Let us pray:
A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

God of mercy & peace, we remember before you those who gave their lives in the service of others & all who have suffered through war & conflict. We give thanks for the courage, sacrifice & devotion of those who served their country & we pray for all who continue to bear the scars of battle in body, mind or spirit. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring healing where there is pain, reconciliation where there is division & hope where there is despair. As we recall the cost of war, strengthen us to be peacemakers in our communities & in our world. Give wisdom to those who lead the nations, that justice & peace may flourish among all peoples. We remember with gratitude; we pray with humility & we look with hope to the day when nations shall live together in peace. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the 15th and 22nd November

Heavenly Father, as we await the fulfilment of your kingdom, keep us faithful in all that you entrust to us, steadfast in hope, and generous in love. Open our eyes to see Christ in those around us, especially those who are in need, and strengthen us to serve with compassion and joy. May our lives bear witness to your light, so that, when all things are gathered under your gracious rule, we may be found ready to enter your everlasting peace; 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 & 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 & 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.

PASTORAL VISITING, SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, CONFESSION, BLESSINGS: The Benefice offers a rich ministry of Spiritual Guidance, Confession & 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, 8th November
Remembrance Sunday
3 before Advent

Sunday, 15th November
2 before Advent

Sunday, 22nd November
Christ the King

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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, & 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, 8th November
Remembrance Sunday
10.00 am – Remembrance Service starting in Church & leading onto War Memorial for 10.50 am for Act of Remembrance (Newton)

10.50 am - Remembrance Service starting at the Memorial & leading into Church (Boxford)

10.50 am - Act of Remembrance (Groton War Memorial)

10.55 am - Remembrance Service starting at the Memorial & leading into Church (Lt Waldingfield)

Readings
As service sheets

Hymns
I Vow to thee my country
Make me a channel of your peace
Eternal father, strong to save
Thy hand O God has guided
The National Anthem – 2 verses

Lt Waldingfield – TBC, 437,153,689,230
Boxford & Newton – TBC, 435,134,678,214

Monday, 9th November
Margery Kempe, c.1440
7.30 pm – Joint Benefice Council Meeting

Wednesday, 28th October
Martin of Tours, c.397
10.45 am – Act of Remembrance (Edwardstone War Memorial)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

Thursday, 12th November
6.00 pm – Choir Practice (Boxford)

Sunday, 15th November
2 before Advent
9.30 am – Sunday Eucharist & Baptism (Edwardstone)
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Boxford)

Readings
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

Hymns
622 – The church's one foundation
306 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise
11 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus
493 – O Jesus I have promised – Tune 678 - Thornbury

Wednesday, 18th November
10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (please contact the Benefice Office for further information)
10.0 am – Coffee Morning (Newton)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

Saturday, 21st November
7.30 pm – Cheese & Wine Party (Groton Village Hall)

Sunday, 22nd November
Christ the King
11.00 am – Sunday Eucharist (Newton)
11.00 am – Family Eucharist (Boxford)

Readings
Ephesians 1.15-end
Matthew 25.31-end

Hymns
48 – At the name of Jesus – Tune 2
747 – Ye watchers and ye holy ones
125 – Crown him with many crowns
240 – Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Wednesday, 24th November
10.00 am – Communion & Coffee (please contact the Benefice Office for further information)
7.30 pm – Bell Ringing Practice (Boxford)

Thursday, 26th November
6.00 pm – Christmas Choir Practice (Boxford)

Sunday, 29th November
9.30 am – Benefice Eucharist (Groton)
11.00 am – Morning Prayer (Boxford)

TODAY: Welcome to our services and to our churches in worship. On Remembrance Sunday we give thanks for those who gave their lives in the service of others and pray for peace in our world today. As we approach the end of the Church year, we are reminded that Christ reigns as King, calling us to live with hope, faithfulness and love as we await the coming of God's kingdom. May you know God's presence among us.

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, 5th December, between 10am & 3 pm is nearly here, & we'd love you to come along.

GROTON CHEESE & WINE PARTY: We will be holding a Cheese & Wine Party on Saturday 21st November at Groton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Join us for delicious finger food and 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, & some greenery, all you need to bring is yourselves & some greenery & decorations. Refreshments will be provided. Call Jayne 01787-211360 to book your place. Any monies raised will be split between the Groton Church & Village Hall.

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