

# 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 - 17<sup>th</sup> May

#### Bentley

10am Morning Worship - Pet Service - bring your pet along for a blessing.  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

7<sup>th</sup> 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**

### Next Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion with final reading of banns for Christa Rodrigues and Thomas Elford (Rev Chris)

#### Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship (Led by Sarah)  
4pm Family at Church (Led by Ruth)

#### East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship (led by Ruth)  
6.30pm The Gathering

#### Tattingstone

10am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Don)

Pentecost Sunday

**Numbers 11.24-30**

Psalm 104.26-36

1 Corinthians 12.3b -13

**John 20.19-23**

### COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth  
with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father  
Amen

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live  
the good news we proclaim;  
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

<b>Monday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9am Assembly at Bentley Primary School (Rev Chris) 12pm Burial of Ashes of Rita Richman at Brantham (Nick) 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)
Daily Reading	Numbers 22.1–35; Luke 7.36–end; Numbers 27.15–end; 1 Corinthians 3
<b>Tuesday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> May	
Daily Reading	Numbers 22.36—23.12; Luke 8.1–15; 1 Samuel 10.1–10; 1
<b>Wednesday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> May	
Daily Reading	Numbers 23.13–end; Luke 8.16–25; 1 Kings 19.1–18; Matthew 3.13–end
<b>Thursday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Numbers 24; Luke 8.26–39; Ezekiel 11.14–20; Matthew 9.35–10.20
<b>Friday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 7pm The Colchester Waits perform at Tattingstone
Daily Reading	Numbers 27.12–end; Luke 8.40–end; Ezekiel 36.22–28; Matthew 12.22–32
<b>Saturday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	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 Rancoe-Hall and James Potter at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Numbers 32.1–27; Luke 9.1–17; Micah 3.1–8; Ephesians 6.10–20

- ❖ **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 24<sup>th</sup> May at Brantham and 14<sup>th</sup> June 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month starting at 6.30pm.
- ❖ **The Benefice Discussion Group** is being held in the West End, East Bergholt every other Tuesday (next one 26<sup>th</sup> May). 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 12<sup>th</sup> May we shall look at least 2 of the first 4 questions in the book. Contact Rev Roy at [rseden@gmail.com](mailto:rseden@gmail.com) for further details.



## **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Bank Holiday Monday

## ***Looking further ahead.....***

## **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

2pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt

## **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

## **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

## **Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

10am Benefice Communion Service at Tattingstone

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### **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 Burrridge

**Thursday:** Vicky Scott; Peter Green; Margaret Burrridge 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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@constablebenefice.org)

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

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### Parish Safeguarding Officers

<b>East Bergholt</b>	Howard Holdsworth	07970 416249	<b>Brantham</b>	Issy Smith	07941 096809
<b>Bentley</b>	Tom Hill	01473 311119	<b>Tattingstone</b>	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

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### Readers

Nick Pavitt 01473 328512 | Ruth Bull 01206 298733 | Sandra Mehen 01473 310383

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### Churchwardens

<b>East Bergholt</b>	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	<b>Brantham</b>	Jane Pavitt	01473 328512
	Jackie Reeves	01206 299973		Len Smith	07986 767123
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	Jane Day	01473 310518		Lyn Tomlinson	01473 328251

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### Elders

<b>East Bergholt</b>	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	<b>Brantham</b>	Sarah McCraw	01206 391384
	Chris Jacob	01206 298552		Len Smith	07986 767123
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	Carolyn Evans	01473 311090		Suena Harley	01473 327531
	Doreen Savage	01473 311122		Linda Smalley	07803 589862

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**Choir Leader:** Julian Merson

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