



The Box River Benefice

Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton

Let us pray: -

Loving and faithful God, in this season of harvest and reflection, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and longing. We thank You for the abundance of Your creation—the fruits of the earth, the labour of hands, and the joy of gathering as Your people. You are the giver of every good gift, and in Your mercy, You sustain us day by day. Teach us to rejoice in You always, even in uncertainty, and to bring our prayers before You with thanksgiving. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Draw us ever closer to You, Lord, and to one another. May our worship be sincere, our service joyful, and our witness bold. And as we journey through this season, may we be reminded that You are our refuge, our sustainer, and our joy.

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.

Edward Williams, Glenn Phillips

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, 12th October
Trinity 17
&
Sunday, 19th October
Trinity 18

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Tuesday – Thursday
Emails of an urgent pastoral nature will be responded to outside of these working hours

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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, 12th October
Trinity 17

9.30 am – Harvest Festival (Groton)
11.00 am – Harvest Festival with Choir (Boxford)
5.00 pm – BCP Evensong (Boxford)

Tuesday, 14th October

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

Wednesday, 15th October
Teresa of Avila, 1582

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

Thursday, 16th October
Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, 1555

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Saturday, 18th October
Luke

10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)

Sunday, 19th October
Trinity 18

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

Tuesday, 21st October

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

Wednesday, 22nd October

10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (Mary's House)
11.00 am – Interment of Ashes, Edward Williams RIP
(Lt Waldingfield)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Edwardstone)

Thursday, 23rd October

11.00 am – Funeral, Glenn Phillips RIP
(Lt Waldingfield)

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)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs, 6th Nov, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm – Christmas Fair
(Edwardstone)

Fri, 7th Nov, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm – Christmas Fair
(Edwardstone)

Fri, 7th Nov, 10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt
Waldingfield)

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

News and Notices

Today: Thank you to everyone who helped make our recent harvest celebrations so special. Each gathering was a beautiful reflection of our Benefices' spirit. As we move into autumn, we carry with us the richness of these moments and the reminder that every good gift comes from above. In giving thanks for the fruits of the earth and the bonds of community, we honour God who sustains us in every season and calls us to share His abundance with others.

Sunday, 12th October – Trinity 17

Readings

Philippians 4:4-9
John 6: 25-35

Hymns:

Harvest Festival

685 – To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
167 – For the beauty of the earth
121 – Come, ye thankful people, come
705 – We plough the fields and scatter

Evensong

575 – Seek ye first
63 – Be thou my guardian
360 – Jesus, where'er thy people meet

Sunday, 19th October – Trinity 18

Readings

Edwardstone – Harvest Festival

Philippians 4:4-9
John 6: 25-35

Readings

Boxford – Sunday Eucharist

2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5
Luke 18.1-8

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Boxford – Sunday Eucharist

134 – Eternal Father, strong to save
418 – Lord thy word abideth
281 – How shall I sing that majesty
740 – Will you come and follow me

Thank You for Your Generosity: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collections this year. Your generous gifts—whether food, funds, or time—will make a real difference to those in need within our community and beyond. Your kindness reflects the true spirit of Harvest: gratitude, compassion, and care for our neighbours. We are deeply thankful for your support and the abundance it brings to others. May God bless each of you richly.

