

### Let us pray:

Loving and gracious God, we come before you with thankful hearts, remembering those whom we have loved and see no longer. We give thanks for their lives, for all that they meant to us and for the memories that continue to bless and shape us. Hold us in that assurance when we feel the pain of loss and the ache of absence. We thank you for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith and for the hope that, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, death is not the end but the gateway to eternal life. May we trust that our loved one's rest securely in your peace and presence. Comfort all who mourn, strengthen those who feel alone, and grant us grace to cherish the past without fear of the future. Help us to live with faith, hope and love until that day when, with all your saints, we are gathered into your heavenly kingdom. 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, Graham  
Ferguson, Claire Jones, Heather Warriker 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:

Jonathan Green, Hugh Philips

*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).

**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.



## The Box River Benefice

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

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Last Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
**All Saints' Day**

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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.**

### **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Last Sunday after Trinity**

11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Newton)

11.00 am – Family Eucharist (Boxford)

#### **Readings**

Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew 24:30-35

#### **Hymns**

515 – Onward Christian pilgrims

66 – Bind us together Lord

290 – I danced in the morning

416 – Lord, the light of your life

### **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Simon and Jude**

10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (please contact the Benefice Office for further details)

7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

### **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **James Hannington, 1885**

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

### **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**

#### **All Saints' Day**

9.30 am – All Saints' Eucharist (Lt Waldingfield)

11.00 am – All Souls Memorial Service (non-Eucharist) (Boxford)

#### **Readings**

##### **Lt Waldingfield**

1 John 3.1-3

Matthew 5.1-12

#### **Readings**

##### **Boxford**

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 6: 37-40

#### **Hymns**

##### **Little Waldingfield – All Saints Service**

178 – For all the saints, who from their labours rest

297 – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

77 – Blest are the pure in heart

16 – All hail the power of Jesus name

##### **Boxford – All Souls Memorial Service**

161 – For all the saints who from their labours rest

634 – The king of love my shepherd is. – Tune 1

2 – Abide with me

15 – All hail the power of Jesus name

### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (please contact the Benefice Office for further information)

7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

### **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November**

6.00 pm (finishing at 9.00 pm) – Christmas Fair (Edwardstone)

6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

### **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Leonard; William Temple, 1944**

9.00 am (finishing at 1.00 pm) – Christmas Fair (Edwardstone)

10.30 am – Coffee Morning (Lt Waldingfield)

### **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

10.00 am – Remembrance Service starting in Church and leading onto War Memorial for 10.50 am for Act of Remembrance (Newton)

10.50 am – Remembrance Service starting at the Memorial and leading into Church (Boxford)

10.50 am – Act of Remembrance (Groton War Memorial)

10.55 am – Remembrance Service starting at the Memorial and leading into Church (Lt Waldingfield)

**TODAY:** As the Church's year draws towards its close, we gather to celebrate the hope that sustains us, the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, and the promise of God's everlasting kingdom. We warmly invite you to join us for and our Memorial Service as we remember, give thanks and find comfort in God's abiding love.

**ST MARY'S, ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL SERVICE:** A quiet, reflective time to remember loved ones who have died, this service offers space to honour those we love and have lost, to sit with our feelings and to find comfort and hope as we continue our own journey. If you would like a loved one's name read aloud during the service, please contact the Benefice Office by Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**ST MARY'S, BOXFORD CALENDAR:** now on sale at the Post Office, enjoy 12 stunning photographs of Boxford, every calendar sold helps keep our church at the heart of community life.

#### **ST MARY'S, BOXFORD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – GET INVOLVED:**

Our much-loved Christmas Tree Festival will be held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, between 10am and 3 pm is nearly here, and we'd love you to take part!

 **Sponsor and decorate a tree**

 **Volunteer on the day**

Every contribution helps make the festival sparkle. To get involved, please contact Liz at the Benefice Office.

**GROTON CHEESE & WINE PARTY:** We will be holding a Cheese & Wine Party on Saturday 21st November at Groton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. There will be the usual delicious finger food, also an Auction of Unique Christmas Gifts! You can get your tickets from any member of the PCC or ring Jayne 01787 211360. Offers of help would be much appreciated on that Saturday afternoon.

**WREATH WORKSHOP:** Jayne Foster will be holding a Wreath Workshop at Groton Village Hall on Saturday 28th November, starting at 10 am. She will supply moss, wreath base, wire, ribbons, and some greenery, all you need to bring is yourselves and some greenery and decorations. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Just call Jayne book your place Jayne 01787-211360. Any monies raised will be split between the Groton Church and Village Hall.

**NEWTON CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Come along for a friendly morning of stalls, homemade goodies and festive cheer at Newton Village Hall on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 10 am – 12 Noon. Raising funds for All Saints' Church, Newton.



