

Let us pray:

Gracious God, draw us deeper into the life of Christ and steady our steps with your faithful love. Renew in us a spirit of patience, kindness, and quiet trust.

Strengthen your Churches in this benefice and throughout the world. Where we are stretched, grant resilience; where we are uncertain, grant clarity; where we are weary, grant rest. Make us attentive to the needs of others and generous in the ways we listen, serve, and pray. We hold before you our villages, our neighbours, and our homes. Bless those beginning new routines, those carrying hidden burdens, and those who long for peace in their hearts. May your presence be known in moments of decision, in conversations that require courage, and in the gentle rhythms of daily life. We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Surround the anxious with calm, the lonely with companionship, and the grieving with your tender comfort. Guide all who offer care and skill, and shine your light upon those who walk through difficult days. Holy God, keep us faithful in hope, steadfast in compassion, and joyful in the small signs of your grace. May our lives reflect the love of Christ and bear witness to the quiet work of your Spirit in all we do and all we become. 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 and 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:

Vera Cutts, Barry Sheffield, Jonathan Green

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, 13th September
Trinity 15

Sunday, 20th September
Trinity 16

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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.

Sunday, 13th September
Trinity 15

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

Readings

Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21-35

Hymns
Eucharist

238 – Great is thy faithfulness
59 – Be still and know
146 – Father of heav’n whose love profound
550 – Praise my soul, the King of heaven

Evensong

2 – Abide with me
743 – Ye holy angels bright
418 – Lord, thy word abideth
Mag and Nunc – D
Psalm – 103 – verses 1 - 13

Wednesday, 16th September

Ninian, c.432; Edward Bouverie Pusey, 1882

10.00 am - Communion & Coffee (please contact the
Benefice Office for further details)
10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)
4.45 pm – Wedding Rehearsal (Lt Waldingfield)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

Thursday, 17th September
Hildegard of Bingen, 1179

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Friday, 18th September

1.30 pm – Megan Kiddy and Lewis Perkins Wedding
(Lt Waldingfield)

Saturday, 19th September
Theodore of Tarsus, 690

10.00 am – Coffee Morning (Boxford)

Sunday, 20th September
Trinity 16

9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist (Edwardstone)
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Boxford)

Readings

Philippians 1.21-end
Matthew 20.1-16

Hymns

189 – Glorious things of thee are spoken
210 – God of mercy, God of grace
81 – Brother, sister, let me serve you
240 – Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Wednesday, 23rd September
Ember Day

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

Thursday, 24th September

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Sunday, 27th September
Trinity 17

11.00 am – Harvest Festival (Newton)
11.00 am – Family Eucharist (Boxford)

TODAY: A warm welcome to everyone joining us across the benefice over these weeks. As we gather for worship, we bring with us our hopes, concerns, and the quiet prayers of our hearts. May these Sundays offer space to pause, to be renewed and to draw strength from God’s presence among us. Whether you are a regular worshipper, returning after time away, or visiting today, we pray that you find peace, encouragement, and a sense of belonging. As we share scripture, prayer, and fellowship, may God guide us in compassion, steady us in our daily lives, and help us recognise the gentle signs of grace that meet us along the way.

HARVEST FESTIVAL DATES: Harvest is just around the corner and with it comes a chance to pause in gratitude. We give thanks not only for food and creation but to everyone involved in bringing nourishment to our tables. The Benefice Harvest Festival services will be held on:

Sunday, 27th September, 11.00 am – All Saints’, Newton

Sunday, 4th October, 9.30 am – St Lawrence’s, Lt Waldingfield

Sunday, 11th October, 9.30 am – St Bartholomew’s, Groton

Sunday, 18th October, 9.30 am – St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone

Sunday, 18th October, 11.00 am – St Mary’s, Boxford

ST MARY’S, BOXFORD – HARVEST SUPPER: you are invited our Harvest Supper on Friday, 16th October at 7:00 PM. Enjoy a delicious two-course home-cooked meal in a welcoming atmosphere that celebrates the season’s abundance. A suggested donation of £7.00 is payable on the day. To reserve your place, please contact the Benefice Office by Thursday, 8th October at 07719 790088 or email boxriverbenefice@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES: As we look ahead, we invite everyone to save the dates for the special events coming up across our benefice. Do keep an eye on the notices, as more dates will be added and pop the dates in your diary, we look forward to seeing you.

Saturday, 10th October, 4.00 pm – Piano Trio Concert (Boxford)

Friday, 16th October, 7.00 pm – Harvest Supper (Boxford)

Saturday, 24th October, 3.00 pm – Rock Concert in memory of Jane Godray (Dr Jane Hill)

Thursday 5th pm and Friday 6th November, am – Edwardstone Christmas Fair

Saturday, 21st November, 7.30 pm – Groton Cheese & Wine Party

Saturday, 5th December, 10.00 am – Boxford Christmas Tree Festival

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.

