



The Box River Benefice

Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton

Let us pray:

Holy God, who sows generously and tends us with patient love, grant that the seed of your word, scattered in our hearts, may find good soil and bear fruit abundantly. As Christ teaches in the parable of the sower, keep us from the hardness that resists your truth, from the shallow roots that wither in trouble, and from the choking cares that smother your grace. Make us receptive, steadfast, and joyful in your calling. Lord of the harvest, you know the fields of the world and the fields of our lives. As in the parable of the wheat and the weeds, teach us to trust your wisdom when good and evil grow together. Give us patience when we long for quick solutions, discernment when we face confusion, and hope that looks to your final gathering, when all that is true and life-giving will shine like the sun in the kingdom of our Father. By your Spirit, nurture what you have planted in us, strengthen us to live as children of your kingdom, and help us to bear fruit that blesses our communities, our churches, and all whom we meet. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

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, 12th July
Trinity 6

Sunday, 19th July
Trinity 7

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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, 12th July

Trinity 6

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

Readings

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

Hymns

Eucharist

- 119 – Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem
31 – And can it be
300 – I heard the voice of Jesus say – Tune 1
536 – O worship the King

Evensong

- 146 – Father of heaven, whose love profound
44 – At even, ere the sun was set
572 – Saviour again, to thy dear name we raise
Psalm – 63
Mag and Nunc B

Monday, 13th July

- 12.00 – Interment of Ashes (Edwardstone)

Wednesday, 15th July

Swithin, c.862; Bonaventure, 1274

- 10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (please contact the
Benefice Office for further information)
10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)
11.00 am – Interment of Ashes (Lt Waldingfield)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

Friday, 17th July

- 9.00 am – School Leavers Assembly (Boxford)

Saturday, 18th July

- 10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)

Sunday, 19th July

Trinity 7

- 9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist and Baptism
(Edwardstone)
11.00 am – BCP Matins with Choir (Boxford)

Readings

Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Hymns

- 679 – My Kingdom come on bended knee
67 – Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
418 – Lord, thy word abideth
36 – Angel voices ever singing

Wednesday, 22nd July

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

Sunday, 26th July

Trinity 8

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

TODAY: Welcome to our churches as we gather for Trinity 6 and Trinity 7. In these weeks we hear Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of God: the seed that falls on good soil and bears a rich harvest and the wheat that grows faithfully even among the weeds. As we listen to these parables, may God open our hearts to receive his word, strengthen us with patience and hope, and nurture in us the quiet, steady growth of his kingdom. May we find encouragement, renewal, and grace as we meet together in God's presence.

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.

