

# 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 – 28<sup>th</sup> June

#### Bentley

**3pm** Community Service - afternoon tea served after the service (Rev Chris)

#### Brantham

**10.30am** Morning Worship with 1<sup>st</sup> reading of banns for Joanne Davey and Darren Green (led by Len)

**4pm** Family at Church (led by Ruth)

**6.30-8pm** Moving Up! Club (for children in years 6-8)

#### East Bergholt

**10am** Morning Worship (led by Ruth) with final reading of banns for Joanna Lowe and Edward Ward and 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Banns for Chelsea Stevens and Kevin Stevens.

**6.30pm** The Gathering (Rev Chris)

#### Tattingstone

**10am** Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Don)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 22.1–14

Psalms 13

Romans 6.12–end

Matthew 10.40–end

### Next Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> July

#### East Bergholt

**8am** BCP Service (Rev Chris)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Banns for Chelsea Stevens and Kevin Stevens.

#### Brantham

**6.30-8pm** Moving Up! Club (for children in years 6-8)

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-end

Psalms 45.10-end

Romans 7.15-25

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

### COLLECT

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted  
and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son  
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*

<b>This Week</b>	
<b>Monday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Ruth)  <b>Daily Reading:</b> Isaiah 49.1–6; Acts 11.1–18
<b>Tuesday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> June	11am Alpha Course at the Rectory – everyone welcome  <b>Daily Reading:</b> Judges 14; Luke 18.1–14
<b>Wednesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter) 10am Take a Break Coffee, incorporating “Knit & Natter” at East Bergholt 7.30pm Alpha Course at the Rectory – everyone welcome  <b>Daily Reading:</b> Judges 15.1-16.3; Luke 18.15-30
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory  <b>Daily Reading:</b> Judges 16.4-end; Luke 18.31-end
<b>Friday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt  <b>Daily Reading:</b> 2 Samuel 15.17-21; Ecclesiasticus 2; John 11.1-16
<b>Saturday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham 9am Men’s Breakfast – a talk on the River Stour Trust at St. Mary’s, East Bergholt 2.30pm– A talk on the connection of the Forefathers to Bentley Church by Tom Hill. Includes refreshments at Bentley Church.  <b>Daily Reading:</b> Judges 18.1-20, 27-end; Luke 19.11-27

- ❖ **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 taking place this Sunday at Brantham and 12<sup>th</sup> July at East Bergholt (back in church).
- ❖ **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. 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. Contact Rev Roy at rseden@gmail.com for further details



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

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Rev Chris)

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

11am Alpha Course at the Rectory – everyone welcome

2pm Burial of Ashes for Barbara King at East Bergholt

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

7.30pm Alpha Course at the Rectory – everyone welcome

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

9am EBPS service "It's your Move" at East Bergholt (led by Len)

2pm MU Meeting at East Bergholt

7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

11.30am Wardens Meeting at the Rectory

6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

9am - 9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

10am Morning Worship with Communion and baptism of Eddie and Dorothy at East Bergholt with final reading of Banns for Chelsea Stevens and Kevin Stevens (Rev Chris)

10am Morning Worship with Communion at Bentley (Rev Don)

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Banns for Joanne Davey and Darren Green at Brantham (Rev Peter)

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

6pm Evensong (led by Simon)

6.30pm The Gathering at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

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### **Pray for the church family:**

**Monday:** Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Steve Newman; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Ted and 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 Burridge; Barry Blomfield 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 Eileen Blomfield; Godfrey Moore; 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](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	07977 808994
	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