

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Mary Nottingham, Helen Wheatley, Pam Craft, Sheila Gilder, Michael and Tricia Fitzpatrick, Rosie Fee, Angela Harris, Christine Page, Margaret Turner, Barry Watkinson, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and David Bennett

All who grieve, especially the family and friends of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, Ron Ansell and Dale Watering.

Rev Eric and Vicky in their new parish  
Local businesses and the unemployed  
The people of India  
The postmasters cleared of wrongdoing  
Our Government

**Readings for Easter 6**

Acts 10:44-end  
John 15:9-17

**DAILY READINGS**

Mon Deuteronomy 16:1-20  
1 Peter 1:1-12

Tues: Deuteronomy 17:8-end  
1 Peter 1:13-end

Wed: Deuteronomy 18:9-end  
1 Peter 2:1-10

Thurs: Deuteronomy 19  
1 Peter 2:11-end

Fri: Deuteronomy 21:22-22:8  
1 Peter 3:1-12

Sat: Deuteronomy 24:5-end  
1 Peter 3:13-end



**Benefice of St Mary's & St Michael's**

East Bergholt (EB)

Brantham (B)



**My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit.**

**Sunday 2 May  
Easter 5**

**10:30** Benefice Communion Service, B  
**16:00** Family@Church, EB

Booking is essential for services  
at Brantham!

All our services are available  
via our YouTube channel

"Constable Country Churches"  
Please let us know if you need help of  
any sort. We are only a phone call  
away!



**COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the  
world and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**AMEN**

**READING**

Acts 8:26-end  
John 15:1-8

**Remember to wear your mask when in  
contact with other people.**

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| Benefice website              | www.ConstableCountryChurches.co.uk  |  |                                      |
| Facebook:                     | stmaryseastbergholt and St Michael's Church, Brantham   |  |                                      |
| YouTube:                      | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8p1p1p1p1p1p1p1p1p1p1">YouTube Constable Country Churches</a>   |  |                                      |
| Rector                        | Rev Canon Stephne van der Toorn mob 0777 157 4702 (Emergencies only) ..... 01206 392646<br>The Rectory, Rectory Lane, Brantham, CO11 1PZ ..... revstephvd@gmail.com |  |                                      |
| Benefice Administrator        | Michelle Jowers .....constablecountrychurches@outlook.com   |  |                                      |
| Benefice Safeguarding Officer | Glen Rowson..... 01206 299109   |  |                                      |
| Assistant Priest              | Rev Peter Ball – retired (PTO*) ..... 01206 393316<br>(*Permission to Officiate granted by the Bishop)  |  |                                      |
| Readers                       | Mr Nick Pavitt ..... 01473 328512<br>Mrs Ruth Bull ..... 01206 298733   |  |                                      |
| Church Wardens                | <b>East Bergholt</b>  |  | <b>Brantham</b>                      |
|                               | Mrs Liz Digby 01473 312281  |  | Dr Jane Pavitt ..... 01473 328512    |
|                               | Mrs Fiona Trott 01206 298205  |  | Mr Ken Stuttaford ..... 01206 394446 |
| Director of Music (EB)        | Martin Huggett ..... 01206 395927   |  |                                      |
| Elders                        | <b>East Bergholt</b>  |  | <b>Brantham</b>                      |
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|                               | Fiona Trott ..... 01206 298205  |  | Sarah McCraw ..... 01206 391384      |
|                               | Chris Jacob ..... 01206 298552  |  |                                      |
| Treasurers                    | <b>East Bergholt</b>  |  | <b>Brantham</b>                      |
|                               | Lesley Cherry ..... 01206 393500  |  | Gill Forsyth ..... 01206 393489      |

Our Patrons are Emmanuel College, Cambridge.



**POST COMMUNION  
PRAYER**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

**AMEN**



**PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,  
we pray for the parishioners  
of the benefice of East Bergholt and  
Brantham, that they may come to know  
your generous and enfolding love.  
May we play our part in your mission  
to help all people,  
especially those around us,  
know your love and grace.

**AMEN**

**Abiding in Christ takes determination, patience and faith!**

Items for the pew leaflet should be received by Michelle Jowers by Tuesday afternoon (with a copy to Rev Steph). Michelle is in the office from 9am to 4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Rev Steph is on leave from 10<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May. If any need arises, please contact a member of the ministry team or a warden.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**NOT ON THE INTERNET?**  
0800 804 8044 (Free) to hear hymns, prayers and thoughts for the day. Now also includes help for sleeping.

**Support our local businesses!**

Please let us know if you are in hospital. The chaplains are not allowed to visit unless you or we ask them to.

**REMEMBER:** social distancing, wear a mask and carry sanitiser with you!

**POSTAGE STAMPS** Marji Holdsworth is collecting used postage stamps. Please pass any to Marji to send on to the RNIB or place in the box provided in the porch at St Mary's.

**READERS, INTERCESSORS, WELCOMERS**

**Don't assume we have your name on the list!** Please let Rev Steph or a warden know if you would like to read in church, lead intercessions and/or welcome. We are drawing up new lists.

**THANK YOU**

Koshy and Chris Jacob would like to thank you very much for the good wishes and prayers for their family members in India. Please do continue to pray for them.

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| <p><b>Mon 3</b><br/><i>Rev Steph's rest day</i></p>              | <p><b>Tues 4</b><br/><i>Rev Steph's rest day</i></p> | <p><b>Wed 5</b><br/><b>09:30</b> BCP Communion, EB. Rev Peter Ball (John 15: 1-8)<br/><b>10:00 –15:30</b> Rev Steph at Deanery; Chapter Planning Day<br/><b>20:00</b> Social get together via Zoom.</p> | <p><b>Thurs 6</b><br/><b>Local Elections</b><br/><b>14:40</b> Rev Steph at EBPS assembly</p>                                   | <p><b>Friday 7</b><br/><b>09:30-11:30</b> Toddlers and Carers meet in St Mary's<br/><b>TBC</b> Rev Steph at Day Conference</p> | <p><b>Sat 8</b></p>  | <p><b>Sunday 9 May</b><br/><b>Easter 6</b><br/><b>09:30</b> Rev Steph with Rev Sally at Great Wenham<br/><b>10:30</b> Benefice Communion Service, EB (Rev Peter Ball)<br/><b>10:45</b> Rev Steph with Rev Sally at Capel St Mary Communion</p> |
| <p><b>Mon 10</b><br/><i>Rev Steph is on leave this week.</i></p> | <p><b>Tues 11</b></p>                                | <p><b>Wed 12</b><br/><b>20:00</b> Social get together via Zoom.</p>   | <p><b>Thurs 13</b><br/><b>Ascension Day</b><br/><b>09:30</b> BCP Communion, EB. (Rev Peter Ball) (<i>Luke 24: 44 -end</i>)</p> | <p><b>Friday 14</b><br/><b>09:30-11:30</b> Toddlers and Carers meet in St Mary's</p>   | <p><b>Sat 15</b></p> | <p><b>Sunday 16 May</b><br/><b>Easter 7</b><br/><b>10:30</b> Informal Service, B</p>   |
| <p><b>Mon 17</b><br/><i>Rev Steph is on leave this week</i></p>  | <p><b>Tues 18</b></p>                                | <p><b>Wed 19</b><br/><b>20:00</b> Social get together via Zoom.</p>   | <p><b>Thurs 20</b></p>   | <p><b>Friday 21</b></p>  | <p><b>Sat 22</b></p> | <p><b>Sunday 23 May</b><br/><b>Pentecost</b><br/><b>10:30</b> Benefice Communion Service, EB. First reading of Banns for Clare Welsh and George Unwin; Richard Cuckow and Gemma Rudge<br/><b>15:30</b> Wedding Prep at the Rectory</p>         |

Please let Rev Steph know if you would support the resumption of an EB regular 8:00 BCP communion on Sunday mornings.

We are pleased to confirm that Ken Stuttaford and Jane Pavitt were re-elected as Wardens at Brantham and Liz Digby and Fiona Trott at EB. Please pray for our Wardens and PCC's