

Constable Country Benefice



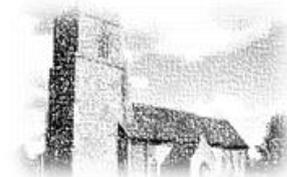
St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Brantham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattlingstone

Four Parishes - One Benefice – Stronger in Unity

This Sunday 22nd March

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with
Communion Service (Rev Aileen) *1st*
Banns for Louise Wilson and Chris Clarke
4pm Family at Church

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship with *1st reading of*
banns for Hannah Edwards and Justin
Maxwell and rereading for Ellie Ranoe-Hall
and James Potter (led by Nick)

4pm SVAM concert (Wihan Quartet)

6.30pm The Gathering

Tattlingstone

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

Next Sunday

29th March – Palm Sunday

Bentley

10am Benefice Communion (Rev Chris)

Brantham

6.30pm Moving Up Club

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4–9a

Psalm 31.9–16

Philippians 2.5–11

Matthew 26.14—end of 27

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder
the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do
for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever
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 March	2.15pm Assembly at Brooklands Primary (Rev Chris) 2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (led by Ruth) 7.15pm-9.15pm Lent Group at "Nine Oaks" Tattingstone, IP9 2NY
Daily Reading	Exodus 8.1–19; Hebrews 11.17–31
Tuesday 24 th March	11am Memorial Service for Rita Richman at Brantham (led by Nick)
Daily Reading	Exodus 8.20–end; Hebrews 11.32—12.2
Wednesday 25 th March	10.30am-12pm Lent Group at 52 Richardsons Road, East Bergholt
Daily Reading	1 Samuel 2.1–10; Romans 5.12–end
Thursday 26 th March	9.00am Morning prayer at the Rectory 9.30am EBPS end of term service 12.30pm Soup lunch at East Bergholt (final soup lunch – please let Jackie know if you are coming) 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Exodus 9.13–end; Hebrews 12.14–end
Friday 27 th March	9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Exodus 10; Hebrews 13.1–16
Saturday 28 th March <i>Rev Chris 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 7pm Easter Bingo at Bentley Village Hall
Daily Reading	Exodus 11; Hebrews 13.17–end

- ❖ **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 on 12th April at East Bergholt and 26th April 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. 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.



Looking further ahead.....

Monday 30th

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

7.30pm Meditation for Holy Week at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

Tuesday 31st

2pm Interment of ashes of Pamela Dunthorne at Brantham (Rev Chris)

Wednesday 1st April

9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter)

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

Maundy Thursday 2nd

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

7.30pm Informal Maundy Thursday Service at Brantham

7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Good Friday 3rd

10am Friendly Family Service at Brantham (led by Sarah)

2pm An Hour at the Cross (Rev Chris)

Saturday 4th

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

7.30pm Easter Vigil at Brantham (Ruth)

Easter Sunday 5th

10am Morning Worship with Communion with banns for Hannah Edwards and Justin Maxwell at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)

10am Morning Worship with Communion at Tattingstone (Rev Don)

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion at Brantham (Rev Peter) 2nd Banns for Louise Wilson and Chris Clarke (Lawford)

10am Morning Worship with Communion Service at Bentley (Rev Chris)

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; Lynn

Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one

The families and friends of Dr Charity Tetteh; Rev. John and Glenda Druce; 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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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
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	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
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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