

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 March

Bentley

10am Morning Worship (lay led)

Brantham

10.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service (led by Len)

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service (Rev Roy)

10am Morning Worship with Communion 2nd re-reading of *Banns for Elise and James* (Rev Roy)

Tattingstone

9.30am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Chris)

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16.1–13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5.8–14

John 9

Next Sunday 22nd March

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Chris)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion Service (Rev Aileen Mortimer)

4pm Family at Church

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship (led by Nick)
4pm SVAM concert (Wihan Quartet)
6.30pm The Gathering

Tattingstone

10am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Don) followed by APCM at 11.30am

5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.1–14

Psalm 130

Romans 8.6–11

John 11.1–45

COLLECT

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure
the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory
that shall be revealed;
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 March	2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Ruth and OtB) 2pm Magazine meeting at East Bergholt 7.15pm-9.15pm Lent Group at "Nine Oaks" Tattingstone, IP9 2NY
Daily Reading	Exodus 2.11–22; Hebrews 9.1–14
Tuesday 17 th March	
Daily Reading	Exodus 2.23—3.20; Hebrews 9.15–end
Wednesday 18 th March	10.30am-12pm Lent Group at 52 Richardsons Road, East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Exodus 4.1–23; Hebrews 10.1–18
Thursday 19 th March	9.00am Morning prayer at 22 Richardson Close, East Bergholt 12.30pm Soup lunch at East Bergholt - all welcome! 7.30pm PCC Meeting at Brantham
Daily Reading	Isaiah 11.1–10; Matthew 13.54–end
Friday 20 th March	9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Exodus 6.2–13; Hebrews 10.26–end
Saturday 21 st March <i>Rev Chris</i> <i>rest day</i>	9.15am-9.45am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham - please just come along or contact Len and Issy Smith for more details
Daily Reading	Exodus 7.8–end; Hebrews 11.1–16

- ❖ **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 22nd March at Brantham and 12th April 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 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. If you wish to take part, please let Rev Roy know. rseden@gmail.com / 07806940407
- ❖ **Tattingstone Lent group** are meeting Mondays at 7pm. If you would like to attend this, please contact Lyn on 07762 326254.



Monday 23rd

2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Nick)

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

Tuesday 24th

11am Memorial Service for Rita Richman at Brantham

7pm PCC meeting at East Bergholt

Wednesday 25^h

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

Thursday 26th

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

9.30 EBPS end of term service at East Bergholt

12.30pm Soup lunch at East Bergholt - all welcome but please book via Jackie Reeves!

Friday 27th

9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt

Saturday 28th

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

7pm Easter Bingo at Bentley Village Hall

Sunday 29th

10am Palm Sunday Benefice Communion at Bentley (Rev Chris)

6.30pm Moving Up club at Brantham

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: Colin Firmin; 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 Rita Richman; 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 - 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** – For the “younger” youth - for those in school years 6, 7 and 8. Held 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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Website: www.ConstableCountryChurches.co.uk **YouTube:** Constable Country Churches

Facebook: [smaryseastbergholt](https://www.facebook.com/smaryseastbergholt) and St Michael's Church, Brantham

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
Bentley	Tom Hill	01473 311119	Tattingstone	Linda Smalley	07803 589862
	Jane Day	01473 310518		Lyn Tomlinson	01473 328251

Elders

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	01206 391384
	Chris Jacob	01206 298552		Len Smith	07986 767123
				Issy Smith	07941 096809
Bentley	Jane Day	01473 310518	Tattingstone	Simon Harley	01473 327531
	Carolyn Evans	01473 311090		Suena Harley	01473 327531
	Doreen Savage	01473 311122			

Organists

East Bergholt – Vacancy
Tattingstone - Jane Gould

Brantham - David McLachlan
Bentley - Wilf Newport-Herring