

Constable Country Benefice



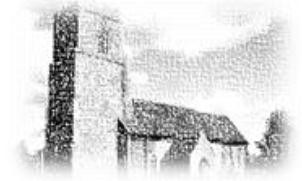
St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Brantham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattingstone

Four Parishes - One Benefice – Stronger in Unity

**This Sunday
26th April**

Bentley

10am Morning worship with Communion followed by APCM (Rev Chris)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Len)
4pm Family at Church (Led by Sarah and Sue)
6.30pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship (led by Nick)
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Tattingstone

10am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Don)

4th Sunday of Easter

Genesis 7

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2.19-end

John 10.1-10

**Next Sunday
3rd May**

East Bergholt

8am BCP Service (Rev Chris)

Tattingstone

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

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55-end

Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2.2-10

John 14.1-14

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people
may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us
to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
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 27 th April	
Daily Reading	Exodus 32.1–14; Luke 2.41–end
Tuesday 28 th April	
Daily Reading	Exodus 32.15–34; Luke 3.1–14
Wednesday 29 th April	
Daily Reading	Exodus 33; Luke 3.15–22
Thursday 30 th April	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Exodus 34.1–10, 27–end; Luke 4.1–13
Friday 1 st May	9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Proverbs 4.10–18; James 1.1–12
Saturday 2 nd May <i>Rev Chris</i> <i>rest day</i>	9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham 9am Men's Breakfast at East Bergholt - talk by Neil Culham about St. Mary's unique bells.
Daily Reading	Exodus 40.17–end; Luke 4.31–37

- ❖ **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 this Sunday at Brantham and 10th May at East Bergholt.
- ❖ **The Gathering:** A contemporary service with worship, word and prayer. With tea, coffee and cake! Held at St. Mary's East Bergholt every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month starting at 6.30pm.

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 4th

Tuesday 5th

7pm PCC meeting at East Bergholt

Wednesday 6th

9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter)

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

Thursday 7th

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Friday 8th

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

11.30am Wardens' meeting at the Rectory

6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt (TBC)

Saturday 9th

9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham

7.30pm Quiz night at the Constable Hall to celebrate Constable 250.

Sunday 10th

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

10am Morning Worship with Communion with Banns for Christa Rodrigues and Thomas Elford at Bentley (Rev Don)

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion at Brantham (Rev Peter)

4pm family@church at East Bergholt (led by Fiona)

6pm Evensong at Tattingstone (led by Linda)

6.30pm The Gathering at East Bergholt (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: 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 Brian Peters; Colin Firmin; Rev. John and Glenda Druce 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		Linda Smalley	07803 589862

Organists

East Bergholt – Vacancy
Tattingstone - Jane Gould

Brantham - David McLachlan
Bentley - Wilf Newport-Herring