



The Box River Benefice

Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton

Sunday, 28th June
Trinity 4

Sunday, 5th July
Trinity 5

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Tuesday – Thursday, emails of an urgent
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of these working hours

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notice sheet each week, please contact the
Benefice Office to be added to the list.

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.

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, we come before you with
thankful hearts, trusting in the gentleness of Christ
who invites the weary and burdened to find rest in
him. Open our ears to hear his call, and soften our
hearts to receive his wisdom with the humility of
children. When the world feels restless or
unresponsive, teach us to recognise your presence in
our midst— your quiet faithfulness, your steady
compassion, your joy that cannot be diminished.
As Jesus spoke of the sower who scatters seed,
prepare the soil of our lives to receive your word with
gladness. Root us deeply in your truth, strengthen us
to endure when faith feels tested, and help us to bear
fruit that brings hope, healing, and blessing to others.
Bless our churches and our communities. Where there
is heaviness, bring rest; where there is confusion,
bring clarity; where there is longing, sow seeds of
grace that will grow into signs of your kingdom.
Gather us into your love, send us out in your service,
and keep us close to the heart of Christ, in the power
of the Holy Spirit, now and always. 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, Diana Garfield, Susan, Sarah

*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:

Timothy Hall, Heather Hunter

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).

Sunday, 28th June

Trinity 4

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

Readings

Romans 7.15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Hymns

30 – Amazing Grace
432 – Loving Shepherd of thy sheep
499 – O Lord, my God
31 – And can it be

Wednesday, 1st July

Henry, John and Henry Venn the younger, 1797, 1813 and 1873

10.00 am - Communion & Coffee (please contact the Benefice Office for further information)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

Friday, 3rd July

Thomas

10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)

Saturday, 4th July

10.00 am – House Clearance Sale (Mary's House)
10.00 am – Visiting bellringers (Boxford)
11.20 am – Visiting bellringers (Edwardstone)

Sunday, 5th July

Trinity 5

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

Readings

Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Hymns

Lt Waldingfield

12 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus
262 – Happy are they, they that love God
428 – Love divine, all loves excelling (tune tbc)
188 – Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Boxford

11 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus
246 – Happy are they, they that love God
428 – Love divine, all loves excelling (Blaenwern)
172 – Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Tuesday, 7th July

1.30 pm – Funeral, Timothy Hall RIP (Boxford)

Wednesday, 8th July

10.00 am - Communion & Coffee (please contact the Benefice Office for further information)
7.30 pm - Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

Sunday, 12th July

Trinity 6

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed, 15th July – Coffee Morning (Newton)
Sat, 18th July- Coffee Morning (Boxford)
Fri, 7th August – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)
Sun, 9th August – Garden Party (Brook House, Groton, CO10 5EJ)

TODAY: Welcome to our churches as we gather for Trinity 4 and Trinity 5. In these weeks we hear Jesus' invitation to find rest in him, and we listen again to the parable of the sower, reminding us that God's word takes root in open hearts. May we find comfort, renewal, and fresh hope as we meet together in God's presence.

JUNE – SUNSHINE, RAIN, OPEN GARDENS AND CONCERTS

June was a truly uplifting month across our benefice, filled with music, beautiful gardens, hospitality, creativity. As we look back, we are proud of a series of wonderful events that brought people together, raised vital support for our churches, and showcased the generosity and spirit of our villages. We offer our deepest thanks to everyone who helped make them possible. To our organisers and volunteers – your generosity with your time, energy, and gifts has been extraordinary. Every cuppa made, every chair set out, every welcome offered, every quiet task behind the scenes has shaped these events into moments of real community and joy. We simply couldn't do any of this without you. Thank you for all you give.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S GROTON – GARDEN PARTY:

We are delighted to invite you to the St Bartholomew's Church Garden Party on Sunday 9th August, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, kindly hosted at Brook House, Groton (CO10 5EJ) by permission of the Roberts family. This much-loved summer gathering offers a wonderful afternoon of friendship and community, with cream teas included in the £6 entrance, along with raffle, stalls, and games with prizes. It's a lovely opportunity to enjoy time together in a beautiful garden setting. Please note that no dogs can be admitted. For further information, please contact Jayne on 01787 211360. We look forward to welcoming you for a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon in support of St Bartholomew's.

THE BENEFICE OFFICE IS ON THE MOVE: Over the coming weeks the Benefice Office will be moving out of Mary's House. We are pleased to share that we have secured the use of office space at Town & Village Properties for the three mornings each week that our administrator, Liz Potter, works. We are extremely grateful to Murray Rose for his support in making this arrangement possible. Liz will be available on an appointment-only basis, so please contact her directly in the first instance. The new Benefice contact number is 07719 790088. Emails and phone calls of an urgent pastoral nature will continue to be responded to as a priority.

TREASURER NEEDED AT ALL SAINTS', NEWTON:

We are seeking a new Treasurer to help safeguard the church's financial stability. This voluntary role requires someone who can offer a little time and organisational skill to maintain clear financial records and prepare simple reports for the PCC. Professional accounting experience is not necessary; reliability, accuracy, and a willingness to serve are what matter most. Full training and a thorough handover will be provided. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Benefice Office in the first instance.

HEATHER HUNTER RIP: Heather's funeral will be held on Monday, 6th July at 12.30 pm at Hadleigh United Reform Church, please wear bright colours.

