

Let us pray: - Prayer for Lent 5

Most merciful God, as we enter the solemn days of Passiontide, turn our hearts again to the way of the cross. Still us in your presence, that we may behold the depth of your love revealed in the suffering of your Son. Strengthen us to lay down all that burdens or blinds us, and to walk with Christ in humility and trust. When the path feels costly, steady us with the hope of your redeeming purpose. Gather your Church beneath the shadow of the cross, that we may be a people shaped by compassion, courageous in truth, and steadfast in prayer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray: - Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, who entered Jerusalem in meekness and majesty, open our hearts to welcome you with gladness and to follow you with faithfulness. As we take up the branches of praise, grant us grace not only to shout *Hosanna*, but to walk with you into the days of challenge and surrender. Where our loyalty falters, strengthen us; where our love grows thin, renew us; where our world is wounded, bring your peace. May your Church bear witness to your kingdom— not in triumphalism, but in the self-giving love that leads to the cross and beyond it to risen life. For you are the King who saves, now and for ever. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers

In Need of our Prayers:

Colin Bloomfield, Paul Goldsmith, Joey Jane,
Jill Nation, 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:

Jeremy Osborne

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

Please note: 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.

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The Box River Benefice

Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton

**Sunday, 22nd March
Lent 5**

**Sunday, 29th March
Palm Sunday**

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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.

WELCOME TO THE BOX RIVER BENEFICE.
Whether you have worshipped with us for many years or are visiting for the very first time, we are delighted to share this time with you. May this be a place where you can pause, breathe deeply, reflect, and find renewal. If you are new to the Benefice—or returning after some time away—please do introduce yourself to a member of our Ministry Team. We would love the chance to welcome you properly.

Sunday, 22nd March**Lent 5**

11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Newton)
 11.00 am – Family Eucharist with Choir (Boxford)

Readings

Romans 8.6-11
 John 11.1-45

Hymns

648 – There's a wideness in Gids mercy – Tune 1
 77 – Breath on me, breath of God
 284 – I am the bread of life
 608 – Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Monday, 23rd March

3.30 pm – Interment of Reginald Tricker (RIP) ashes
 (Boxford Cemetery)

Tuesday, 24th March

**Walter Hilton, 1396; Paul Courturier, 1953,
 Oscar Romero, 1980**

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

Wednesday, 25th March**The Annunciation**

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

Thursday, 26th March**Harriet Monsell, 1883**

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Friday, 27th March

9.00 am – Easter Service for Boxford Primary School
 (Boxford)

Saturday, 28th March

3.00 pm – District Bellringers (Edwardstone)

Sunday, 29th March**Palm Sunday**

9.30 am – Palm Sunday Procession and Eucharist
 (Edwardstone)
 5.00 pm – Palm Sunday Liturgy (Boxford)

Readings

Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 26.14 – 27.61

Hymns

13 – All glory, laud and honour
 727 – When I survey the wonderous cross – TUNE 1
 644 – There is a redeemer
 565 – Rejoice the Lord is King

Monday, 30th March**Monday of Holy Week**

7.00 pm – Holy Week Communion (Lt Waldingfield)
 7.45 pm – Compline (Lt Waldingfield)

Tuesday, 31st March**Tuesday of Holy Week**

10.00 am – Drop in for Coffee (Mary's House)
 7.00 pm – Holy Week Communion (Newton)
 7.45 pm – Compline (Newton)

Wednesday, 1st April**Wednesday of Holy Week**

10.00 am – Holy Week Communion & Coffee (Mary's
 House)
 7.45 pm – Compline (Boxford)

Thursday, 2nd April**Maundy Thursday**

11.00 am – Christ Eucharist (St Edmundsbury
 Cathedral)
 7.30 pm – Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Foot
 Washing (Boxford)

Readings

Exodus 12.1-14
 John 13.1-17,31b-35

Hymns

37 – An upper room did our Lord prepare
 523 – O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
 541 – Peace, perfect peace, is the gift
 81 – Brother, sister, let me serve you

Friday, 3rd April**Good Friday**

10.30 am – Good Friday Reflection (Lt Waldingfield)
 2.00 pm – Good Friday Liturgy (Boxford)

Readings

Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9
 John 18.1 - 19.42

Hymns

519 – O sacred head, surrounded

Sunday, 5th April**Easter Day**

9.30 am – Easter Day Eucharist (Edwardstone)
 9.30 am – Easter Day Eucharist (Groton)
 9.30 am – Easter Day Eucharist (Lt Waldingfield)
 11.00 am – Easter Day Eucharist (Newton)
 11.00 am – Easter Day Family Eucharist (Boxford)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed, 15th April, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning
 (Newton)

Sat, 18th April, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)

Fri, 1st May, 10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt
 Waldingfield)

Sat, 16th May, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)

Sat, 16th May, 4.00 pm – Quartet Concert (Boxford)

Wed, 20th May, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)

Sun, 7th June – Open Gardens at Boxford

Sun, 21st June – Open Garden at Lt Waldingfield

DAVID BALL: Many of you will know that David Ball has faithfully served the Box River Benefice for several years as a Licensed Lay Minister. We are deeply grateful for the dedication, wisdom and pastoral care he has offered across our parishes. David's Lay Ministry licence has now expired, which means he is not currently able to serve in that capacity. We want to take this opportunity to thank him wholeheartedly for all he has contributed to the life of our churches—his preaching, his presence, and his steady support have been a real blessing. Should David feel called to renew his licence in the future, we would gladly and warmly welcome him back into that ministry. In the meantime, please join us in giving thanks for all he has shared with us, and in praying for him as he continues to discern the next steps in his service to God and our community.

