

Let us pray: -

God of all seasons, As the long arc of the Church's year draws toward its close, we pause in this quiet space between endings and beginnings. We give thanks for your faithfulness through the turning of time— for the seeds sown in spring, the fruit gathered in summer, and the wisdom gleaned in autumn's golden light. In these weeks of reflection, when the leaves fall and the days shorten, teach us to number our days with grace. Help us to see your hand in all that has been— in the joys that lifted us, the trials that shaped us, and the quiet mercies that sustained us. As we mark the Last Sunday after Trinity, we remember Christ, the one who reigns in love and truth. May his kingship shape our hearts, his compassion guide our actions, and his peace dwell richly in our homes. And as we move toward Advent, stir in us a Holy longing— not for busyness or noise, but for your coming light. Prepare us to wait with hope, to serve with joy, and to love with courage. Bless our communities, our churches, and our homes. Strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving, and awaken in all your people a deeper hunger for justice, mercy, and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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, Jean Watling, John,
Janet Daniels, Sally Furlonger, Rob Jones,
John Overton, David Ball

*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.

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, 26th October
Last Sunday after Trinity
&
Sunday, 2nd November
4 before Advent
All Saints' Sunday

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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, 26th October
Last Sunday after Trinity
Bible Sunday
Clocks fall back

11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist, All Saints (Newton)
 11.00 am – Family Service (Boxford)

Tuesday, 28th October
Simon and Jude

10.00 am – Drop in for Coffee (Mary's House)
 10.00 am – U3A Visit (Boxford)
 11.00 am – U3A Visit (Lt Waldingfield)

Wednesday, 29th October
James Hannington, 1885

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

Thursday, 30th October

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Sunday, 2nd November
4 before Advent
All Saints' Sunday

9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist (Lt Waldingfield)
 11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Boxford)
 4.00 pm – All Souls' Evensong (Boxford)

Monday, 3rd November
All Souls' Day
Richard Hooker, 1600,
Martin of Porres, 1639

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

Tuesday, 4th November

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

Wednesday, 5th November

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

Thursday, 6th November

6.00 pm – Christmas Fair (Edwardstone)
 6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Friday, 7th November
Willibrord of York, 739

9.00 am – Christmas Fair (Edwardstone)
 10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)

Sunday, 9th November
Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am – Service starting in Church and leading to War Memorial for 10.50 am Act of Remembrance (Newton)
 10.15 am – Service starting in Church and leading to War Memorial for 10.50 am Act of Remembrance (Groton)
 10.45 am – Remembrance Service starting at the Memorial and leading into Church (Boxford)
 10.45 am – Remembrance Service starting at the Memorial and leading into Church (Lt Waldingfield)

News and Notices

Today: As we journey through the final weeks of the Church year. Between the Last Sunday after Trinity and the approach of Advent, we pause to reflect, give thanks, and prepare our hearts. May this season bring quiet renewal, deeper hope, and joyful anticipation as we look toward Christ's coming light. Let us walk together in faith, grace, and expectation.

Sunday, 26th October – Last Sunday after Trinity
Bible Sunday

Readings

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18.9-14

Hymns:

436 – Make way, make way
 30 – Amazing grace
 6 – All creatures of our God and King – Omit * verses
 125 – Crown him with many crowns

Sunday, 2nd November - 4 before Advent, All
Saints' Sunday

Readings

Eucharist
 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5
 Luke 18.1-8

All Souls' Evensong
 Romans 6:3-9
 John 6:37-40

Hymns:

161 Boxford, 177 Lt Waldingfield – For all the Saints
 602 Boxford, 622 Lt Waldingfield – Sweet Sacrament
 392 Boxford, 398 Lt Waldingfield – Light's abode
 celestial Salem
 622 Boxford, 636 Lt Waldingfield – The churches one foundation

All Souls Evensong – Boxford
 69 – Blest are the pure in heart
 372 – Lead kindly light – Tune 2
 634 – The King of love – Tune 1
 Psalm – 90
 Mag and Nunc - C

Dates for your Diary:

Sat, 15th Nov, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)
 Wed, 19th Nov, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)
 Fri, 1st Dec, 10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)
 Sat, 6th Dec, 10.00 am-3 pm – Christmas Tree Festival (Boxford)
 Fri, 12th Dec, 7 pm, Festive Drinks and Nibbles) Lt Waldingfield

All Souls' Evensong, at 4 pm, on Sunday, 2nd November: *The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.* Join us at St Mary's, Boxford for a gentle, reflective service that offers space for the whole Benefice to honour and remember loved ones who have died.

If you would like a name read aloud during the service, please contact the Benefice Office. All are welcome to attend, whether you come with memories, prayers, or quiet presence.

