

**Let us pray: -**

God of light, mercy, and revelation, whose Son made your kingdom known in word and deed, open our eyes to recognise your presence in the ordinary moments of our days. As Christ spoke peace to troubled hearts and brought healing to a world in need, speak your life-giving word to us now. Strengthen all who follow his way, that we may walk faithfully in his light, serve our neighbours with generous compassion, and become signs of hope, healing, and justice in the communities where you have placed us. Guide us by your Spirit, that our lives may reflect the glory of Christ, the Light of the World. 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 Daniels,  
Janet Daniels, Rob Jones, John Overton,  
Audrey White, Carol Langley, Heather Abel,  
Gill Harritt, Miranda Doyle

*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, 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Epiphany 3  
Last Day of the Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Epiphany 4  
The Presentation**

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Normal working hours: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm  
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.

**Welcome to the Box River Benefice**

**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, 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Epiphany 3**  
**Last Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Newton)  
11.00 am – Family Worship (Boxford)

**Readings**

1 Corinthians 1.10-18  
Matthew 4.12-23

**Hymns - Eucharist**

416 – Lord, the light of your love  
680 – Thy kingdom come, O God  
740 – Will you come and follow me – version 2  
622 – The church's one foundation

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Thomas Aquinas, 1274**

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

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
**Epiphany 4**  
**The Presentation**

9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist (Lt Waldingfield)  
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Boxford)

**Readings**

Hebrews 2.14-end  
Luke 2.22-40

**Hymns**

**Lt Waldingfield – Eucharist**  
605 – Sing we of the Blessed Mother  
574 – Purify my heart  
375 – King of glory, King of peace  
188 – Forth in thy name O Lord, I go

**Boxford – Eucharist**

586 – Sing we of the Blessed Mother  
557 – Purify my heart  
369 – King of glory, King of peace  
172 – Forth in thy name O Lord, I go

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**Anskar, 865**

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

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Gilbert of Sempringham, 1189**

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

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

10.30 am – U3A Group visit (Groton)

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
**The Martyrs of Japan, 1597**

10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2 before Lent**

9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist (Groton)  
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist with Choir (Boxford)  
4.00 pm – BCP Evensong with Choir (Boxford)

**WELCOME** to the Box River Benefice. Whether you are a long-standing member of our congregations or visiting for the first time, we're delighted you are here. May you find space to rest, reflect, and be renewed. If you're new or returning after some time away, please make yourself known to our Ministry Team.

**GIVING:** Ministry to our communities & the upkeep of our church buildings costs money. We are therefore extremely grateful to all our donors. Please consider contributing as a part of your faith commitment. You can find out more about how to give on our website at: [www.boxriverbenefice.com/support-us/](http://www.boxriverbenefice.com/support-us/), ask a church warden, minister, our administrator or follow the directions on our notice boards. You can also give during any service or when visiting church; please place your offering in the giving plate, alms box or use the card reader (if there is one in the Church).

**LENT LUNCH:** join us at the Parish Room, Lt Waldingfield on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March for lunch, the suggested donation is £10.00 raising funds for St Lawrence's Church. This is not a ticketed event but for catering purposes, can you let Nancy Roser know of your intention to attend 01787 882897 or email [nancyroser2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nancyroser2004@yahoo.co.uk)

**VOLUNTEERING WITHIN THE BENEFICE:** We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to support our existing volunteers within the Benefice, who do an incredible job keeping our church and communities alive. You don't have to be a churchgoer to volunteer, levels of commitment also vary, everyone is welcome. Is 2026 the year for you to try something new? There is something for everyone: - choir, flower arranging, opening/closing churches, helping at coffee mornings, helping at Mary's House, cleaning, maintenance, gardening, fund raising. There are also voluntary roles associated with our regular services, such as setting up the church, reading, stewarding. Please contact the Benefice Office in the first instant for more information.

**ST MARY'S, BOXFORD - FOOD BANK: HERE FOR YOU:** If you—or someone you know—could benefit from help, please reach out to the Benefice Office in confidence. We know that asking for assistance isn't always easy, especially during the winter months, but you are never alone. Our commitment is to walk alongside our community, providing practical help throughout the year.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (FEBRUARY)**

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 am - Drop in for Coffee (Mary's House)  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 am – Pancake at the Service (Edwardstone)  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 am - Drop in for Coffee (Mary's House)  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 am - Coffee Morning (Newton)  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup>, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 am - Drop in for Coffee (Mary's House)



