

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 – 26th July

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Len)
4pm Family at Church (led by Ruth - this month being held in the Rectory garden)
6.30-8pm Moving Up! Club (for children in years 6-8)

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship (led by Nick)
11am Setting up knitted Bible exhibition
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Tattingstone

10am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Don)

8th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 29.15–28
Psalm 105.1–11, 45b
Romans 8.26–end
Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

Next 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)

9th Sunday after Trinity

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

COLLECT

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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 27 th July	From Tuesday 28th July until Friday 7th August, St. Mary's Church, East Bergholt will be open between 10am and 4pm while the knitted Bible is on display. Activities and refreshments available on each day. Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 14.24-46 Luke 23.13-25
Tuesday 28 th July	Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt 2pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 15.1-23 Luke 23.26-43
Wednesday 29 th July	Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 16 Luke 23.44-56
Thursday 30 th July	Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 17.1-30 Luke 23.56
Friday 31 st July	Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt 1pm Wedding of Christina Rodrigues and Thomas Elford at Bentley Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 17.31-54 Luke 24.13-35
Saturday 1 st August <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	Knitted bible exhibition at East Bergholt 9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 17.55—18.16 Luke 24.36—end

- ❖ **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 13th September 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.

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 3rd August

Tuesday 4th August

Wednesday 5th August

N.B. There is no 9.30am service in August

Thursday 6th August

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

Friday 7th August

Saturday 8th August

9am - 9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham

Sunday 9th August

10am Benefice Service with Communion MU 150th anniversary service at Tattingstone (Rev Peter)

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 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 Tessa Clark; 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 / 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
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East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	07977 808994
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Choir Leader: Julian Merson

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