

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 20th September

Bentley

10am Morning Worship (led by Tom Hill)

Brantham

11am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service (Rev Roy)

10am Morning Worship with communion
(Rev Roy)

Tattingstone

9.30am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

Brantham Methodist Church

2.30pm Ecumenical Service (please bring a
tin to donate for Harvest)

Trinity 16

Exodus 16.2–15

Psalms 105.1–6, 37–end [or 105.37–end]

Philippians 1.21–end

Matthew 20.1–16

Next 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

Psalms 78.1–4, 12–16 [or 78.1–7]

Philippians 2.1–13

Matthew 21.23–32

COLLECT

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you
with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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 21 st September	12pm Funeral of Rodney Chadburn at Tattingstone (Rev Chris) 2.50pm Assembly at EB Primary School (Ruth and OtB team) Daily Reading: 1 Kings 19.15–end 2 Timothy 3.14–end
Tuesday 22 nd September	2.30pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt Daily Reading: 1 Kings 13.11–end Acts 19.21–end
Wednesday 23 rd September	9.30am -11.30am St. Michael's Toddlers at Brantham Daily Reading: 1 Kings 17 Acts 20.1–16
Thursday 24 th September	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory Daily Reading: 1 Kings 18.1–20 Acts 20.17–end
Friday 25 th September <i>Rev Chris day off</i>	9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt Daily Reading: 1 Kings 18.21–end Acts 21.1–16
Saturday 26 th September	1pm Wedding of Joanne Davey and Darren Green at Brantham (Rev Chris) Daily Reading: 1 Kings 19 Acts 21.17–36

- ❖ **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 on 27th September at Brantham (10.30am for September only) and 11th October 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.
- ❖ **The Benefice Discussion Group** returns on Tuesday 22nd September at 2pm in the West End at East Bergholt. 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 28th September

10am Burial of ashes of Yvonne Loretta Moy and Xanthe Talman at Tattingstone (Rev Chris)

2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Nick)

Tuesday 29th

Wednesday 30th

9.30am -11.30am St. Michael's Toddlers at Brantham

Thursday 1st October

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

9.30am EBPS Harvest Festival (Rev Chris)

7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Friday 2nd

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

6pm Choir Practice at East Bergholt

Saturday 3rd

Sunday 4th

8am BCP service at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

10.30am Connect at Brantham

3.30pm SVAM concert at East Bergholt

6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club at Brantham

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
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Elders

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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