

Let us pray:

Risen Lord Jesus, you are the true vine, and you call us to abide in your love that our lives may bear the fruit of your grace. Strengthen us to remain in you through all the changes and challenges of our days. You promise the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who leads us into truth and breathes peace upon your people. Open our hearts to that renewing breath, that we may love as you have loved us and serve with courage, kindness, and joy. Continue to guide your Churches in this Easter season, that we may witness to your risen life, tend to those who are weary or anxious, and seek justice, mercy, and peace in our communities. Root us in your hope, and draw us ever deeper into your life and light. Amen

Please remember in your prayers

In Need of our Prayers:

Paul Goldsmith, Joey Jane, Jill Nation,
Jean Watling, John Daniels, Janet Daniels,
Rob Jones, John Overton, Carol Langley,
Heather Abel, Gill Harritt, Miranda Doyle, Claire
Jones, Susan

*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:

Colin Bloomfield, Peter Watt

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.

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/, 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).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues, 19th May, 2pm – Afternoon Tea (Mary's House)
Wed, 20th May, 10am – Coffee Morning (Newton)
Fri, 5th June – 10.30am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)
Sat, 6th June – 7pm – Musicology (Edwardstone)
Sun, 7th June – Boxford Open Gardens
Wed, 17th June – Coffee Morning (Newton)
Sat, 20th June – 10am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)
Sun, 21st June – Lt Waldingfield Open Garden
Sat, 27th June – 6pm – Tom Cogan Organ Recital (Boxford)



The Box River Benefice

*Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton*

**Sunday, 3rd May
Easter 5**

**Sunday, 10th May
Easter 6**

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**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.**

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, 3rd May

Easter 5

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

Readings

Acts 7:55-end
John 14.1-14

Hymns

Jesu, lover of my soul
How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Thine for ever, God of love
O Jesus, I have promised – Omit verse 2 and 3 –
Tune THORNBURY

Little Waldingfield - 343, 297, 673, 503
Boxford - 333, 282, 661, 493

Tuesday, 5th May

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

Wednesday, 6th May

Please note there is no Communion & Coffee
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)
7.30 pm – APCM (Lt Waldingfield)

Thursday, 7th May

11.00 am – Colin Bloomfield RIP Funeral (Boxford)
6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Sunday, 10th May

Easter 6

9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist (Groton)
11.00 – Sunday Eucharist with choir (Boxford)
5.00 pm – BCP Evensong (Boxford)

Readings- Eucharist

Acts 17:22-31
John 14.15-21

Hymns

Eucharist
86 – Christ is made the sure foundation
90 -Christ the Lord is risen again – omit verses 3,4
and 5
11 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus
238 – Great is thy faithfulness

Evensong

624 – The day thou gavest Lord is ended
210 – God of mercy, God of grace
572 – Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
Psalm 87
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Monday, 11th May

Rogation Day

10.00 am – Newton APCM (Newton)

Tuesday, 12th May

Gregory Dix, 1952

Rogation Day

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

Wednesday, 13th May

Rogation Day

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

Thursday, 14th May

Ascension Day

11.00 am – Peter Watt Memorial Service (Boxford)
6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Saturday, 16th May

10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)
4.00 pm – Flute, Violin, Viola and Cello Quartet
Concert (Boxford)

Sunday, 17th May

Easter 7

9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist (Edwardstone)
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist with choir (Boxford)
11.00 am – Edwardstone and Groton APCM
(Edwardstone)
12.00 pm – Boxford APCM (Boxford)

TODAY: May these Sundays draw us deeper into Christ's love, steady our hearts, and help us grow in hope and generosity as his people in this place.

ELECTORAL ROLL: Each year, every parish in the Church of England reviews its Church Electoral Roll – the official list of lay members who can vote at the APCM. As part of this review, we update the roll by removing names of those who have moved away or died, and adding those who wish to join. If you are already on the roll, you do not need to reapply this year. If you would like to join, or are unsure whether you are already listed, please contact the Benefice Office.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

(APCMS): Our churches will hold their Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) in May. These meetings are an important moment in our parish life, giving us space to look back with thanks, look forward with hope, and carry out the practical business that supports our shared ministry. The APCM receives the annual reports, elects PCC members, and notes the number on the Electoral Roll. Anyone on the Electoral Roll may attend and vote; visitors are welcome to observe.

MARY'S HOUSE CELEBRATION TEA: please join us to celebrate Mary's House on Tuesday, 19th May from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm. It has been such an asset to our villages, a place of welcome for so many over the last 24 years. It has hosted coffee mornings, WI, bridge, the British Legion, arts and crafts, fundraising, meetings, council surgeries, Fairtrade, the Benefice Office and so much more. Come and raise a glass or a cup and celebrate all that Mary's has been, in gratitude to Mary Every and her vision and generosity.

FLUTE, VIOLIN, VIOLA AND CELLO QUARTET

CONCERT: Join us at St Mary's, Boxford, for a beautiful afternoon of *Music for Flute and Strings* on Saturday 16 May at 4pm. Featuring works by Mozart, Beethoven, J.C. Bach and Crusell, performed by Mary Blanchard, Rhianwen Gold, Geoff Irwin and Ed Gold. Adults £10 • Under 18s free. Tickets from Boxford Post Office or on the door.

AN EVENING OF POPULAR TUNES WITH

MUSICOLOGY: Join us at Edwardstone Church for An Evening of Popular Tunes with Musicology on Saturday 6 June at 7pm. Enjoy music from The Beatles, The Carpenters, Flanders & Swann and Cole Porter – plus a glass of wine and canapés included in your £10 ticket. All proceeds support Edwardstone Church. Contact Marlene – 07884 312953 or Ineke – 07765 098864 for tickets.

SAVE THE DATE, TOM COGAN ORGAN RECITAL:

Sat 27th June, 6pm, Free admission. Come and enjoy an hour of wonderful music, followed by a glass of wine. Everyone is warmly welcome.

