



**The Box River Benefice**

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

**LET US PRAY: -**

Loving God, As the season turns, we come before you with hearts open to your grace. Teach us to walk humbly, to serve quietly, and to love boldly. We pray for those facing the devastation of wildfires and floods—bring safety, comfort, and strength to all affected. We lift up communities torn by conflict and division; may peace take root where pain has lingered too long. Hold close those grieving sudden loss, and guide those responding with compassion and courage. In our own lives and parishes, help us to be bearers of hope, rooted in faith and rich in love. Through Christ our healer and redeemer.

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, John Overton

*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:**

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

Tony Wickenden, Janet and Eddie Kench

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.

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Trinity 11**

**&**

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September  
Trinity 12**

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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, 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**Trinity 11**

10.00 am – 5.00 pm – Flower Festival (Lt  
Waldingfield)

11.00 am – Benefice Eucharist (Boxford)

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 & 1942**

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

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Gregory the Great, 604**

10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (Mary's House)

7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Edwardstone)

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Birinus, 650**

U3A visit (Lt Waldingfield)

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

7.30 pm – Ministry Team Meeting

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September**

10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Trinity 12**

9.30 am – BCP Matins (Lt Waldingfield)

11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Boxford)

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Charles Fuge Lowder, 1880**

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

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (Mary's House)

7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Edwardstone)

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September**

6.00 pm – Choir practice (Boxford)

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September**

11.30 am – Brenda Daniels RIP Funeral  
(Edwardstone)

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
**John Chrysostom, 407**

4.00 pm – Piano Trio Concert (Boxford)

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Trinity 13**  
**Holy Cross Day**

9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist (Groton)

11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist with Choir (Boxford)

5.00 pm – BCP Evensong (Boxford)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Weds, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning  
(Newton)

Sat, 20<sup>th</sup> Sept – 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)

Fri, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt  
Waldingfield)

Sun, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3.00 pm – Harvest Cream Tea  
(Newton)

Fri, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – 7.00 pm – Harvest Supper (Boxford)

Wed, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)

Sat, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)

**NEWS AND NOTICES**

**TODAY:** As summer fades, we're invited to walk gently and faithfully. In humility, we find grace; in prayer, healing. The Gospel reminds us that quiet service and open hearts are lifted up, while bold compassion brings hope to others. Let us seek wisdom not in status, but in kindness, and remain steadfast in love as the season turns toward harvest and renewal.

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY 11**

**READINGS:**

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16

Luke 14.1, 7-14

**HYMNS:**

19 – All my hope on God is founded

60 – Be still, for the presence of the Lord

167 – For the beauty of the earth

565 – Rejoice the Lord is King

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 12**

**READINGS**

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

**HYMNS:**

**LT WALDINGFIELD**

25 – All things bright and beautiful

625 – Take my life, and let it be

131 – Come, you faithful, raise the anthem

531 – Onward, Christian pilgrims

**BOXFORD**

26 – All things bright and beautiful

605 – Take my life, and let it be

119 – Come, you faithful, raise the anthem

515 – Onward, Christian pilgrims

**ALL SAINTS', NEWTON - HARVEST TEA**

All Saints' Church warmly invites you to a delightful afternoon of autumnal charm at the Harvest Cream Tea, taking place on Sunday, 5th October 2025 at 3:00 PM in Newton Green Village Hall. Enjoy freshly baked treats, warm conversation, and the gentle spirit of the harvest season. Tickets are £10, and the event will feature a raffle with lovely prizes to be won. To reserve your place, please call Fiona on 01787 377630.

**ST MARY'S, BOXFORD – HARVEST SUPPER**

St Mary's Church, Boxford, invites you to a heartwarming evening of good food and great company at our Harvest Supper on Friday, 10th October at 7:00 PM. Enjoy a delicious two-course home-cooked meal in a welcoming atmosphere that celebrates the season's abundance. A suggested donation of £7.50 is payable on the day. To reserve your place, please contact the Benefice Office by Thursday, 2nd October at 01787 828046 or email [boxriverbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:boxriverbenefice@gmail.com).

