

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

4th & 11th October 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 4th OCTOBER 2026

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-end

COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 11th OCTOBER

8.00am	Holy Communion*
9.30am	Messy Church
9.30am	Holy Communion
11.00am	Holy Communion
11.00am	Morning Praise
2.00pm	Baptism Service
6.30pm	Harvest EP*

All Saints'
St. Mary's
St. Mary's
St. Andrew's
All Saints'
St. Peter's
St. Peter and St Paul

TRINITY 19

Great Horkesley
West Bergholt
Langham
Wormingford
Great Horkesley
Boxted
Little Horkesley

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2026

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

COLLECT FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 18th OCTOBER

9.15am	Morning Worship	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Baptism Service	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Boxted
4.00pm	Messy Church	St. John's	Great Horkesley
6.30pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter and St Paul	Little Horkesley
Readings:		Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22	

TRINITY 20

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 Rosemary Shapton, Paul Scott and John Evans.
- As we continue to give thanks for the Harvest and celebrate the beauty of Gods creation all around us. We pray for our farmers and fishermen and all who are involved in keeping food on our tables and let us pray that we might learn new ways to live more lightly on Gods beautiful earth.
- We give thanks for all who serve in our communities, and pray particularly for those who keep community buildings and groups open and active, for those who serve on village hall/community hall committees and those who serve on Parish councils. Pray for groups that will be opening up in the coming months to provide 'Warm Spaces' for people to gather over the cooler months, helping to ease the financial burdens imposed by the cost of living crisis.
- Pray for the wider deanery, praying particularly for Erwin Lammens our Area Dean and Hannah Cooper as assistant Area Dean, pray for Lynne the lay chair and John in his role as Deanery assessor. Pray for the Deanery day on the 10th October, give thanks for all the speakers and pray for them as they prepare for their presentations and workshops, and pray that as we take this opportunity to come together as a deanery, there will be opportunities to network and grow in our understanding of one another.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

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
Tues 6 th Oct	2.00pm	King's Ridge Mother's Union	St. Mary's, WB
Thurs 8 th Oct	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	All Saints', GH
Sat 10 th Oct	9.30 – 3.30pm	Deanery Day	St. John's, Colchester
	2.15pm	Wedding	St. Mary's, Langham
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
	7.30pm	Churchwardens Meeting	The Rectory
Tues 13 th Oct	9.30 – 11.00am	Toddler Play and Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted
	7.00pm	Little Horkesley PCC	Lt. Horkesley Church
Thurs 15 th Oct	11.00am	Funeral Service	Wormingford Church
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 17 th Oct	7.00pm	OCC Quiz Night	Boxted Village Hall
Sun 18 th Oct	5.30pm	Youth Alpha	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 19 th Oct	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 24 th Oct	3.00pm	Forest Church	St. Peter's, Boxted
	7.00pm	Great Horkesley Quiz Night	GH Village Hall
Sun 25 th Oct	3.00pm	Memorial Service	St. Mary's, WB
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

KING'S RIDGE MOTHERS UNION – Meets on **Tuesday 6th October, 2.00pm**, Tim Clarke will be joining us to speak about the Operation Christmas Child, shoebox appeal.

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.

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.

KNITTED CHRISTMAS ANGELS – If you are keen on knitting or crocheting and have some spare time and wool, why not knit or crochet some angels for Christmas. We need as many knitted angels as possible to bless all our village communities this Christmas time. Patterns are available in church, or please contact the parish office or Heather for a copy. We have also had some donations of wool, please come and collect from the parish office.

THE KING'S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS

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