

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Hilary Taylor; Margaret and Helen Wheatley; Christine Page; Daphne Glen; Carol Whitby; Jonathan Fermor; Jo and William Marston; John Vail; Mandy Churchill; Wendie Felgate; Mary West; Annie Winckler; Sue Jones; Eva Rainey; Valerie Ayton; Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Marji Holdsworth; Vicky Scott; Sarah Lejeune; Peter Green; Sarah Wallis and Steve Newman

Prayer for those who grieve

The family and friends of Michael Fitzpatrick; Richard Payne and all who grieve

That we as a church would be Christ's light to our community
 The ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza, for an end to hostilities and relief for all who are suffering
 The people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid
 For God's choice as the new Diocesan Bishop as Bishop Martin retires
 The Church of England following the resignation of Justin Welby and as it tries to set up a safe

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	Revd Peter Ball	01206 393316	
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Constable Country Benefice



St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Brantham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattingstone

Sunday 8 December Advent 2

East Bergholt

10am Morning Worship and
Baptism (Rev Chris)

Bentley

10am Christingle Service
(Rev Don)

Brantham

10.30am Morning Worship with
Communion Service (Rev Peter)

Full List of Readings (Lectionary Year B)

Malachi 3.1-4
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6

*(Readings will usually be the first reading and the Gospel.
The psalm and second reading will be used
if advised by the service leader)*



COLLECT

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the
humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen




Advent Prayer The Prophets

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Livestreaming/Recording main services in EB and Brantham are live-streamed on YouTube, See a warden if this causes concern.

 Join us each Thursday at 9am for **morning prayers** at Brantham Rectory. We begin using the CoE Daily Prayer. The remaining time to be used to pray for the benefice. Particularly for folk to come to know the love and forgiveness of Jesus.

Benefice Discussion Group meets every 2 weeks, at 2pm-3pm in West End of EB church. We are reading an Advent devotional book “Wounded I sing” by the retired Bishop Richard Harries. For more info email: rseden@gmail.com or text at 07806940407.


Advent reflections led by Peter, Roy and Richard on 11th and 18th Dec, 12-noon for 12.30pm start. If you wish to stay for a light lunch, please book - Joyce Fox 01206 299494.

Donations of mince pies for the Brantham carol Service on 19th December gratefully received. Please give to Jane or leave in the kitchen at St. Michael’s.

<u>Monday 9</u>	<u>Tuesday 10</u>	<u>Wednesday 11</u>
<p>10am Constable Country Childcare Nativity, Brantham</p> <p>2.50pm Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School (led by Ruth and the OTB team)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MU’s 16 days of activism Day 15 - Buy or make a white ribbon for yourself, to pin on your clothes</p>	<p>10am Constable Country Childcare Nativity, Brantham</p> <p>6pm EBHS Carol Concert, East Bergholt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MU’s 16 days of activism Day 16 - Visit the Mothers’ Union website page Domestic Abuse Campaigning Resources 2024 Mothers’ Union</p>	<p>10am Constable Country Childcare Nativity, East Bergholt</p> <p>12pm - 2pm Advent Reflections with lunch, West End, East Bergholt</p> <p>2pm - 3.30pm Wardens’ meeting at East Bergholt</p>
Daily Readings Isaiah 45.14–end 1 Thessalonians 1	Daily Readings Isaiah 46 1 Thessalonians 2.1–12	Daily Readings Isaiah 47 1 Thessalonians 2.13–end
<u>Monday 16</u>	<u>Tuesday 17</u>	<u>Wednesday 18</u>
<p>2.50pm Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School (led by Nick)</p>	<p>1.30-4.00 Benefice Discussion Group, West End, East Bergholt</p>	<p>12pm - 2pm Advent Reflections with lunch, West End, East Bergholt</p>
Daily Readings Isaiah 49.14–25 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11	Daily Readings Isaiah 50 1 Thessalonians 5.12–end	Daily Readings Isaiah 51.1–8 2 Thessalonians 1

Do you receive our weekly emails? If you don’t, but would like to, please let Michelle know - [07955 329341/michelle@constablebenefice.org](mailto:michelle@constablebenefice.org).

Bring the Family to one of our all age family friendly services with stories, songs, activities and cake, lasting 40-45 minutes. Our next family services are on 12th January at East Bergholt and 26th January at Brantham

<u>Thursday 12</u>	<u>Friday 13</u>	<u>Saturday 14</u> <i>Rev Chris’s day off</i>	<u>Sunday 15 December</u> Advent 3
<p>9am Morning prayer at the Rectory</p> <p>10am Constable Country Childcare Nativity East Bergholt</p> <p>2pm Mothers’ Union Festive Celebration East Bergholt</p> <p> 7pm - 8.30pm Benefice Youth Group at the Rectory <i>(last one this year!)</i></p>	<p>3.50pm for 4pm Choir Practice, East Bergholt</p> <p>7pm Carols and Mulled Wine (Bentley Village Hall)</p>	<p>9am-9.30am Benefice quiet prayer time at St Michaels</p>	<p>8am BCP Service East Bergholt (Rev Roy)</p> <p>10am Nine Lessons and Carols Bentley (led by Sandra)</p> <p>10.30am Morning Worship with Communion Service Brantham (Rev Chris)</p> <p>3pm Nine Lessons and Carols, East Bergholt (Rev Chris)</p> <p>6pm Evensong, Tattingstone (led by Simon)</p>
Daily Readings Isaiah 48.1–11 1 Thessalonians 3	Daily Readings Isaiah 48.12–end 1 Thessalonians 4.1–12	Daily Readings Isaiah 49.1–13 1 Thessalonians 4.13–end	Zephaniah 3.14–end; Cantic: Isaiah 12.2–end [or Psalm 146.4–end]; Philippians 4.4–7 Luke 3.7–18
<u>Thursday 19</u>	<u>Friday 20</u>	<u>Saturday 21</u> <i>Rev Chris’s day off</i>	<u>Sunday 22 December</u> Advent 4
<p>9am Morning prayer at the Rectory</p> <p>9.45am-11am EBPS Carol Service, East Bergholt</p> <p>6.30pm Readings and Carols, Brantham</p>	<p>2pm School Carol Concert, Tattingstone</p> <p>3.50pm for 4pm Choir Practice, East Bergholt</p>	<p>9am-9.30am Benefice quiet prayer time at St Michaels</p>	<p>10.00 Morning Worship, East Bergholt (led by Ruth)</p> <p>10.00 Morning Worship and Communion, Bentley (Rev Chris)</p> <p>10.00 Morning Worship with Communion Tattingstone (Rev Don)</p> <p>10.30 Morning Worship, Brantham (led by Nick)</p>
Daily Readings Isaiah 51.9–16 2 Thessalonians 2	Daily Readings Isaiah 51.17–end 2 Thessalonians 3	Daily Readings Isaiah 52.1–12 Jude	Micah 5.2–5a; Cantic: Magnificat or Psalm 80.1–8 Hebrews 10.5–10 Luke 1.39–45 [46–55]

Do you need a lift to any of our services, or can provide lifts for others, please contact Michelle. michelle@constablebenefice.org / 07955 329341