

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 27th September

Bentley

11am Harvest Festival Service, followed by Harvest Lunch (Rev Chris)

Brantham

10.30am All St. Michael's Family Church, celebrating St. Michael and Harvest with donations to Nepal Aid (led by Len)
6.30-8pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship celebrating Harvest (led by Nick)
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Tattingstone

10am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Don)

Trinity 17

Exodus 17.1–7
Psalm 78.1–4, 12–16 [or 78.1–7]
Philippians 2.1–13
Matthew 21.23–32

COLLECT

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Next Sunday 4th October

Brantham

10.30am Connect - a service for all ages. The best of traditional and new, and to being all together.
6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt

8am BCP service (Rev Chris)
3.30pm SVAM concert

Trinity 18

Exodus 20.1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Psalm 19 [or 19.7–end]
Philippians 3.4b–14
Matthew 21.33–end

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually
to be given to all good works;
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 28 th September	10am Burial of ashes of Yvonne Loretta Moy and Xanthe Talman at Tattingstone (Rev Chris) 2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Nick) Daily Reading: 1 Kings 21 Acts 21.37—22.21
Tuesday 29 th September	Daily Reading: 1 Kings 21 Acts 21.37—22.21
Wednesday 30 th September	9.30am -11.30am St. Michael's Toddlers at Brantham Daily Reading: 1 Kings 22.29—45 Acts 23.12—end
Thursday 1 st October	9am Morning Prayer at 22 Richardson Road, East Bergholt 9.30am EBPS Harvest Festival (Rev Chris) 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory Daily Reading: 2 Kings 1.2—17 Acts 24.1—23
Friday 2 nd October	9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 6pm Choir Practice at East Bergholt Daily Reading: 2 Kings 2.1—18 Acts 24.24—25.12
Saturday 3 rd October <i>Rev Chris day off</i>	Daily Reading: 2 Kings 4.1—37 Acts 25.13—end

- ❖ **Family Friendly Services** are held at 4pm on the 2nd and 4th 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 next are 11th October at East Bergholt and 25th October at Brantham
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **The Benefice Discussion Group** We are discussing Jane William's book "The Art of Advent". It is based on 37 short reflections. Each consists of a short commentary, an image, one or more biblical references or passages, and two or more (usually) searching questions for us to consider. Do contact Rev Roy at rseden@gmail.com for further details.

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 5th October

11am Funeral of Margaret Wheatley at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)
2.50pm Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School (Rev Chris)

Tuesday 6th October

2.30pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt

Wednesday 7th

9.30am -11.30am St. Michael's Toddlers at Brantham
9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter)
10am Take a Break Coffee, incorporating "Knit & Natter" at East Bergholt
2pm Ministry team meeting at East Bergholt

Thursday 8th

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory
12.30pm - 2pm Mothers Union Harvest Lunch at East Bergholt
7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Friday 9th

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt
6pm Choir Practice at East Bergholt

Saturday 10th

7pm Annual Church Quiz at Bentley Village Hall

Sunday 11th

10am Morning Worship with communion at East Bergholt (Rev Peter)
10am Morning Worship with Communion at Bentley (lay led)
10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Baptism of Luca at Brantham (Rev Chris)
11.30am Harvest Service followed by Lunch at Tattingstone (Lyn and Linda)
4pm family@church at East Bergholt (led by Fiona)

Pray for the church family:

Monday: Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Steve Newman; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Ted and Carole Wheatley; Christopher Lewis
Tuesday: Hilary Taylor; Helen Wheatley; Christine Page; Rev Chris Chapman; 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 and the Toddler Group

Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one

The families and friends of Noah Wood; Rodney Chadburn; Margaret Wheatley; 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	Role to be filled – in the meantime, please contact any other safeguarding officer.	

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

Churchwardens

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Jane Pavitt	01473 328512
	Jackie Reeves	01206 299973		Len Smith	07986 767123
Bentley	Tom Hill	01473 311119	Tattingstone	Linda Smalley	07803 589862
	Jane Day	01473 310518		Lyn Tomlinson	01473 328251

Elders

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Tattingstone	Linda Smalley	07803 589862
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	Carolyn Evans	01473 311090		Len Smith	07986 767123
	Doreen Savage	01473 311122		Issy Smith	07941 096809

Choir Leader: Julian Merson

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