

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
16th August**

Bentley

10am Benefice Service with
Communion (Rev Don)

Trinity 11

Genesis 45.1–15
Psalm 133
Romans 11.1–2a , 29–32
Matthew 15.[10–20] 21–28

**Next Sunday
23rd August**

East Bergholt

10am Benefice Service with Communion
(Rev Don)

Trinity 12

Exodus 1.8—2.10
Psalm 124
Romans 12.1–8
Matthew 16.13–20

COLLECT

God of glory,
at the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people
have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm
on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through 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 17 th August	Daily Reading: 2 Samuel 3.12–end Acts 6
Tuesday 18 th August	Daily Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1–12 Acts 7.1–16
Wednesday 19 th August	Daily Reading: 1 Samuel 28.3–end Acts 4.13–31
Thursday 20 th August	9am Morning Prayer at 22 Richardson Road, East Bergholt 11.15am Funeral Service for David Hunter at East Bergholt (Rev Roy) Daily Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1–17 Acts 7.44–53
Friday 21 st August	Daily Reading: 2 Samuel 7.18–end Acts 7.54–8.3
Saturday 22 nd August <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	Daily Reading: 2 Samuel 9 Acts 8.4–25

- ❖ **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 September only). **No Family Services in August.**
- ❖ **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. **No Gathering in August.**
- ❖ **From Sunday 16th to Friday 21st August** - Please pray for all the leaders and children at Woolie Taster Venture - that everyone has a great time, stays safe and enjoy getting to know Jesus more! Leaders going from this Benefice are Phil and Liz, Arabella and Len and Issy. Thank you.

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 24th August

Tuesday 25th

Wednesday 26th

Thursday 27th

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

Friday 28th

Saturday 29th

Sunday 30th

10am Benefice Service with Communion at Brantham (Rev Chris)

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 Burrridge; Barry Blomfield and the Youth Group
- Friday:** Mary West; Annie Winckler; Valerie Ayton; Lynn

Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one

The families and friends of the Crawford family; David Hunter 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

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East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Jane Pavitt	01473 328512
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Elders

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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