

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 – 2nd August

Bentley

10.30am Connect Service - a service for all ages. The best of traditional and new, and to being all together (*with a group for younger children during the service*) (Rev Chris)

East Bergholt

8am BCP service (Rev Chris)

Trinity 9

Genesis 32.22–31
Psalm 17.1–7, 16
Romans 9.1–5
Matthew 14.13–21

Next Sunday – 9th August

Tattingstone

10am Benefice Communion Service with Mothers' Union 150th anniversary service (Rev Peter)

Trinity 10

Genesis 37.1–4, 12–28
Psalm 105.1–6, 16–22, 45b [or 105.1–10]
Romans 10.5–15
Matthew 14.22–33

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here
around the table of your Son
to share this meal
with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of 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 3 rd August	10am-4pm Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt - with activities and refreshments - great for all ages! 12.45pm Cremation of Jill Head at Seven Hills (Rev Chris) Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 19.1–18 Acts 1.1–14
Tuesday 4 th August	10am-4pm Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt - with activities and refreshments - great for all ages! Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 20.1–17 Acts 1.15–end
Wednesday 5 th August	10am-4pm Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt - with activities and refreshments - great for all ages! Please note: no 9.30am HC service in August. Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 20.18–end Acts 2.1–21
Thursday 6 th August	10am-4pm Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt - with activities and refreshments - great for all ages! 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory Daily Reading: Psalms 27, 150 Ecclesiasticus 48.1–10 or 1 Kings 19.1–16; 1 John 3.1–3
Friday 7 th August	10am-4pm Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt - with activities and refreshments - great for all ages! Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 22.6–end Acts 2.37–end
Saturday 8 th August <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 23 Acts 3.1–10

- ❖ **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 13th September at East Bergholt (4pm) and 27th September at Brantham (10.30am for August only).
- ❖ **The Gathering:** A contemporary service with worship, word and prayer. With tea, coffee and cake! Held at St. Mary's, East Bergholt. Resuming in September, every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month starting at 6.30pm

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 10th August

Tuesday 11th August

Wednesday 12th August

Thursday 13th August

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

3.30pm Mothers' Union celebration of Mary Sumner Day, a service in Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral at 3.30pm

Friday 14th August

Saturday 15th August

9am - 9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham

Sunday 16th August

10am Benefice Service with Communion at Bentley (Rev Don)

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| 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 Burrige; 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 the Crawford family; David Hunter; Tessa Clark; Eileen Blomfield; Godfrey Moore; Raymond Savage 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

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

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

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

Elders

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	07977 808994
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	Doreen Savage	01473 311122		Linda Smalley	07803 589862

Choir Leader: Julian Merson

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