

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 13th September

Bentley

10am Morning Worship with
Communion (Rev Liz and Rev Peter -
from Felixstowe)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with
Communion (Rev Peter)
6.30-8pm Moving Up Club

Brantham Methodist Church

2pm Ecumenical Service (please bring a
tin to donate for Harvest)

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship with communion
(Rev Chris)
4pm family@church (led by Fiona)
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Trinity 15

Exodus 14.19–end
Canticle: Exodus 15.1b–11, 20–21
Romans 14.1–12
Matthew 18.21–35

Next Sunday 20th September

Bentley

10am Morning Worship (lay led)

Brantham

11am Morning Worship with Communion and
Baptism of Luca (Rev Chris)
2pm

East Bergholt

8am BCP Communion Service (Rev Roy)
10am Morning Worship with communion
(Rev Roy)

Tattingstone

9.30am Morning Worship with Communion
(Rev Chris)

Trinity 16

Exodus 16.2–15
Psalm 105.1–6, 37–end [or 105.37–end]
Philippians 1.21–end
Matthew 20.1–16

COLLECT

Lord God, defend your Church
from all false teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord,
your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help
from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
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 14 th September	2pm Parish Magazine meeting at East Bergholt 2.50pm Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School (Ruth) 7.30pm PCC meeting at Brantham Daily Reading: Genesis 3.1–15 John 12.27–36a
Tuesday 15 th September	 Daily Reading: 1 Kings 8.63—9.9 Acts 16.25–end
Wednesday 16 th September	9.30am -11.30am St. Michael's Toddlers at Brantham 2pm Burial of Ashes of Jill Head at East Bergholt (Rev Chris) Daily Reading: 1 Kings 10.1–25 Acts 17.1–15
Thursday 17 th September	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory Daily Reading: 1 Kings 11.1–13 Acts 17.16–end
Friday 18 th September	9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt Daily Reading: Zechariah 14.1–11 Mark 12.13–17
Saturday 19 th September <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	 Daily Reading: Zechariah 14.12–end Mark 12.18–27

- ❖ **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 are this Sunday at East Bergholt (4pm) and 27th September at Brantham (10.30am for September only).
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **East Bergholt Children's Society Boxes:** If you are attending a service on 13th September, please leave your collection box at East Bergholt. Otherwise, the co-ordinator, Karen, will contact you to arrange collection.
- ❖ **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 21st September

12pm Funeral of Rodney Chadburn at Tattingstone (Rev Chris)
2.50pm Assembly at EB Primary School (Ruth and OtB team)

Tuesday 22nd

2.30pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt

Wednesday 23rd

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

Thursday 24th

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory
7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Friday 25th

Rev Chris day off
9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

Saturday 26th

1pm Wedding of Joanne Davey and Darren Green at Brantham

Sunday 27th

10am Morning Worship celebrating Harvest at East Bergholt (Nick)
10am Morning Worship with Communion at Tattingstone (Rev Don)
11am Harvest Festival Service, followed by Harvest Lunch at Bentley (Rev Chris)
10.30am All St. Michael's Family at Church at Brantham (Len)
6.30-8pm Moving Up Club at Brantham
6.30pm The Gathering at East Bergholt (Rev Chris)

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 the Margaret Wheatley; 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	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