

LOOKING FORWARD

Newsletter for The King's Ridge Parishes

Many Voices, One Mission

Langham with Boxted, West Bergholt and Great Horkesley, Wormingford and Mount Bures with Little Horkesley

19th & 26th July 2026

Welcome, it's good to have you with us!

We hope you enjoy the service and will know God's blessing. If you are a visitor and would like any information, or someone to visit you, please have a word with one of the sides people, a churchwarden or one of the ministers.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 19th JULY 2026

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SUNDAY 26th JULY

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Café Church

11.00am Holy Communion

Service and Time to be confirmed

6.30pm Evening Prayer

St. Mary's

St Mary's

All Saints'

St. Andrew's

St. Peter and St. Paul

TRINITY 7

Langham

West Bergholt

Great Horkesley

Wormingford

Little Horkesley

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26th JULY 2026

1 Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:26-end

Matt 13:31-33; 44-52

COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST

9.15am	Holy Communion	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Morning Worship	St. Peter's	Boxted
11.00am	Matins	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John's	Great Horkesley
5.00pm	Taize Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

TRINITY 9

REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS: Everyone is welcome

Every Wednesday morning: 9.15am on ZOOM
Meeting ID: Passcode:

1st Saturday monthly: 8am - West Bergholt Church

REGULAR COFFEE MORNINGS, MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP GROUPS & CAFÉS:

Thurs (Term)	10 - 11.30am	Coffee & Cake	WB Church Hall
Thursdays	10 - 11.30am	St. John's Community Café	St John's, GH
Thursdays	10 - 12.00pm	Connections	MB Village Hall
Thursdays	2.00 - 3.30pm	5T's	WB Church hall

REGULAR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings - 7.45pm - West Bergholt - *Ian Hilton*

Wednesday evenings (following Tuesday evenings) - 7.45pm - West Bergholt

1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 10.30am - Gt Horkesley - *Anne Mason*

Alternate Thursday afternoons - 2.00pm - West Bergholt - *Richard Chadborn*

For more information please contact the leaders or the Parish office.

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for Emma as she finishes her time in the King's Ridge Parishes this weekend and takes some time to refresh ahead of her next steps in ministry. Give thanks for all that Emma has brought to ministry within these parishes and for her friendship and passion for sharing the gospel.
- Pray for our schools as they break up for the summer break. Give thanks for the many opportunities we have had over the past term to share the love of God with pupils and staff particularly through Prayer spaces, Open the Book, and the Year 6 Retreats. Pray for all pupils who will be moving up to high school, colleges or universities over the summer months, and for those who will be waiting for exam results over the coming weeks.
- Pray for all who have been bereaved recently, remembering in particular the families of Ruby Blackwell and Barry Gibbons. Pray that they may be comforted in their grief. Give thanks for the monthly bereavement café, praying that it will be a blessing to those who attend
- Pray for FiSH meeting weekly throughout the summer Holidays, providing food and activities to families. Give thanks for all the helpers on the team.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 20 th July	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	5.00pm	Wormingford PCC meeting	Wormingford
Tues 21 st July	7.00pm	Little Horkesley PCC	Little Horkesley
Sat 25 th July	2.00pm	Wedding Service	Old Church, WB
Mon 27 th July	11.30 – 2.00pm	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
	7.30pm	Churchwardens meeting	The Rectory
Tues 28 th July	2pm – 3.30pm	Bereavement Café	WB Church Hall
Wed 29 th July	7.30pm	West Bergholt PCC	The Rectory
Fri 31 st August	12.00noon	Wedding	Langham Church
Sat 1 st August	10 – 12noon	The Café @ St. Mary's	WB Church Hall
	10 – 12noon	Butterfly and Bug Hunt	WB Churchyard
	1.00pm	Wedding	Langham Church
	3 – 5.00pm	Lammastide picnic/service	See below
Mon 3 rd Aug	11.30 – 2.00pm	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Mon 10 th Aug	11.30 – 2.00pm	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Thurs 13 th Aug	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir practice	St. John's, MB
Sun 16 th Aug	10.30am	United Service	St. John's, MB
Mon 17 th Aug	11.30 – 2.00pm	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
Thurs 20 th Aug	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir practice	St. John's, GH
Sun 23 rd Aug	10.30am	United Service	St. John's, GH
Mon 24 th Aug	11.30 – 12noon	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	St. Mary's, WB
Thurs 27 th Aug	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sun 30 th Aug	10.30am	United Service	St. Peter's, Boxted
	5.00 – 7.30pm	End of Summer BBQ	The Rectory

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ – with St. Helena Hospice in **St. Mary's Church Hall, West Bergholt on TUESDAY 28TH JULY from 2pm to 3.30pm.** anyone who has had a bereavement at any time, be it when they were young or more recently, during adulthood is welcome to attend. It is an informal gathering over a cup of tea to listen to others experiences and discuss and talk about your own experiences if you'd like to; sometimes just sitting with people who understand is enough. The café is run by volunteers from the church and also staff from St. Helena Hospice. Please just turn up on the day, we look forward to welcoming you.

THE CAFÉ @ ST. MARY'S – SATURDAY 1st AUGUST, 10 – 12.00noon – Why not pop along for a bacon roll, cheese scone, tea and cake and plenty of relaxed conversation or simply read the newspaper or play some board games. All are very welcome.

COUNT ON NATURE BUTTERFLY AND BUG HUNT – SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST, 10am – 12noon, St. Mary’s Churchyard, West Bergholt. Everyone is welcome to come along and help the Eco Team count butterflies and bugs, clipboards and Identification books will be available and you can get refreshments from the Café.

LAMMASTIDE PICNIC AND SERVICE – SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST, 3 – 5.00pm. All are welcome to this Thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest. Location: The field at the barn, Lower farm road, Boxted (opposite chase cottage CO4 5SZ)
what3words: mastering/unicorns/pills – by kind permission of Mr Jonathan Minter. *Follow Church street from St. Peter’s towards Boxted Mill ignoring ‘road closed’ signs. Parking is on the hard ground to the left of the barn.*
Bring a rug/picnic chair and a picnic – (in the event of wet weather this event will be held in St. Peter’s church, Boxted.)

SUMMER SERVICES – Over the summer, there will be a change to the normal service pattern for the last three weeks in August, which will all be united services. The idea is that these services, spread across the parishes, starting in Mount Bures, moving to Great Horkesley and ending in Boxted, will form a sort of mini pilgrimage across the parishes, as I draw on some of the things I have been reflecting on as I have walked the Camino these past few months. All are welcome to all these services, and I hope everyone will take this opportunity to worship together as we seek to grow together.

- 16th August – 10.30am @ St. John the Baptist church, Mount Bures
- 23rd August – 10.30am @ St. John’s, Great Horkesley
- 30th August – 10.30am @ St. Peter’s, Boxted

If you would like to join the King’s Ridge choir, practices for these services start on Monday 2nd August, 7pm in St. Peter’s, Boxted. Please see diary dates for all the other practice dates.

END OF SUMMER BBQ @ THE RECTORY – SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST, 5.00 – 7.30PM
– Everyone is very welcome to come along. ALL FREE – but please bring your own drinks. (If anyone is happy to make a pudding please speak to Heather)

THE KING’S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS

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(PtO – Permission to Officiate)