

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen

### Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

#### Bentley

10am Morning Worship with Communion  
(Rev Don)

#### Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and  
Baptism of Luca (Rev Chris)  
6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club

#### East Bergholt

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

#### Tattingstone

11.30am Harvest Service followed by Lunch  
(Lyn and Linda)

#### Trinity 19

Exodus 32.1–14  
Psalm 106.1–6, 19–23 [ or 106.1–6]  
Philippians 4.1–9  
Matthew 22.1–14

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise and thank you,  
O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever  
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*

| <b>This Week</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Monday</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> October                                | 11am Funeral of Margaret Wheatley at East Bergholt<br>2.50pm Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School (Rev Chris)<br><b>Daily Reading:</b> 2 Kings 5<br>Acts 26.1–23                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>6 <sup>th</sup> October                               | 2.30pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt<br><b>Daily Reading:</b> 2 Kings 6.1–23<br>Acts 26.24–end                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7 <sup>th</sup> October                             | 9.30am -11.30am St. Michael's Toddlers at Brantham<br>9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter)<br>10am "Take a Break Coffee" incorporating "Knit & Natter" at East Bergholt<br>2pm Ministry team meeting at East Bergholt<br><b>Daily Reading:</b> 2 Kings 9.1–16<br>Acts 27.1–26 |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8 <sup>th</sup> October                              | 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory<br>12.30pm - 2pm Mothers Union Harvest Lunch at East Bergholt<br>7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory<br><b>Daily Reading:</b> 2 Kings 9.17–end<br>Acts 27.27–end                                                                                          |
| <b>Friday</b><br>9 <sup>th</sup> October                                | 9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt<br>6pm Choir Practice at East Bergholt<br><b>Daily Reading:</b> 2 Kings 12.1–19<br>Acts 28.1–16                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>10 <sup>th</sup> October<br><i>Rev Chris day off</i> | 7pm Annual Church Quiz at Bentley Village Hall<br><b>Daily Reading:</b> 2 Kings 17.1–23<br>Acts 28.17–end                                                                                                                                                                                |

- ❖ **Family Friendly Services** are held at 4pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> October at East Bergholt and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rseden@gmail.com) for further details.

## ***Looking further ahead.....***



### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Ruth with Open the Book team)

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory

7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

8am BCP Communion Service at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)

9.30am Morning Worship with Communion at Tattingstone (Rev Chris)

10am Morning Worship with Communion at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)

10am Morning Worship at Bentley (lay led)

11am Morning Worship with Communion at Brantham (Rev Chris)

3.30pm SVAM concert (from 1pm)

6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Steve Newman; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Ted and Carole Wheatley; Christopher Lewis                 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Hilary Taylor; Helen Wheatley; Christine Page; Rev Chris Chapman<br>Daphne Glen; Carol Whitby; Marion Noble; Frances Grimwood |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Jonathan Fermor; Jo and William Marston; Mandy Churchill;<br>Wendie Felgate; Adi Lavender and the Brantham Toddler Group      |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Peter Green; Margaret Burridge; Barry Blomfield and the Youth Group                                                           |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Mary West; Annie Winckler; Valerie Ayton; Lynn and the East Bergholt<br>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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@constablebenefice.org)

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**Facebook:** stmaryseastbergholt and St Michael's Church, Brantham

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### Parish Safeguarding Officers

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|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>East Bergholt</b> | Howard Holdsworth | 07970 416249 | <b>Brantham</b>     | Issy Smith                                                                          | 07941 096809 |
| <b>Bentley</b>       | Tom Hill          | 01473 311119 | <b>Tattingstone</b> | Role to be filled – in the meantime, please contact any other safeguarding officer. |              |

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### Retired Priests (Permission to Officiate granted by the Bishop)

Revd Peter Ball 01206 393316 | Revd Roy Seden 07806 940407 | Revd Don Mehen 01473 310383

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### Readers

Nick Pavitt 01473 328512 | Ruth Bull 01206 298733 | Sandra Mehen 01473 310383

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### Churchwardens

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

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### Elders

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| <b>East Bergholt</b> | Fiona Trott   | 01206 298205 | <b>Tattingstone</b> | Linda Smalley | 07803 589862 |
| <b>Bentley</b>       | Jane Day      | 01473 310518 | <b>Brantham</b>     | Sarah McCraw  | 07977 808994 |
|                      | Doreen Savage | 01473 311122 |                     | Len Smith     | 07986 767123 |
|                      |               |              |                     | Issy Smith    | 07941 096809 |

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**Choir Leader:** Julian Merson

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