



Issue 77 – Sunday 10 October 2021

St PETER'S POST  
(incorporating The METHODIST MERCURY)



**NEWS**



**Thought  
for the week**



**Wasted..?**

A day wasted on others  
is not wasted on one's self.

*Charles Dickens*

*Thank you Heather*



# Benington & Walkern Church Services

## Sunday 10 October: Trinity 19

St Mary's Walkern	9.30am	Communion by Extension	Laurie Hawkins
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Service	Hazel Beadle
St Peter's Benington	11.00am	Family Service Harvest Festival	Family Service Team
Walkern URC	4.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	Steve Mason

## COLLECT



Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



# Farewell party for Norman and Rita

**Saturday 30 October,  
3.00pm until 7.00pm  
at the Village Hall**

As many of you know Norman and Rita are soon to be moving to Norfolk. They have given so much to the village over the years and we will miss them terribly.

To make sure they have a happy and joyful send off, we're hosting a farewell party for them at the Village Hall on Saturday 30 October.

We want to celebrate all that they have contributed to Benington and show how much we appreciate them both. We'd love contributions for the buffet, so get your aprons on!

If you'd like to cook or bake something, or have questions about contributing anything else, please get in touch with Heather Ferguson:

01438 869 340

[heatheriferguson@btinternet.com](mailto:heatheriferguson@btinternet.com)

Please come and give them both a great send off.

*Thank you Heather*



# Lunch Club: Limited numbers

**Thursday 21 October at 12.30pm.**

It's great to be running Lunch Club again.... but as we all know Covid-19 hasn't gone away.

So, to help keep us all safe we are setting a limit on numbers: **we will seat for 60 people only** in the hall.

Also, to make sure we keep safe distances between everyone, will ask that only **six people sit together at each table.**

**We have 9 places left.** There are sign up sheets at coffee morning so make sure you sign up to let us know you're coming!

You can also let me know by phone or email:

01438 869 340      [heatherjferguson@btinternet.com](mailto:heatherjferguson@btinternet.com)

It will be great to see everyone!

*Thank you Heather*



## St Peter's Harvest Festival

### Sunday 10 October, 11.00am

St Peter's is holding its Harvest Festival service on Sunday 10 October and would welcome food donations of the following:

- Breakfast Cereals
- Coffee and tea
- Tinned soup
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned fruit
- Fresh or tinned vegetables



**HAVEN FIRST**

<https://www.havenfirst.org.uk/>

St Peter's is supporting The Haven. All food donations will be delivered to their centre in Stevenage.

*Thank you St Peter's*



# All Souls Service

The annual **All Souls Service** will be held at **St Peter's Church** on **Sunday October 31st at 3 pm.**

This is a short service for anyone wishing to spend time with others remembering those they have loved and lost. During the service names will be read out and remembered, candles lit and thanks given.

There will be time for tea and talk afterwards for those wishing to stay awhile.

If you would like a loved ones name read out please let me know. All those on our list of 2019 will automatically be included.

Regards to all

Rita. 01438 869 731

*Thank you Rita*



## Garden report



**From Harry Bott:** Dwarf French beans have survived so far, I have them under netting with pellets to deter the slugs. We use Ferric Phosphate pellets that are harmless to all livestock. They cause the slug to stop feeding and they just crawl away to die. Any pellets that are left, turn into iron oxide and phosphate, which is an essential plant food. I pulled the first of my July sown carrots recently and they were just perfect. Sweet and totally delicious!

*Thank you Harry*



# Children's corner

## SATURDAY CLUB NEWS

Great News! Saturday Club is restarting on **9th October**  
2 – 4.30 in Benington Village Hall.



We are really looking forward to seeing the children again and getting back to our stories, games and crafts. I'm sure we will all have plenty of news to share! Because Covid is still around we will have certain safety measures in place and would ask you not to send your child if they are feeling unwell or if any of your household have the virus. The windows will be open so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. All adults in the Team will test themselves in the morning and be wearing masks.

As we're not sure how many children will come, we are asking the children to bring a **picnic tea** this time - in a named container please! We will supply drinks. There will be no charge this month.



## FAMILY SERVICE

Our Family Service this month will be



**On October 10th at 11 am**

Harvest hymns and prayers, something from the children  
and a talk by Paul Cobb

Followed by refreshments.

How could you possibly miss all that!

This is a service **for all the family** and we really look forward to having lots of people come to celebrate Harvest Festival with us.

There will be a food collection for the Haven in Stevenage. They would welcome any of the following: breakfast cereals, coffee, tea, tinned soup, tinned tuna, tinned fruit, fresh or tinned vegetables.

The money collection will go to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal which this year is: bringing clean, safe water to communities in the Congo.

*Thank you Anne*

# Village Hall Photo Competition



How would you like to win £500 and double that for the Village Hall? Read on!

The Village Halls Podcast provides a listening community for Britain's village, church and community halls and anyone interested in the vital community services they provide. At least twice a month they release a new episode featuring different guests with interesting stories to share (and Benington was featured a few weeks ago.)

They are offering a generous prize fund for their **Wonderful Villages Photo Competition 2021**, and are interested in any photo taken in the UK that captures a sense of village life and community spirit. So get entering, and don't forget to nominate Benington Village Hall! (Please note, this is separate to our own Beautiful Benington calendar, and we still need your photos for that.)

Photos for the competition may be uploaded via <https://thevillagehallspodcast.com/photo-competition/>

*Thank you Fiona*



# BEAUTIFUL BENINGTON

CALENDAR 2022

Benington Village Hall is producing a fundraising calendar for 2022, and is looking for photo submissions. We would love to see your photographs of whatever best represents Benington or village life for you, and invite everyone, children and adults to take part. **The deadline is 24th October.**

Photos may be uploaded via this link- <https://bit.ly/PhotoShare>

You may place an order via this link- <https://bit.ly/CalendarOrder22>

The calendar will be £10, in aid of the Village Hall fund. If you prefer to submit your photos by email, or have any questions- [beautifulbenington@gmail.com](mailto:beautifulbenington@gmail.com)

*Thank you Fiona*





## **BENINGTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday 10 October 2021 at 10.30am**

Our service this Sunday will be a  
Hazel Beadle

The chapel continues to be safe in accordance with  
the Methodist Church guidelines

Everyone is welcome



## **St Peter's church is now open every day**

There is no legal requirement to wear a face covering but we warmly support their continued use and that of hand sanitiser (available at the entrance).



## **The News Sheet Needs You!!**

Please feel free to submit any news you think will be of interest to our village community to the Parish Office ([ubbw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk)).



# WILL YOU TAKE HIS CALL?

Could you do more to serve in God's church?

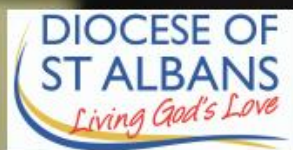
Saturday 13th November 2021

Come and join us at St James, Goff's Oak, EN7 6SR

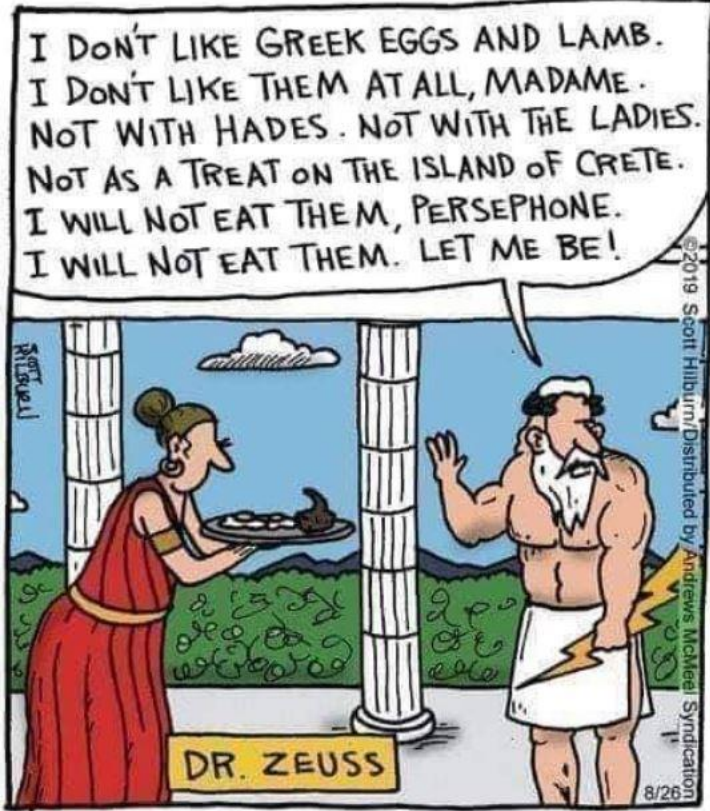
- Speakers Q&A
- Discussion Lunch

9.30am to 1.30pm

Please book via Eventbrite  
<https://willyoutakehiscall2021.eventbrite.co.uk>



# Funnies



## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Named requests for prayer will be included on the notice sheet for at least one month. If you would like a name to be included for our intercessions, please contact the Parish Office [ubbw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk) or 07407 630159 or Maggie Hawkins (359500) for Walkern or Rita Plumb (869731) for Benington. (Names from the prayer board in St Mary's Church will also be included in the intercessions in that church.) Prayer is regularly offered for all the sick and needy in our community.*

### FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Those who live in our villages:** This week we pray for all who live in Winters Lane, Walkern and Whempstead Road, Benington.

**We pray for those in our parishes or friends and family members who are housebound, unwell, receiving treatment or recovering from operations:**  
John and Miriam Hill, Chris Phillips and Mary Miller.

**We also remember those who have died and their families and friends:**  
Gill Sisson (Walkern), Angela Hickman (Walkern) and Mavis Edwards (Cottered).

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BENINGTON & WALKERN: CONTACT NUMBERS

#### MEMBERS OF ECUMENICAL MINISTRY TEAM

**Methodist:** Revd Malcolm Peacock (01462 646562), Mr Brian Burgess (237748),  
Mrs Brenda Davies (227293);

**URC:** Revd John Walker (01462-895481), Mrs Mary Miller (861289),  
Mrs Olga Ginn (861754);

**Roman Catholic:** Mrs Rita Healy (861098);

**St Peter and St Mary:** Revd Mark Bailey (01763 281052)  
Revd Norman Plumb (869731),

Mr Paul Cobb, *Reader* (869348), Mr Laurie Hawkins, *Reader* (359500),  
Mr Steve Mason, *Reader* (360847),

Mrs Jenny Cobb (869348), Mrs Rita Plumb (869731).

#### TO ARRANGE BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS OR FUNERALS, CONTACT:

**Church clergy:** United Reformed Church: Revd John Walker (01462 895481)

Benington Methodist Church: Revd Malcolm Peacock (01462 646562)

St Mary's and St Peter's: Revd Mark Bailey (01763 281052)

#### FOR OTHER PASTORAL HELP, CONTACT:

Benington Pastoral visiting team c/o Mrs Rita Plumb (869731)

Walkern Pastoral visiting team c/o Mrs Maggie Hawkins (359500)

St Peter's, Benington Churchwardens:

Mrs Christine Brown (869468)

St Mary's, Walkern Churchwardens:

Mrs Beverley Harlow (225365) & Mrs Maggie Hawkins (359500)

#### FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES, CONTACT:

Benington Methodist Steward: Mr Brian Burgess (237748)

Walkern URC Secretary: Mrs Olga Ginn (861754)

**Anglican Benefice Administrator:** Heather Ferguson (07407 630159):

**Tuesdays 10.30am–1.30pm & Thursdays 2.00pm–5.00pm** or [ubbw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk)