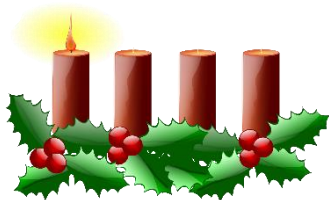


## SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER: ADVENT 1

### 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.



## Benington & Walkern Church Services

### Sunday 1 December: Advent 1

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Christingle	Rev Mark Bailey
St Peter's Benington	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship	David Latter
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Advent Sunday Service	Steve Mason

### Next Sunday 8 December: Advent 2

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Laurie Hawkins Maggie Hawkins
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion Churches Together in Benington	Rev Zdzisiu Hendzel
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Rev Stan Chatikobo

## Weddings



Peter Nicholas Papacostas  
and Sophia Alana Gentchev

Sunday  
1 December

2.00pm

St John the  
Baptist, Cottedred

## Baptisms



Ivy Rose Lapwood

Sunday  
8 December

2.00pm

St Peter's  
Benington

## Walkern & Benington Food Bank: St Mary's church in Walkern on Wednesday mornings 9.30-10.30.

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](mailto:bevharlow16@gmail.com).



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### Shirley Davey

We are sorry to announce the passing of Shirley Davey on Friday 15 November.

Our thoughts are with Janet, Pete and the family.

Funeral information will follow.

## Benington Primary School needs School Governors

It's a common misconception that only parents or guardians can be school governors when in fact anyone over the age of 18 with or without children is able to take part in this exciting opportunity!

We are looking for governors at Benington Primary School

This role gives you the opportunity to support young people, improve educational standards and give back to your local community. Becoming a school governor also makes you part of the largest body of volunteers in the country as there are currently over a quarter of a million volunteer governors across England!

A governor supports the management of the school in areas such as strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing to make sure that the school is working effectively. Governors set the aims and objectives for the school, monitor and evaluate performance, oversee financial management and ensure the head teacher and staff are following its vision and strategic direction. The diverse and varied nature of the role means that schools need governors who can bring a range of knowledge, skills and experiences into one team.

Please contact Anja Tyler at [head@benington.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@benington.herts.sch.uk) for more information.

*Thank you*

## Lunch Club: 12 December

Our December lunch will be the traditional Christmas lunch.

A very big thank you goes to everyone who will be helping to deliver this special lunch. It takes a lot of volunteers to set up tables, dress them, provide flowers, cook the lunch, serve it and clear up afterwards! We couldn't do it without you all.

Our fantastic butcher Trevor has continued to support us with wonderful meat for our lunches. Many thanks Trevor.



**Christmas Lunch is full! Look forward to seeing you all there.**

### Finance Fact: Diocesan Budget 2025

*The Parish Share receipts total for 2025 (combined figure from all parishes in the Diocese) is £13,072,000. The total cost to the Diocese of clergy, clergy housing, and curates is £17,817,000. The shortfall of £4,745,000 will be subsidised by income from investments and other sources.*

# Benington & Walkern Christmas Services



## St Peter's, Benington

**Wed 18 Dec** 2.00pm Benington School Christmas Service

**Fri 20 Dec** 6.30pm Christmas Carol Service

## Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December

4.00pm Crib Service

## Benington Methodist Church

**Sun 15 Dec** 10.30am Carol Service

## St Mary's, Walkern

**Sun 1 Dec** 9.30am Christingle

**Thur 19 Dec** 10.00am Walkern School Christmas Service

**Sun 22 Dec** 6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

## Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December

3.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist



## CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Communion 9.30am St Lawrence, Ardeley

11.00 am St John the Baptist, 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](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk) or 07407 630159 or Maggie Hawkins (359500) for Walkern. (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 Aubries, Walkern and Hebing End, Benington.

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

Katie Tysome (Walkern), Liesa Jernigan (Walkern), Katya (Walkern) and Jane Pitts (Walkern).

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

Shirley Davey (Benington), Esther Watts (Benington) and Jess Timlin (Walkern) *our sympathy is with all the family, especially Abi Van Wyk (her half-sister).*