

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 - 24th 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

Acts 2: 1-21
Numbers 11.24-30
Psalm 104.26-36
1 Corinthians 12.3b -13
John 20.19-23

Next Sunday – 31st May

Tattingstone

10am Benefice Communion Service

This is a service for all four
parishes with a traditional feel.
We are hoping the choir shall lead
our sung worship at this
wonderful opportunity to share
Communion together as a
Benefice.

Parking will be available in the Village
Hall car park. If anyone needs a lift,
please let Michelle know.

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13.11-end
Matthew 28.16-end

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
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 25 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Daily Reading	Joshua 1; Luke 9.18–27
Tuesday 26 th May	2pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Joshua 2; Luke 9.28–36
Wednesday 27 th May	
Daily Reading	Joshua 3; Luke 9.37–50
Thursday 28 th May	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 4pm DAC Architect visit to East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Joshua 4.1—5.1; Luke 9.51–end
Friday 29 th May	6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Joshua 5.2–end; Luke 10.1–16
Saturday 30 th May <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham
Daily Reading	Joshua 6.1–20; Luke 10.17–24

- ❖ **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 14th 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 2nd and 4th 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 26th 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 12th May we shall look at least 2 of the first 4 questions in the book. Contact Rev Roy at rseden@gmail.com for further details.

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 1st June

9am - 4pm Ipswich midwives "away-day" in the West End, East Bergholt
2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Ruth and OtB team)

Tuesday 2nd

7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation and installation of Deanery Church Warden's service at East Bergholt. All welcome to support our Church Wardens.

Wednesday 3rd

9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter)
10:00 Take a Break Coffee, incorporating "Knit & Natter" at East Bergholt

Thursday 4th

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

Friday 5th

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt
6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt

Saturday 6th

9am - 9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham
7pm Brass and Ivories concert at East Bergholt

Sunday 7th

8am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)
10.30am Connect service at Brantham including blessing for Rory, followed by the Benefice Rectory Picnic

Constable 250 Flower Festival begins with afternoon tea at 4pm
12pm - 5.30pm Fiddlers Elbow playing in St. Mary's, East Bergholt

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:** Peter Green; Margaret Burrige 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 Raymond Savage; Lee Abbott; Brian Peters 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

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Revd Peter Ball 01206 393316 | Revd Roy Seden 07806 940407 | Revd Don Mehen 01473 310383

Readers

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Churchwardens

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Jane Pavitt	01473 328512
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Elders

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	07977 808994
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	Carolyn Evans	01473 311090		Suena Harley	01473 327531
	Doreen Savage	01473 311122		Linda Smalley	07803 589862

Choir Leader: Julian Merson

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