

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS 1



COLLECT

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.



Benington & Walkern Church Services

Sunday 21 December: Christmas 1

St Mary's, Walkern	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Spirit, Throcking	Rev Mark Bailey
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St Peter's, Benington	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Spirit, Throcking	Rev Mark Bailey
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Benington Methodist Church	No service		
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United Reformed Church, Walkern	No service		
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Next Sunday 4 January: Christmas 2

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Family Service	Tom Nutley
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St Peter's, Benington	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Tom Nutley
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Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Annual Covenant Service	Rev Zdzisiu Hendzel
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Epiphany Service	Steve Mason

Funerals



Susan Louise Pettit	Wednesday 31 December	10.00am	Holy Trinity, Throcking
Angela Thody	Thursday 8 January	11.00am	St. John the Baptist, Cottered

Lunch Club: 22 January

£5 per head, pay on the day. We'll be offering:

Homemade Sausage Roll/Sandwich:

Egg & Cress, Ham & Tomato, Tinned Salmon & Cucumber

Soups: TBA



Sign up at Coffee Morning or contact: Heather Ferguson

01438 869 340 heatherjferguson@btinternet.com

For your diary: 2026 Lunch Club Dates: February 19; March 19; April 16; May 14; June 18; July 16; August 13; September 17; October 15; November 12; December 10.

THE BIG BREAKFAST

Celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
We invite you to join us for breakfast, prayer and a
short talk.

Guest speaker: Jane, Bishop of Hertford

At Benington Village Hall SG2 7LN

**SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY AT
8.30 A.M.**

Suggested donation on the door: £7.50



Please book in advance: Clare Wood:

cwood154@btinternet.com

Maggie Hawkins:

margaret15a@hotmail.com

Benington and Walkern Local Ecumenical Partnership

**St Peter's Benington, St Mary's Walkern, Benington Methodist Church,
United Reformed Church of Walkern**

Now located at the back of St Peter's church or at Clare Wood's house at 154 Town Lane, Benington.

We are very grateful to everyone who gives so generously to our Foodbank. Your help is very much appreciated and still badly needed. Any of the following products are in demand.

Tea	Rice - microwaveable	Tinned vegetables
Coffee	Cleaning and laundry products	Tinned soup
Milk	Children's snacks and drinks	Tinned fruit
Snacks	Toilet rolls	Tinned custard & rice pudding
Sugar	Tinned fish/ meat	Baked beans
Biscuits	Tinned tomatoes	Toiletries
Pasta	Sanitary products	Pasta sauce
Cereal		Washing up liquid
Pies		

Sorry - but we can't take items that are past their 'use by' date.

Beverley Harlow on 07881588662 or bevharlow16@gmail.com.



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FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those who live in our villages: This week we pray for all who live in Glebe View and Whitehill, Walkern and Braceys, Benington.

We pray for those in our parishes or friends and family members who are housebound, unwell, receiving treatment or recovering from operations:

Walkern: Nancy Bennett, Rachel Bennett, Laurie Hawkins, Ron Hollings, Deborah Lysak, Donna Smith and Katie Tysome.

We also remember those who have died and their families and friends:

Susan Louise Pettit (Throcking), Angela Thody (Cottered)

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 Maggie Hawkins (359500) for Walkern. (Names from the prayer board in St Mary's Church

Wedding, Funerals and Baptisms

If you need to arrange a baptism, funeral or wedding, please contact our Vicar: Rev Mark Bailey on mdbailey066@gmail.com 01763 281052.

St Mary's churchwardens are also available to help:

Maggie Hawkins: margaret15a@hotmail.com

(01438 359 500)

Beverley Harlow: bevharlow16@gmail.com

(01438 225 365)

St Mary's Safeguarding Officer: Beverley Harlow

Benington Methodist Church: Steward: Peter Davies (01438 227293)

United Reformed Church, Walkern: Secretary: Mrs Olga Ginn (01438 861754)