

LET US PRAY: -

Gracious and Eternal God, let us pause to reflect on Your enduring mercy and the call to live lives rooted in love, justice and humility. You are our refuge and strength, our guide through seasons of change and challenge. We give thanks for the beauty of summer unfolding across our parishes. We pray for our world, where conflict, displacement, and environmental distress weigh heavily. We remember the people of all the regions facing unrest, grant wisdom to leaders, courage to peacemakers, and comfort to those who suffer. May Your justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Lord of Hope, renew our strength, where there is weariness, bring rest. where there is doubt, bring clarity. Where there is sorrow, bring joy. May we walk in Your light and be bearers of Your grace in every conversation, every decision, every act of kindness. Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE BOX RIVER BENEFICE DURING THE INTERREGNUM

Faithful God, in this time of waiting and transition, hold our Benefice in Your gentle care. Bless our churchwardens, PCC members, volunteers, Clergy Team and all who serve, as we seek your wisdom and steadying peace. Strengthen us in fellowship and prayer, so that together, we may prepare hearts and homes for the shepherd you are sending. May patience grow, compassion deepen, and hope be renewed, as we continue your work, anchored in grace and love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In Need of our Prayers:

Colin Bloomfield, Paul Goldsmith, Joey Jane,
Jill Nation, Sharon Oliver, Phil, Gary, Ann McLeod,
Jean Watling, John, Janet Daniels, Sally Furlonger,
Rob Jones, Tony Wickenden

*Heavenly Father, giver of life & health, comfort & relieve those who are challenged by physical, mental & emotional health. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness & have confidence in your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Those who have died recently or whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Kevin Ablitt, Joan Nice

May they rest in peace and rise in glory! Amen.

Please note: to keep the prayer list 'current,' we refresh it regularly. If you would like a name to be added to the prayer list or to remain on the prayer list longer than 4 weeks, please contact the Benefice Office.



The Box River Benefice

*Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton*

**Sunday, 17th August
Trinity 9
&
Sunday, 24th August
Trinity 10**

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If you would like an electronic copy of this notice sheet each week, please contact the Benefice Office to be added to the list.

Notices to the Benefice Office by 9.30 am, each Thursday. Church articles & adverts for BRN to be submitted to the Benefice Office for collation by the 5th day of each month.

**Welcome to the Box River Benefice,
please make yourself known to one of
our priests or ministers after the service.**

PASTORAL VISITING, SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, CONFESSION, BLESSINGS:

The Benefice offers a rich ministry of Spiritual Guidance, Confession and Pastoral Visiting to the sick, housebound, or hospitalised. If you would like a Pastoral Visit, Home Communion, Spiritual Guidance, Confession, House Blessing, Hospital Visit for yourself or someone you know please contact the Benefice Office.

Sunday, 17th August
Trinity 9

9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist (Edwardstone)
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist with Choir (Boxford)

Monday, 18th August

7.30 pm – Joint Benefice Council Meeting (Mary's House)

Tuesday, 19th August

10.00 am – Drop in for Coffee (Mary's House)

Wednesday, 20th August

10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (Mary's House)
2.00 pm – Visiting Bellringers (Edwardstone)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Edwardstone)

Saturday, 23rd August

10.00 am – 5.00 pm – Flower Festival (Groton)

Sunday, 24th August
Trinity 10

10.00 am – 5.00 pm – Flower Festival (Groton)
11.00 am – BCP Matins (Newton)
11.00 am – Family Service (Boxford)

Monday, 25th August
Bartholomew

10.00 am – 5.00 pm – Flower Festival (Groton)

Tuesday, 26th August

10.00 am – Drop in for Coffee (Mary's House)

Wednesday, 27th August
Monica, 387

10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (Mary's House)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Edwardstone)

Thursday, 28th August
Augustine of Hippo, 430

6.00 pm – Choir practice followed by drinks (Boxford)

Saturday, 30th August
John Bunyan, 1688

10.00 am – 5.00 pm – Flower Festival (Lt Waldingfield)
3.00 pm – Interment Janet & Eddie Kench (Boxford)

Sunday, 31st August
Trinity 11

10.00 am – 5.00 pm – Flower Festival (Lt Waldingfield)
11.00 am – Benefice Eucharist (Boxford)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs, 4th Sept – U3A visit (Lt Waldingfield)
Fri, 5th Sept, 10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)
Sat, 13th Sept, 4.00 pm – Piano Trio Concert (Boxford)
Weds, 17th Sept, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)
Sat, 20th Sept – 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)
Fri, 3rd Oct, 10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)
Sun, 5th Oct – 3.00 pm – Harvest Cream Tea (Newton)
Fri, 10th Oct – 7.00 pm – Harvest Supper (Boxford)
Wed, 15th Oct, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)
Sat, 18th Oct, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)

NEWS AND NOTICES

TODAY: As summer blooms in full colour, we gather in gratitude and joy. From the forthcoming vibrant flower festivals in Groton and Lt Waldingfield to the worshipping in Edwardstone, Newton and Boxford, each moment is a celebration of God's beauty and grace. Whether you're here for prayer, fellowship, or simply to pause, may you find peace and purpose. Let's continue walking together in faith, rooted in love and community.

SUNDAY 17th AUGUST – TRINITY 9

READINGS:

Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2
Luke 12.49-56

HYMNS:

537 – O worship the Lord
210 – God of mercy, God of grace
523 – O thou, who at thy Eucharist
550 – Praise my soul, the king

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST – TRINITY 10

READINGS

Hebrews 12.18-29
Luke 13.10-17

HYMNS:

9 – Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks
59 – Be still and know that I am God
675 – Through all the changing scenes
676 – Through the night of doubt and sorrow – omit verse 3 and 4

GROTON FLOWER FESTIVAL: Over the bank holiday weekend 23rd - 25th August, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. There will be Books, Raffle, Treasure Hunt, Music, Talks & Flower Demonstrations over the weekend and on Saturday there will be Trash & Treasure stalls. Refreshments available. Do come and see the Flower Displays showcasing the Treasures in our Environment. If anyone would like to have their own stall in the Churchyard on Saturday, 23rd August, please call Jayne 01787 211360 to arrange. Offers of help will be gratefully received.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD FLOWER FESTIVAL:

Calling all flower arrangers! We're preparing a joyful celebration of colour and creativity for our upcoming Flower Festival on 30th and 31st August and we need your talents to help make it blossom. We are always keen to encourage new people so if there are any flower arrangers out there who would like to join us, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Nancy Roser - 01787 882897 or nancyroser2004@yahoo.co.uk

HARVEST IN THE BOX RIVER BENEFICE

Join us as we give thanks for God's abundance and the beauty of creation. Have a look at the "Dates for your Diary" section to see what is going on, further details to follow.

