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

22nd and 29th 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 22nd NOVEMBER 2026

Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-end Matthew 25:31-end

COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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 FOR SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-end

COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER			**ADVENT 2**
9.15am	Holy Communion	St. John the Baptist	Mount Bures
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
9.30am	Morning Worship	St. Peter's	Boxted
11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John's	Great Horkesley
11.00am	Matins*	St. Peter and St. Paul	Little Horkesley
5.00pm	Blue Christmas	St. Mary's	West Bergholt
Readings:	Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8		

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 KING'S RIDGE PARISHES 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*
2nd Monday of the month @ 7.45pm – Beer and Bible at the Shepherd, Langham
Alternate Thursday afternoons - 2.00pm - West Bergholt – *Liz Dixon*
For more information, please contact the leaders or the Parish office.

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for our schools, praying 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.
- 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 their journey of faith.
- Pray for the planning of services and events over the next couple of weeks and pray that as people come to our special Advent and Christmas services, they will encounter Jesus and grow in their faith.
- Pray for the families who will be hosting Mary, Joseph and the Donkey over the coming weeks.

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 West Bergholt 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.



FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES:

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
Tues 1st Dec	2.00pm	King's Ridge Mothers Union	St. Mary's, WB
Wed 2nd Dec	1.30 – 3.00pm	Heathlands Carol Service	St. Mary's, WB
	9.30pm	Advent Compline on ZOOM	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
Mon 7th Dec	9.15am	Early Years Nativity Service	St. Peter's, Boxted
	10.00am	Great Horkesley PCC	St. John's, GH
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB
	7.00pm	King's Ridge Choir practice	
Tues 8th Dec	9am – 3pm	Heathlands Prayer Spaces	Heathlands school
	9.30 – 11.00am	Toddler Play and Praise	Boxted Church
	6.00pm	Langham school Carol Concert	St. Mary's, Langham
Wed 9th Dec	9am – 3pm	Heathlands Prayer Spaces	Heathlands School
	7.30pm	Churchwardens meeting	The Rectory
	9.30pm	Advent Compline on ZOOM	on ZOOM
Thurs 10th Dec	9am – 3pm	Heathlands Prayer Spaces	Heathlands School
	6.00pm	Carols in the Thatchers Arms	Mount Bures
Sat 12th Dec	3pm	Christmas Tree decorating	Lt Horkesley church
Sun 13th Dec	2.30pm	St. Mary's Old Church Carol Service	
	4.00pm	Carol Service	All Saints', GH
Mon 14th Dec	3.15 – 4.30pm	Tea & Toast	St. Mary's, WB

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:

THE CAFÉ @ ST. MARY'S – Saturday 5th December, 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.

TODDLER PLAY AND PRAISE – TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER, 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING REVIEW SURVEY - Ahead of an independent Safeguarding review, as many people as possible, from across the church community are being encouraged to complete a short survey on Safeguarding for the diocese, this can be done following this link, or pick up a QR code from in church today! Church of England – Chelmsford - Ineqe Safeguarding Group. This needs to be **completed by the 8th December**.

CAROLS IN OUR LOCAL PUBS – there are several opportunities over the coming weeks to sing Carols in our village pubs. We start on **Thursday 10th December**, 6pm in The Thatchers Arms in Mount Bures, then **Wednesday 16th December**, 6pm in The Crown in Wormingford before finishing on **Thursday 17th December**, 7pm in The Shepherd and Dog in Langham. All are welcome and come and sing along.

FAMILY AFTERNOON AND CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – Saturday 12th December, 3pm in St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Little Horkesley. Join us for our annual family afternoon to decorate the church Christmas Tree and for festive refreshments. All are welcome.

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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Curate:	Revd. Dominic Sheil	
Priests with PtO:	Revd. Anne Mason Revd. Ian Hilton	
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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