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 15th November

Bentley
10am Morning Worship (lay led)

Brantham
11am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Chris)
6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt
8am BCP Communion Service (Rev Roy)
10am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Roy)
6pm Choral Evensong, sung by Jubilate Choir

Tattingstone
9.30am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Chris)

2nd Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end
Psalm 90.1–8 [9–11] 12 [or 90.1–8]
1 Thessalonians 5.1–11
Matthew 25.14–30

Next Sunday 22nd November

Bentley
10am Morning Worship with Communion
Harvest Service (Rev Chris)

Brantham
10.30am Morning Worship (led by Len)
4pm Family at Church (led by Ruth)
6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club

East Bergholt
10am Morning Worship (led by Ruth)
6.30pm The Gathering (Rev Chris)

Tattingstone
10am Morning Worship with Communion (Rev Don)

Sunday next before Advent

Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24
Psalm 95.1–7
Ephesians 1.15–end
Matthew 25.31–end

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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

This Week	
Monday 16th November	2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Ruth with OtB) **Daily Reading:** Daniel 8.1–14 Revelation 10
Tuesday 17th November	2pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt **Daily Reading:** Daniel 8.15–end Revelation 11.1–14
Wednesday 18th November	9.30am -11.30am St. Michael's Toddlers at Brantham **Daily Reading:** Daniel 9.1–19 Revelation 11.15–end
Thursday 19th November	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory **Daily Reading:** Daniel 9.20–end Revelation 12
Friday 20th November	9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 6pm Choir Practice at East Bergholt **Daily Reading:** Daniel 10.1—11.1 Revelation 13.1–10
Saturday 21st November *Rev Chris day off*	**Daily Reading:** Daniel 12 Revelation 13.11–end

- **Family Friendly Services** are held at 4pm on the 2nd and 4th 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 at Brantham on 22nd November and at East Bergholt on 13th December.

- **The Gathering:** A contemporary service with worship, word and prayer. With tea, coffee and cake! Held at St. Mary's, East Bergholt. Every 2nd and 4th 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 for further details.

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 23rd November
2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Nick)

Tuesday 24th

Wednesday 25th
9.30am -11.30am St. Michael's Toddlers at Brantham

Thursday 26th
9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory
7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Friday 27th
9.30am - 11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt
6pm Choir Practice at East Bergholt

Saturday 28th

Sunday 29th (Advent Sunday)
10am Benefice Communion Service at East Bergholt
6.30pm-8pm Moving Up Club at Brantham

Pray for the church family:

Monday: Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Steve Newman; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Ted and Carole Wheatley; Christopher Lewis

Tuesday: Hilary Taylor; Helen Wheatley; Christine Page; Rev Chris Chapman Daphne Glen; Carol Whitby; Marion Noble; Frances Grimwood

Wednesday: Jonathan Fermor; Jo and William Marston; Mandy Churchill; Wendie Felgate; Adi Lavender and the Brantham Toddler Group

Thursday: Peter Green; Margaret Burridge; Barry Blomfield and the Youth Group

Friday: Mary West; Annie Winckler; Valerie Ayton; Lynn and the East Bergholt Toddler Group

Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one

The families and friends of Barbara Hopkins; Noah Woods; 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 / 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 / 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 / 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 / 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

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Parish Safeguarding Officers

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

Retired Priests (Permission to Officiate granted by the Bishop)

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

Readers

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

Churchwardens

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

Elders

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

Choir Leader: Julian Merson

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