



Issue 78 – Sunday 17 October 2021

St PETER'S POST
(incorporating The METHODIST MERCURY)



NEWS



**Thought
for the week**



Joy

I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy.

I woke and I saw that life is all service.

I served and I saw that service is joy.

Kahlil Gibran

Thank you Heather



Benington & Walkern Church Services

Sunday 17 October: Trinity 20

St Peter's Benington	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Rev Mark Bailey
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St Mary's Walkern	9.30am	Communion	Rev Mark Bailey
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Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Holy Communion Churches Together in Benington	Rev Malcolm Peacock
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Walkern URC

Family Service

Cancelled

COLLECT



God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Farewell party for Norman & Rita

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

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'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

Please come and give them both a great send off.

Thank you Heather

Rita says...

Norman and I were humbled and surprised that we were to have a Farewell Party on October 30th in the Village Hall.

Several folk have asked me if it was just for St Peter's people and someone asked if it was for Benington folk only.

The answer to both questions is NO, it is for anyone and everyone we have called a friend over the last 22yrs.

My only sadness is that with a rubbish immune system and covid still around, I won't be able to give the hugs I would so like to do.

See you soon, Rita





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



Lovely Stuff



Good People News

26 September 2021

Back to work today, forgot my pass so locked bike outside Cannon Street station. Left work at 6pm to find just the cut lock and no bike, resigned to never seeing my trusty steed (sic) again, asked the station if they have cameras. A guy appeared waving at me, asked me to put the code into my cut lock. He replied "I have your bike" with a smile I will never forget!! His name is Abdul Muneeb and he works for South Eastern Railways, he was on a break and saw a guy bolt cut the lock and challenged him to give it back, he then took it inside and waited 4 hours after his shift finished to personally make sure I got my bike back. The world needs more Abdul's (sic), he is a legend of a man and a credit to his employer.

Credit: Steve Farmer

Thank you Heather



Children's corner

SATURDAY CLUB NEWS

It was great to be able to start Saturday Club again. 17 children turned up – all looking much taller than the last time we saw them!

As it was Harvest Festival weekend our Bible story was the parable of the Sower. We looked at the journey from a wheat seed to a loaf of bread and Paula told us about her visit to Cromer windmill. The children went on to make corn dollies, apple collages and a picture of the journey of the seed.

We always have the names of our Saturday Club family in the Children's Corner in church and this year Barbara helped the children to make a grape vine with our names on the leaves. Jesus said "I am the vine and you are the branches" and all our names are joined to the vine. Do have a look at it when you are next in church. We finished with an indoor picnic, singing and a game.



Picnic time!

FAMILY SERVICE



It was great to see lots of people at our Harvest Festival celebration on Sunday. Everyone was very generous and tins and packets of food, fresh fruit and vegetables lined the step up to the altar. After the service Colin took the food to 'Haven First' who help homeless people in Stevenage. Thank you Colin – and the people who helped take bags of food to his car! We also collected £162 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to provide safe, clean water for people in the Congo – something we take for granted in our country.

The children talked about and showed what they had made at Saturday Club, helped with reading and prayers and led the singing of 'Cauliflowers fluffy'. They were brilliant!

Paul Cobb impressed us all with the size of the carrots he had grown! He went on to talk to us about God's amazing secret code (DNA) which is inside each tiny seed so that it knows what it should grow into.

We finished with a Harvest blessing followed by drinks and biscuits.

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

Thank you Fiona



BENINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 17 October 2021 at 10.30am

Our service this Sunday will be a
Rev Malcolm Peacock

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).

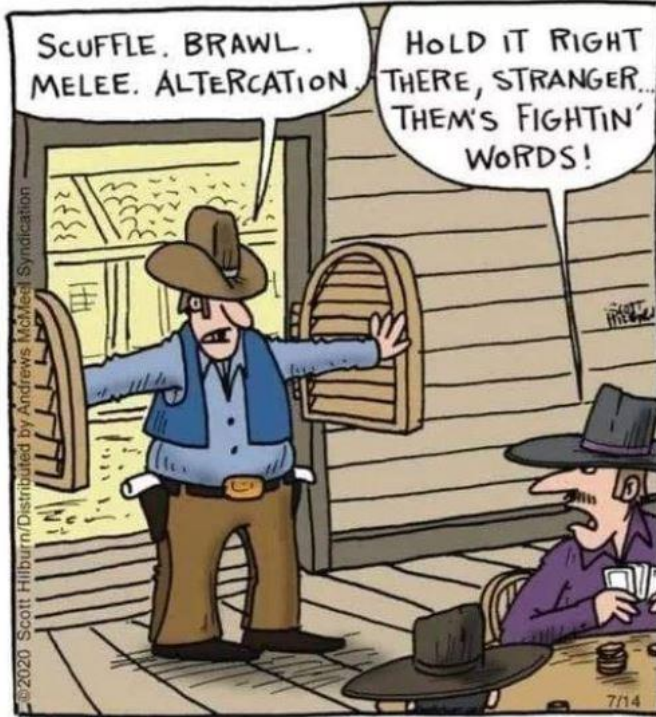


The News Sheet Needs You!!

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).



Funnies



I hate it
when I go
to the kitchen
to look for food
and all I find
are ingredients.

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 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 Wrights Meadow, Walkern and Benington Park, 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), Mavis Edwards (Cottered) and Dorothy Chester (Walkern).

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