doreen Savage	01473 311122			

Organists

East Bergholt – Vacancy

Tattingstone - Jane Gould

Brantham - David McLachlan

Bentley - Wilf Newport-Herring