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 8th NOVEMBER 2026

To be confirmed by preacher

COLLECT FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all; govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER		**2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**	
9.15am	Morning Worship	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Holy Communion	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 FOR SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Zephaniah 1:7; 12-end | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:14-30

COLLECT FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life; grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER			**CHRIST THE KING**
9.30am	Café Church	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Langham
11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Andrew's	Wormingford
11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Great Horkesley
6.30pm	Evening Prayer*	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
Readings:	Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-end; Matthew 25:31-end		

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER			**ADVENT SUNDAY**
10.30am	United Celebration	St. Mary's	Langham
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
Readings:	Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-end		

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 – *Liz Dixon*
For more information, please contact the leaders or the Parish office.

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for all who are bereaved at this time and for all the families who attended the recent All Souls services across the King's Ridge Parishes.
- Pray for our school as they settle back in after the half term break, pray particularly for all the preparations for Christmas that will be taking place over the coming weeks and for the opportunities we have to link with our schools. Pray particularly for the Prayers Spaces in Heathlands at the beginning of Advent, and the carol services that will be taking place in West Bergholt and Langham churches and the Nativity service in Boxted church.
- In this season of Remembrance pray for those who work to support service men and women, praying particularly for the work of the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.
- Give thanks for the young people who have been attending the Youth Alpha course over the past few months, and pray for them as they continue to meet over the next couple of weeks.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

Sun 8th Nov	3 – 5pm	Open House @ The Rectory	The Rectory, WB
Mon 9th Nov	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 10th Nov	9.30 – 11.00am	Toddler Play and Praise	St. Peter's, Boxted
Wed 11th Nov	12.00pm	Mount Bures PCC	The Thatchers
Thurs 12th Nov	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sat 14th Nov	2.30 – 4.30pm	O.C.C Shoebox packing party	St. Peter's, Boxted
Sun 15th Nov	5.30 – 7.00pm	King's Ridge Youth Alpha	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 16th Nov	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Peter's, Boxted
Wed 18th Nov	7.30pm	West Bergholt PCC	The Rectory
Sun 22nd Nov	5.30 – 7.00pm	King's Ridge Youth Alpha	St. Mary's, WB
Mon 23rd Nov	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Tues 24th Nov		Bereavement Café	St. Mary's, WB
Thurs 26th Nov	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir Practice	St. Mary's, Langham
Sat 28th Nov	3.00 – 5.00pm	Festive Afternoon Tea	St. Mary's, WB
Sun 29th Nov	10.30am	United Celebration Service	St. Mary's, Langham
	5.30 – 7.00pm	King's Ridge Youth Alpha	St. Mary's, WB
	6.30pm	Advent Carol service	Little Horkesley
Mon 30th Nov	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
Wed 2nd Dec	1.30 – 3.00pm	Heathlands Carol Service	St. Mary's, WB
	9.30pm	Advent Compline on ZOON	on ZOOM
Sat 5th Dec	10 – 12.00	The Café @ St. Mary's	WB Church Hall
Sun 6th Dec	5.00pm	Blue Christmas Service	St. Mary's, WB

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.

ADVENT COMPLINE ON ZOOM – 9.30PM on Wednesdays throughout Advent, beginning on Wednesday 2nd December. Join us for this quite service at the end of the day, as we journey through Advent.

Meeting ID: Passcode:

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 5.00PM IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WEST BERGHOLT. This is a more reflective service in the run up to Christmas for those who might be struggling with the festive joy. For more information, please speak to Heather or Dominic.

CHRISTMAS KNITTED ANGELS – a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has been knitting or crocheting angels over the past few months, as we begin to get ready for Christmas its time to start getting the angels assembled ready for their Christmas Eve adventures! We will be getting the angels ready on Wednesday 16th December, 2 – 4.30pm in St. Mary's Church, West Bergholt. The more hands we have the quicker it will be, all are welcome and for this you don't need to be able to knit or crochet! We will also have lots of festive refreshments to enjoy. Come along for some festive fun and be part of the Christmas knitted angel's adventure. If you have a host of angels stockpiling somewhere, please start bringing them into the Parish Office, or passing them to Heather 😊

THE KING'S RIDGE PARISHES MINISTRY TEAM DETAILS

Priest in Charge:	Revd. Heather Wilcox		01206 240906
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LLM:	Liz Dixon		
LLMs with PtO	Denise Hobday	Richard Chadborn	*Sandra Baker*
Evangelist:	Ronnie Seymour		
Administrators:	Donna Luxton (Mon – Wed)	Jo Rassell (Thurs – Fri)	

The King's Ridge Parish Office is open 10 -12 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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