

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

25th and 2nd November 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 25th OCTOBER 2026

To be confirmed by preacher

COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your Holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

9.15am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Morning Worship
11.00am	Holy Communion
3.00pm	All Souls Service
6.30pm	All Souls Service

4TH BEFORE ADVENT/ALL SAINTS

St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
St. Mary's	West Bergholt
St. Peter's	Boxted
St. John's	Great Horkesley
St. Mary's	Langham
St. Peter and St Paul	Little Horkesley

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

Revelation 7:9-end 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 8TH NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Communion*	All Saints'	Great Horkesley
9.15am	Remembrance Service	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
10.45am	Parade Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
10.45am	Parade Service	All Saints'	Great Horkesley
10.45am	Remembrance Service	St. Peter's	Boxted
10.50am	Remembrance Service	St. Andrew's	Wormingford
10.50am	Remembrance Service	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
11.00am	Parade service	War Memorial	Langham

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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

REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS: Everyone is welcome

1st Saturday monthly: 8am - West Bergholt Church

REGULAR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Alternate Tuesday evenings - 7.45pm - West Bergholt – *Michael Foster*

Alternate Wednesday evenings (following the Tuesday evening) – 7.45pm –
West Bergholt – *Ian Hilton*

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.

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for all who are bereaved at this time, remembering in particular the family and friends of Paul Scott and John Evans.
- As we approach All Souls, pray for all who have been sent invitations to this years memorial/All Souls services across the King's Ridge Parishes and pray that the services will be a comfort to them.
- Pray for our schools as they prepare to break up for the Half term. Pray for the activities taking place in our churches throughout the school break, including FiSH in West Bergholt, the Fun Morning in Great Horkesley, Messy Church Light Party in Boxted, Hot chocolate and light alternatives in West Bergholt and Great Horkesley on Halloween.
- Pray for all who serve on our PCC's, giving thanks in particular for our Churchwardens, Treasurers, Secretaries and Parish Safeguarding Officers.
- Pray for the young people attending the King's Ridge Youth Alpha course and for the leaders. Give thanks for those who have been helping with preparing the meals and for good conversations.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Mon 26 th Oct	11.30 – 2pm	FiSH (Food in School Holidays)	WB church/hall
Tues 27 th Oct	2 – 3.30pm	Bereavement Café	St. Mary's, WB
Wed 28 th Oct	10 – 11.30am	Fun Morning at Great Horkesley	St. John's, GH
Thurs 29 th Oct	3 – 5pm	Messy Church Light Party	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 31 st Oct	5 – 6.30	Church open for Hot Chocolate	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 2 nd Nov	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Tues 3 rd Nov	2.00pm	King's Ridge Mother's Union	St. Mary's, WB
Wed 4 th Nov	7.30pm	Langham with Boxted PCC	Pond house, Boxted
Sat 7 th Nov	10 – 12noon	The Café @ St. Mary's	St. Mary's, WB
	All Day	Youth Alpha Away day	Assington Hall
Sun 8 th Nov	3 – 5pm	Open House @ The Rectory	The Rectory, WB
Tues 10 th Nov	9.30 – 11.00am	Toddler Play and Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted
Wed 11 th Nov	12.00pm	Mount Bures PCC	The Thatchers
Thurs 12 th Nov	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 14 th Nov	2.30 – 4.30pm	O.C.C Shoebox packing party	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sun 15 th Nov	5.30 – 7.00pm	Kings Ridge Youth Alpha	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 16 th Nov	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Wed 18 th Nov	7.30pm	West Bergholt PCC	The Rectory

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.

FUN MORNING @ ST. JOHN'S, GREAT HORKESLEY – WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 10 – 11.30AM – Come along for fun activities for toddlers and primary aged children, accompanied by an adult. Crafts, games and refreshments.

MESSY CHURCH LIGHT PARTY – THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 3 – 5PM IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BOXTED – Join us for this special Messy Church, with a light filled theme, with crafts, activities, worship and food. All are very welcome.

HOT CHOCOLATE AND LIGHT HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE – 5.00 – 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church, West Bergholt on 31st October. Serving up a lighter alternative to Halloween, providing a place of welcome, light and hospitality.

KING'S RIDGE MOTHERS UNION – Meets on **TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER, 2.00pm**, Kate Clifton will be coming to talk about her role as Deanery Environment advocate.

THE CAFÉ @ ST. MARY'S – SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 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. There will also be some activities in the churchyard, including bulb planting and Hedgehog Box building.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY – SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 3 – 5pm. Come and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake at the Rectory and a chance for plenty of fellowship and chat. All are very welcome.

TODDLER PLAY AND PRAISE – TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY – SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2.30 – 4.30PM IN ST. PETER’S CHURCH, BOXTED. Come along and see how many shoeboxes we can fill for this year’s shoebox appeal. Refreshments provided, and a short act of worship as we bless the shoeboxes. **Don’t forget ...** you can also donate items for the shoebox appeal, by placing them in the boxes available in the churches, or fill your own box and drop off to the Parish Office.

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA – SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 3 – 5PM in St. Mary’s Church, West Bergholt. Come along for a Festive Afternoon Tea, with lots of seasonal favourites raising money for St. Mary’s Church, West Bergholt. Tickets £15 per head, children under 16, £5. All dietary requirements catered for, but please let us know on booking. To book please contact the Parish Office or Heather

POSADA - You have guests! - Mary and Joseph are travelling around our villages this December and are looking for an invitation to your home. Can you host the Holy family for just one night and then pass them on, with a prayer, to the next home? For more information please take a leaflet and or speak to Heather



We have two sets of knitted figures, who will be travelling around the parishes, and sign-up sheets in St. Peter’s Church, Boxted and St. Mary’s Church, West Bergholt.

THE KING’S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS

Priest in Charge:	Rev. Heather Wilcox	01206 240906
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Curate:	Rev. Dominic Sheil
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Priests with PtO:	Rev. Anne Mason	Rev. Ian Hilton
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LLM:	Liz Dixon
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LLMs with PtO	Denise Hobday	Richard Chadborn	<i>Sandra Baker</i>
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Evangelist:	Ronnie Seymour
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Administrators:	Donna Luxton (Mon – Wed)	Jo Russell (Thurs – Fri)
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The King’s Ridge Parish Office is open 10 -12 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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