

LET US PRAY: -

Creator God, in this turning of the seasons, we pause to give thanks. For the golden fields, the crisp air, and the fruits of the earth, for the labour of hands, the rhythm of growth, and the joy of gathering. You are the giver of all good things, and we are humbled by the abundance that surrounds us. As we celebrate Harvest, may we not only feast with gladness, but also remember those whose tables are bare, whose lives are marked by conflict, displacement, or fear. In a world shadowed by uncertainty, let Your light shine through our compassion, our prayers, and our actions. Bless those who work the land, those who serve in quiet faithfulness, and those who carry burdens unseen. Strengthen our community with kindness and courage, that we may be generous in spirit and steadfast in hope. May our worship this season be rich with gratitude, our fellowship warm with welcome, and our hearts open to Your call. Teach us to sow peace where there is discord, to nurture joy where there is sorrow, and to trust in Your promise of renewal. 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, 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.

John Whitwell

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, 28th September
Trinity 15
&
Sunday, 5th October
Trinity 16

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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, 28TH SEPTEMBER
TRINITY 15**

11.00 am – Harvest Festival (Newton)
11.00 am – Family Eucharist (Boxford)

**TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER
JEROME, 420**

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

**WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER
REMIGIUS, 533; ANTHONY ASHLEY COOPER, 1885**

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

THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

**FRIDAY, 3RD OCTOBER
GEORGE BELL, 1958**

10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)

**SUNDAY, 5TH OCTOBER
TRINITY 16**

9.30 am – Harvest Festival (Lt Waldingfield)
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Boxford)
3.00 pm – Harvest Cream Tea (Newton Village Hall)

TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

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

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER

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

**THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER
DENY & COMPANIONS, C.250;
ROBERT GROSSETESTE, 1253**

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

**FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER
PAULINUS, 644;
THOMAS TRAHERNE, 1674**

7.00 pm – Harvest Supper (Boxford)

**SUNDAY, 12TH OCTOBER
TRINITY 17**

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed, 15th Oct, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)
Sat, 18th Oct, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)
Thurs, 6th and Fri, 7th Nov – 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

BOXFORD CALENDER 2026: Do you have a photo of life in and around Boxford that you would like to have included in next year's calendar? Please send to audrey@a2zriskservices.com by 30th September.

NEWS AND NOTICES

TODAY: As autumn settles in, we invite you to join us for fellowship, prayer and seasonal gatherings. Your presence brings warmth and joy—let's continue nurturing our Benefice life together.

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 15

READINGS:

NEWTON - HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

BOXFORD - FAMILY EUCHARIST

Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10

HYMNS:

NEWTON - 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

BOXFORD - FAMILY EUCHARIST

152 – Fight the good fight
480 – O God of Bethel, by whose hand – Tune 1
19 – All my hope on God is founded
611 – Tell his praise in song and story

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER – TRINITY 16

READINGS:

LT WALDINGFIELD - HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

READINGS:

BOXFORD – SUNDAY EUCHARIST

2 Timothy 1.1-14
Luke 17.5-10

HYMNS:

LT WALDINGFIELD - HARVEST FESTIVAL

696 – To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
184 – For the beauty of the earth
133 – Come, ye thankful people come
719 – We plough the fields and scatter

BOXFORD – SUNDAY EUCHARIST

67 – Blessed assurance
701 – We have a gospel to proclaim
282 – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
344 – Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

ALL SAINTS', NEWTON - HARVEST TEA: you are invited to our Harvest Cream Tea, on Sunday, 5th October 2025 at 3:00 PM in Newton Green Village Hall. Tickets are £10, with a raffle on the day. To reserve your place, please call Fiona on 01787 377630.

ST MARY'S, BOXFORD – HARVEST SUPPER: you are invited to 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.

