

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 - 10th May

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion.
1st reading of banns for Christa Rodrigues
and Thomas Elford (Rev Don)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with
Communion (Rev Peter)
6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club!

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)
4pm family@church (led by Fiona)
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Tattingstone

6pm Evensong (led by Linda)

6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 17.22–31
Psalm 66.7–end
1 Peter 3.13–end
John 14.15–21

Next Sunday - 17th May

Bentley

10am Morning Worship - Pet Service -
bring your pet along for a blessing.
2nd reading of banns for Christa
Rodrigues and Thomas Elford (lay led)

Brantham

11am Morning Worship with Communion
and blessing of Rory Phipps (Rev Chris)

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service
(Rev Roy)
10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Roy)

Tattingstone

9.30am Morning Worship with
Communion (Rev Chris)

7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1.6–14
Psalm 68.1–10, 32–end
1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11
John 17.1–11

COLLECT

Risen Christ, by the lakeside
you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ
gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
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 11 th May	St. Mary's, East Bergholt is closed for Electrical Survey
Daily Reading	Numbers 16.1–35; Luke 6.27–38
Tuesday 12 th May	St. Mary's, East Bergholt is partially closed for Electrical Survey 2pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Numbers 16.36–end; Luke 6.39–end
Wednesday 13 th May	
Daily Reading	Numbers 17.1–11; Luke 7.1–10
Thursday Ascension Day 14 th May	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 2pm MU Ascension Day Holy Communion service at East Bergholt – all welcome. 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Isaiah 52.7–end; Hebrews 7. [11–25] 26–end
Friday 15 th May	9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	1 Samuel 2.27–35; Acts 2.37–end
Saturday 16 th May <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham
Daily Reading	Numbers 21.4–9; Luke 7.18–35

- ❖ **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 East Bergholt and 24th May at Brantham
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **The Benefice Discussion Group** reconvenes at 2pm on Tuesday 12th May in the West End, East Bergholt. We are discussing John Pritchard's book "20 Questions Jesus Asked; and how they speak to us today". As usual, it is available at Amazon etc. and costs about £10. It is based on 20 short gospel passages where Jesus often turns the tables on those interrogating him. Each week there will be 3 or 4 questions to consider. On 12th May we shall look at least 2 of the first 4 questions in the book. Contact Rev Roy at rmeden@gmail.com for further details.

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 18th May

- 9am Assembly at Bentley Primary School (Rev Chris)
- 1.15pm Assembly at Tattingstone Primary School (Rev Chris)
- 2.30pm Parish Magazine meeting at East Bergholt
- 2.50pm Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School (Nick)

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Friday 22nd

- 9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt
- 7pm The Colchester Waits perform at Tattingstone

Saturday 23rd

- 9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham
- 10.30am Art class in the churchyard at St Mary's, Tattingstone
- 1pm Wedding of Elise Ranoë-Hall and James Potter at East Bergholt

Sunday 24th

- 10am Morning Worship at East Bergholt (led by Ruth)
- 10am Morning Worship with Communion at Tattingstone (Rev Don)
- 10am Morning Worship with Communion with reading of banns for Christa Rodrigues and Thomas Elford 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; Margaret Burridge
- Thursday:** Vicky Scott; Peter Green; Margaret Burridge 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 Lee Abbot; 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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Parish Safeguarding Officers

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Choir Leader: Julian Merson

Organists: **Brantham** - David McLachlan **Tattingstone** - Jane Gould **Bentley** - Wilf Newport-Herring