

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Julien Vanhinsbergh; Hilary Taylor; Helen Wheatley; Christine Page; Daphne Glen; Carol Whitby; Marguerite Gold; Jonathan Fermor; Karen Mason; Jo and William Marston; John Vail; Mandy Churchill; Wendie Felgate; David Lewis; Nigel Clark; Mary West; Annie Winckler; Sue Jones; Eva Rainey; Carole Wheatley; Renate Arnold; Margaret Wright; Rev Steph and Valerie Ayton

The family and friends of Timothy Malhuish; Roger Godwin, Jean Chambers; Mary Gildersleeves; Edith Searle and all who grieve

People struggling to make ends meet

Rev Chris and Rachel as they prepare to come and join us

Pray for the work of foodbanks and all their volunteers

For the hostages taken in Israel and their families

For an end to hostilities in Gaza and humanitarian aid to quickly reach those who need it

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid.

Benefice website	www.ConstableCountryChurches.co.uk		
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	Revd Peter Ball 01206 393316		
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	Jane Gould (Tattingstone)		
	Ann Little (Bentley)		

Items for the pew sheet should be received by our Benefice Administrator by Wednesday afternoon

Constable Country Churches



St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Brantham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattingstone

Sunday 3 December 1st Sunday of Advent

East Bergholt

10:00 Communion Service
(Rev Matthew)

Hymns: 480, 527, 265, 128

16:30 family@church Christmas party at
Fields Café (Led by Fiona)

Bentley

10:00 Holy Communion Service
(Rev Don)

Hymns: 50, 307, 467, 367, 226

Brantham

10:30 Informal Service (Led by Nick)

Hymns: 329, 204, 321



COLLECT

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Readings: (Lectionary Year A)

Isaiah 64.1–9
1 Corinthians 1.3–9
Mark 13.24–end



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful
and keep us faithful as we await
the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his
praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER The Patriarchs

Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
Be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be king of our lives today.
Amen

We are thrilled and delighted to announce that the Revd Chris Willis has been appointed by the Bishop to be our new Rector Designate. His service of Institution and Induction will take place on 5th March. We are truly blessed that Chris and his wife Rachel will be joining us in the next chapter of our journey.

Bring the Family to one of our all age family friendly services with stories, songs, activities and cake, lasting 40-45 minutes. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun and fellowship at Fields Cafe for the family@church Christmas party on 3rd December at 16:30.

Livestreaming/Recording:

Please note that main services in East Bergholt and Brantham churches are live-streamed on YouTube, Please see a warden if this causes you concern.

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EB Carol Service: If anyone would like to contribute towards the EB Carol service brass costs, please contact Lesley. Also, if you can contribute some mulled wine and/or mince pies for the carol service - please see the wardens or leave in the kitchen.

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 If you should ever need a lift to any of the Benefice church services, or you are able to provide lifts for others, please contact Michelle.

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“Ministry of Welcome”
 From January this will be changed to the first Wednesday after the midweek communion service and be called **“Take a Break Coffee Morning”**. You will still receive a warm welcome and hot beverage!

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Jenny’s Accordionists are playing at St Michael’s, Brantham on Saturday, 9th December. Entry £10 includes tea and cake! To reserve a space contact Jane: 01473 328512 / contact@jennysaccordionists.co.uk

<u>Monday 4</u>	<u>Tuesday 5</u>	<u>Wednesday 6</u>
10:00 Nativity rehearsal for Constable Country Childcare, Brantham	14:30 Benefice Discussion Group East Bergholt	09:00 BCP Communion East Bergholt (Rev Roy) 11:00 Constable Country Children Nativity, East Bergholt (by ticket only)
Daily Readings Isaiah 25.1–9 Matthew 12.1–21	Daily Readings Isaiah 26.1–13 Matthew 12.22–37	Daily Readings Isaiah 28.1–13 Matthew 12.38–end
<u>Monday 11</u>	<u>Tuesday 12</u>	<u>Wednesday 13</u>
09:00-16:00 Nativity rehearsal for Constable Country Childcare, East Bergholt 10:00 Nativity by Constable Country Childcare, Brantham (invitation only)	09:00-16:00 Nativity rehearsal for Constable Country Childcare, East Bergholt 10:00 Nativity by Constable Country Childcare, Brantham (invitation only) 16:00 Parish Magazine meeting, East Bergholt 18:30 EBHS Carol Service, East Bergholt	18:30 Preservation Society carols and mince pies, East Bergholt
Daily Readings Isaiah 30.1–18 Matthew 14.1–12	Daily Readings Isaiah 30.19–end Matthew 14.13–end	Daily Readings Isaiah 31 Matthew 15.1–20

<u>Thursday 7</u>	<u>Friday 8</u>	<u>Saturday 9</u>	<u>Sunday 10 December</u> <u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>
10:00 Constable Country Children Nativity, East Bergholt (by ticket only) 15:00 Service of thanksgiving for Edith Searle followed by wake in the West End, East Bergholt	11:00 Toddlers and carers’ Christmas Party East Bergholt 15:50 for 16:00 start Choir practice, East Bergholt	09:00-09:30 St Michaels is open for simple prayer with a focus on our new priest for our new benefice 16:00-19:00 Christmas parade and market, East Bergholt 15:00 Jenny’s Accordion concert, Brantham	08:00 BCP Communion Service, East Bergholt (Rev Roy) 10:00 Christingle Service, Bentley (Led by Sandra) 10:30 Communion Service, Brantham (Led by Rev Anthony) 15:00 Carol Service, East Bergholt 18:00 Carol Service, Tatingstone
Daily Readings Isaiah 28.14–end Matthew 13.1–23	Daily Readings Isaiah 29.1–14 Matthew 13.24–43	Daily Readings Isaiah 29.15–end Matthew 13.44–end	
<u>Thursday 14</u>	<u>Friday 15</u>	<u>Saturday 16</u>	<u>Sunday 17 December</u> <u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>
14:00 MU Festive Celebration, East Bergholt	09:30 EBPS Carol Service, East Bergholt	09:00-09:30 St Michaels is open for simple prayer with a focus on our new priest for our new benefice	10:00 Communion Service, East Bergholt 10:00 Carol Service, Bentley (Led by Peter) 10:00 Communion Service, Tatingstone 10:30 Informal Service, Brantham (Led by Ruth)
Daily Readings Isaiah 32 Matthew 15.21–28	Daily Readings Isaiah 33.1–22 Matthew 15.29–end	Daily Readings Isaiah 35 Matthew 16.1–12	

EB Christmas Parade and Market are looking for raffle donations of wine, chocolates or biscuits (only). Please can these be given to a warden. All proceeds of the market going to the roof fund for which we are very grateful.

SAVE THE DATE. If you missed the Horn Factory concert, or came and enjoyed it very much, then please put 9th February 2024 in your diary! We are thrilled to welcome Derek Nash, George Double and Jim Watson to St Mary’s on that night for a Raise the Roof Jazz Concert.