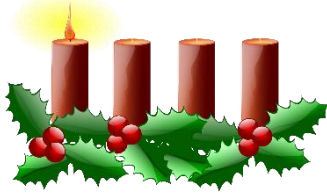




SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER: ADVENT 1

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.



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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, Cottedred

★ **ST MARY'S** ★

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

6th & 7th DECEMBER



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Friday
6th
6.30 -
8.30pm

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Saturday
7th
1.00 -
4.00pm

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Details from Miki on
07809 512365 or
aphillips@cix.co.uk

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Festive Stalls
Mulled wine & snacks
Carol singing @
7.30pm

Festive Stalls
Tea & mince pies
Prize giving @
3.45pm

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.

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. (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).*

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)

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

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