



**The Box River Benefice**

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

**Let us pray:**

Risen and ascended Lord, you have gone before us to prepare the way, yet you remain close to all who seek your presence. Lift our hearts to where you are, that we may trust your guiding love in all the places we are called to serve. Holy Spirit, breath of God and fire of life, come among us with your renewing power. Strengthen the weary, comfort the anxious, and kindle in us the gifts we need to bear witness to Christ's hope in our communities. Unite us in prayer and purpose, that, filled with your peace and courage, we may walk faithfully in the days ahead and share your light with all whom we meet. 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:**

*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/](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).

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Fri, 5<sup>th</sup> June – 10.30am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)  
Sat, 6<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm – Musicology (Edwardstone)  
Sun, 7<sup>th</sup> June – Boxford Open Gardens  
Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> June – Coffee Morning (Newton)  
Sat, 20<sup>th</sup> June – 10am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)  
Sun, 21<sup>st</sup> June – Lt Waldingfield Open Garden  
Sat, 27<sup>th</sup> June – 6pm – Tom Cogan Organ Recital (Boxford)

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

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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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**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, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension**

- 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)

#### **Readings**

Acts 1:6-14  
John 17.1-11

#### **Hymns**

- 48 – At the name of Jesus – Tune 2 – Omit verses 2,3  
and 4  
523 – O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
108 – Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
242 – Hail the day that sees him rise – Omit verse  
3,4,5 and 6

### **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Dunstan, 988**

- 10.00 am – Drop in for Coffee (Mary's House)  
2.00 pm – Celebratory Afternoon Tea (Mary's House)

### **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Alcuin of York, 804**

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

### **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May**

#### **Helena, 330**

- 6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

### **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

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

#### **Readings**

Acts 2.1-21  
John 20.19-23

#### **Hymns**

- 402 – Lord. Enthroned in heavenly splendour  
77 – Breathe on me, Breath of God  
416 – Lord, the light of your love  
344 – Jesus is Lord!

### **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Augustine of Canterbury, 605; John Calvin, 1564; Philip Neri, 1595**

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

### **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Lanfranc, 1089**

- 6.00 pm – Wedding rehearsal (Boxford)

### **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Josephine Butler, 1906; Joan of Arc, 1431; Apolo Kivebulaya, 1933**

- 2.00 pm – Interment of ashes (Groton)  
4.00 pm – Wedding – Emily Griggs and Jack Clark  
(Boxford)

### **Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May**

#### **Trinity Sunday**

- 9.30 am – Benefice Eucharist (Lt Waldingfield)  
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist with choir (Boxford)

**TODAY:** As we stand between Ascension and Pentecost, we find ourselves in that tender space where waiting becomes its own kind of faith. Jesus has gone before us, yet his promise of the Spirit draws us onward with quiet expectation. These days invite us to lift our eyes to the hope set before us while also noticing the Spirit's quiet work already stirring in our homes, our villages, and our churches. In the small acts of kindness we offer, in the courage we find to begin again, and in the peace that settles when we pray, God is gently preparing us for what comes next. May this season renew our trust that Christ holds the future, and that the Holy Spirit continues to breathe life into our communities.

#### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

**(APCMS):** Don't forget the final APCMs are to be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **MARY'S HOUSE CELEBRATION TEA:**

Please join us on Tuesday 19 May, 2.00–4.30 pm, as we celebrate Mary's House and all it has meant to our villages over the past 24 years, it has been a place of welcome for so many. Come and raise a glass (or a cup) as we give thanks for all that Mary's has been, and for Mary Every's vision and generosity in creating such a cherished community space.

#### **AN EVENING OF POPULAR TUNES WITH MUSICOLOGY:**

You are warmly invited to Edwardstone Church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm for a joyful evening of well-loved music with Musicology. Expect favourites from The Beatles, The Carpenters, Flanders & Swann, and Cole Porter — all accompanied by a glass of wine and canapés, included in your £10 ticket. All proceeds support Edwardstone Church. For tickets, please contact Marlene (07884 312953) or Ineke (07765 098864). We'd love to see you there for a relaxed and uplifting evening together.

#### **TOM COGAN ORGAN RECITAL:**

St Mary's is delighted to welcome Tom Cogan back for a summer evening Organ Recital on Saturday 27 June, 6.00–7.00 pm. Admission is free, and all are warmly invited. Tom promises a *cornucopia of organ delights*, with a joyful mix of composers and moods—from Widor's Toccata to Bach, Wesley, Elgar, and Karl Jenkins' moving *Benedictus*. After the recital, please stay for a glass of wine. A retiring collection will support the St Mary's Church Organ Fund, we hope you can join us for a memorable evening of music at the heart of our community.

#### **Boxford Open Gardens – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June,**

**11am–4pm:** Explore beautiful gardens in Boxford and Edwardstone, enjoy the Children's Trail, and stop for teas, coffees, and cakes. Tickets £6 for adults (under-16s free), available at the Church ticket stall or your first garden. More information from Audrey Zuck at [audrey@a2zriskservices.com](mailto:audrey@a2zriskservices.com). All proceeds support St Mary's Church.

#### **Little Waldingfield Open Gardens – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**June, 11am–4pm:** Wonder through the bloom filled gardens around the village, with refreshments, plants and produce and parking on the Playing Field. Admission £6 per adult (under-16s free), with programmes from the Parish Room. All proceeds support St Lawrence's Church.



