

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 - 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.

Brantham

6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club!

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55–end

Psalm 31.1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2.2–10

John 14.1–14

Next Sunday - 10th May

Bentley

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

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Peter)

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)

Brantham

6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club!

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22–31

Psalm 66.7–end

1 Peter 3.13–end

John 14.15–21

COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare
your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
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 4 th May	
Daily Reading	Numbers 9.15–end; 10.33–end; Luke 4.38–end
Tuesday 5 th May	7pm PCC meeting at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Numbers 11.1–33; Luke 5.1–11
Wednesday 6 th May	9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter) 10:00 Take a Break Coffee, incorporating “Knit & Natter” at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Numbers 12; Luke 5.12–26
Thursday 7 th May	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Numbers 13.1–3, 17–end; Luke 5.27–end
Friday 8 th May	9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 11.30am Wardens’ meeting at the Rectory 6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt (TBC)
Daily Reading	Numbers 14.1–25; Luke 6.1–11
Saturday 9 th May <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham 7.30pm Quiz night at the Constable Hall to celebrate Constable 250.
Daily Reading	Numbers 14.26–end; Luke 6.12–26

- ❖ **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 10th May 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.

Looking further ahead....



Monday 11th May

St. Mary's, East Bergholt is closed for Electrical Survey

Tuesday 12th

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Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

9am Morning Prayer

2pm MU Ascension Day Holy Communion service at East Bergholt – all welcome.

7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Friday 15th

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

Saturday 16th

9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham

Sunday 17th

8am BCP Communion Service at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)

9.30am Morning Worship with Communion at Tattingstone (Rev Chris)

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

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

11am Morning Worship with Communion and blessing of Rory Phipps at Brantham (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 - rседен@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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	Doreen Savage	01473 311122		Linda Smalley	07803 589862

Organists

East Bergholt – Vacancy
Tattingstone - Jane Gould

Brantham - David McLachlan
Bentley - Wilf Newport-Herring