

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

20th & 27th September 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 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

Jonah 3:10 – end of 4 Philippians 1:21-end Matthew 20:1-16

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 27th SEPTEMBER

9.30am	Harvest Festival	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Langham
11.00am	Pet Harvest Service	St. Andrew's	Wormingford
11.00am	Harvest Festival	All Saints'	Great Horkesley
6.30pm	Evening Prayer*	St. Peter and St Paul	Little Horkesley

TRINITY 17

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-end Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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**

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

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

9.15am	Holy Communion	St. John the Baptist
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
9.30am	Harvest Festival	St. Peter's
11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
11.00am	Matins*	St. Peter and St Paul

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-end

TRINITY 18

Mount Bures
West Bergholt
Boxted
Great Horkesley
Little Horkesley

REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS: Everyone is welcome

1st Saturday monthly: 8am - West Bergholt Church

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.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 21 st Sept	10am – 3pm	Day Retreat	Boxted House
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	6.00pm	Wormingford PCC meeting	St. Andrew's
Tues 22 nd Sept	All Day	Prayer Spaces	Bishop William Ward
	2 – 3.30pm	Bereavement Café	WB Church Hall
Wed 23 rd Sept	All Day	Prayer Spaces	Bishop William Ward
	11.30am	Funeral Service	Boxted Church
Thurs 24 th Sept	10 – 11.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	St. John's, GH
Sun 27 th Sept	5.30pm	Youth Alpha	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 28 th Sept	1 – 3pm	Heathlands Harvest Service	St. Mary's, WB
	2.30pm	Memorial Service	St. Peter's, Boxted
	3.15pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.30pm	Joint Treasurers and wardens	St. John's, GH
Thurs 1 st Oct	7.30pm	Ministry team meeting	The Rectory
Sat 3 rd Oct	9.30 – 12.00	Churchyard Tidy Up	All Saint's, GH
	10.00 – 12.00	The Café @ St. Mary's	WB Church Hall
Sun 4 th Oct	5.30pm	Youth Alpha	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 5 th Oct	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Sat 10 th Oct	9.30 – 3.30pm	Deanery Day	St. John's, Colchester
Sun 11 th Oct	3.30pm	Octavia Concert	All Saints', GH
	5.30pm	Youth Alpha	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 12 th Oct	9.00am	Boxted school Harvest	St. Peter's, Boxted
	10.00am	Great Horkesley PCC	St. John's, GH
	3.15 – 4.30	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 13 th Oct	7.00pm	Little Horkesley PCC	Lt. Horkesley Church

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for all who are bereaved at this time, remembering in particular the family and friends of Beryl Richards and Rosemary Shapton.
- In this season of Creation and as we celebrate the Harvest, we give thanks for the beautiful world we live in and pray that we might be good stewards, taking care of all creation for future generations. We pray for our farmers, giving thanks for all the do to keep food on our tables and protect the environment and praying particularly for those who have suffered from poor harvests both in the UK and overseas.
- We pray for our emergency services, and all who serve in our communities. Pray particularly for those involved in the search for little Noah, and we pray for a family and community who are grieving deeply.

THE KING'S RIDGE PARISHES YOUTH ALPHA – join us for these fun & relaxed sessions, as we share a meal together and learn more about what Christians believe, through videos and lively discussions. Suitable for young people from Year 6 upwards. If you would like to help on the team, or would be able to prepare a meal for one of the sessions, please speak to Heather.

Begins – 20th September, 5.30pm in St. Mary's Church, West Bergholt

Meets weekly (avoiding half term) for 9 sessions – for full list of dates see the church near you pages.

DAY RETREAT – MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 10AM – 3PM. You are invited to a day of study, quiet contemplation and fellowship, led by Julie Bull, we will be learning about a character from the bible who through faith, hope, courage and humility found freedom from fear. Our faith is in that same God and that freedom is for us too. For quiet reflection we will be using Boxted House and gardens and St. Peter's church. A simple lunch will be provided. £15 per person. To book please contact the parish office.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 10 – 11.30AM, ST. JOHNS CHURCH, GREAT HORKESLEY. It's time for a Macmillan coffee morning and you're invited, come along for delicious homemade cakes to eat on the day or take away, along with plenty of tea and coffee and chat.

HARVEST SERVICES in the KING'S RIDGE PARISHES

Sunday 27th September

9.30am	Harvest Praise	St. Mary's, West Bergholt
11.00am	Harvest Praise	All Saint's, Great Horkesley
11.00am	Harvest & Pet Blessing	St. Andrew's, Wormingford

Sunday 4th October

9.30am	Harvest Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted
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Sunday 11th October

6.30pm	Harvest Evensong	St. Peter and St. Paul, Little Horkesley
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CHURCHYARD TIDY UP AT ALL SAINTS', GREAT HORKESLEY – Saturday 3rd

October, 9.30 – 12.00noon. Volunteers are always needed to keep the churchyard tidy. If you can spare an hour or two, please come and help. Bring your own tools and muscle power – we'll provide refreshments. For more information speak to John Mehen.

THE CAFÉ @ ST. MARY'S – Saturday 3rd October, 10am – 12noon. Come along for delicious Bacon Butties, tea, coffee and cake, and enjoy plenty of chat or just sit and read the papers in the company of others. As it is Fairtrade Fortnight, there will also be a small Fairtrade stall, promoting and showcasing Fairtrade products.

OCTAVIA CONCERT – SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 3.30PM – FREE CONCERT IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GREAT HORKESLEY. Come and listen to the acclaimed Octavia choir who sing in close harmony 'A Capella'. The King's Ridge choir will sing a couple of selected pieces from their repertoire in the interval. Refreshments will be available and donations welcomed to the All Saints' building project.

TODDLER PLAY AND PRAISE – TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER, 9.30 – 11.00AM IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BOXTED. Come along for crafts, toys, refreshments and a short act of worship with a simple bible story and toddler friendly songs.

IT'S QUIZZING SEASON 😊 – time to start getting teams ready for a couple of quizzes, **Saturday 17th October @ 7pm in Boxted Village Hall, raising money for Operation Christmas child (£5 per person)** to book your team, please contact Tim Clarke on & **Saturday 24th October @ 7pm in Great Horkesley Village Hall, raising money for outreach work in the local community (£6 per person)** to book your team, please contact Lesley on or John on

MEMORIAL SERVICES/ALL SOULS SERVICES 2026. 25th October, 3.00pm in West Bergholt, 1st November, 3.00pm in Langham & 6.30pm in Little Horkesley. There are lists at the back of the churches of those whose services have taken place in the last three years, please feel free to add others to be remembered during the service.

THE KING'S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS

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