



**SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER:
ADVENT 2**

A warm welcome to all who worship with us today.

BENINGTON METHODISTS CHURCH

10.30am Morning Worship *Mr Frank Needham*

WALKERN & SANDON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

4.00pm Advent Praise *Mrs Christine Warren*

ST PETER'S, BENINGTON AND ST MARY'S, WALKERN

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) *Revd Canon Mike Leverton* **St Peter's**

9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Mary's**

Leading & Preaching: Mr Laurie Hawkins; Celebrating: Revd Canon Mike Leverton

11.00am Family Service *Revd Canon Mike Leverton* **St Peter's**

Bible readings at St Mary's & St Peter's from the following:

BCP Romans 15.4-13: Luke 21.25-33

CW Isaiah 40.1-11: Psalm 85.1-2, 8-end (or 85.8-end): 2 Peter 3.8-15a: Mark 1.1-8

COLLECT

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen

Please take the notice sheet home with you to pray for the people and events listed.

To join the regular email circulation list, please send your email address to ubbw@hotmail.co.uk.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon 11 th	10.00am	Chair Fitness Group: Walkern URC
	2.30pm	Chair Fitness Group: Benington Village Hall (Poppy Room)
Tue 12 th	9.30am	Place for Prayer: St Peter's Church
Weds 13 th	2.00pm	Knit & Craft Group: Benington Village Hall
	7.30pm	Choir Practice: St Mary's Church
Thurs 14 th	9am-12	Coffee Morning: Benington Village Hall
	10.00am	Coffee & 'Pause for Thought': Walkern URC
	10.30am	Ecumenical Communion: Walkern URC
	2.00pm	Benington School Christmas Service: St Peter's Church
Fri 15 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice: St Mary's Church

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER: ADVENT 3

BENINGTON METHODISTS CHURCH

3.00pm Churches Together in Benington Carol Service

Rev Steven Cooper



WALKERN & SANDON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

10.30am Family Carol Service

ST PETER'S, BENINGTON AND ST MARY'S, WALKERN

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) *Revd Canon Mike Leverton*

St Peter's

9.30am Parish Eucharist

St Mary's

Leading: Mr Steven Mason; Celebrating & Preaching: Revd Guy Bustard

6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

St Mary's

Revd Canon Mike Leverton

Bible readings at St Mary's & St Peter's from the following:

BCP 1 Corinthians 4.1-5: Matthew 11.2-10

CW Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end: Psalm 126 or Magnificat: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24: John 1.6-8, 19-28

THANK YOU...



to everybody who contributed to a very successful Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's. We raised £2006.80 (less expenses £1934)! It was a very enjoyable weekend; many people commented on the high standard of the trees (which can be seen on St Mary's Facebook page) and all the stalls were very successful.



MAKING SENSE OF ADVENT!

What have old clothes, a baby's feeding bottle and a broken wine bottle to do with Christmas?

To find out, spend 20 minutes in The Poppy Room (Benington Village Hall) on three Coffee Mornings leading up to Christmas.

Thursdays

The remaining dates are:
Thursday 14 December
Thursday 21 December

All sessions start at **10.30am**.

These reflections are intended for people of any faith or none.

Cost of admission:

an open heart and open mind!

See you there!



ST MARY'S CHURCH



A request, please, for **donations of mince pies**, (to Maggie Hawkins) for the **Carol Service next Sunday, 17th December.**

PLEASE DO REMEMBER TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE LISTS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AND SIGN UP WHERE YOU CAN HELP OR WANT TO TAKE PART IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES,

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES FOR 2017

December

Thu 14th	2.00pm	Benington School Christmas Service	St Peter's
Sun 17th	10.30am	Family Carol Service	Walkern URC
	3.00pm	Carol Service	Benington Methodist
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's
Mon 18th	10.00am	Walkern School Christmas Service	St Mary's
Fri 22nd	6.30pm	Christmas Carol Service	St Peter's
CHRISTMAS EVE, Sunday 24 December			
	3.00pm	Crib Service	St Mary's
	4.30pm	Crib Service	St Peter's
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	St Mary's
CHRISTMAS DAY, Monday 25 December			
	10.00am	Christmas Communion	St Peter's
Sun 31st	11.00am	Churches Together in Walkern & Benington Eucharist	St Peter's



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 Greenway, Walkern and High Elms Lane, Benington.

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

Jayne Roberts, David Bannister, The Penington Family, Ted Hayward.

We also remember those who have died and their families and friends especially Brian Warner and Hilda Sacre.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BENINGTON AND WALKERN CONTACT NUMBERS

MEMBERS OF ECUMENICAL MINISTRY TEAM

Methodist: Rev Steven Cooper (221678); 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 Canon Mike Leverton (01763 281218),
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: Benington Methodist Church: Rev Steven Cooper (221678)

United Reformed Church: Revd John Walker (01462 895481)

St Mary's and St Peter's: Revd Canon Mike Leverton (01763 281218)

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)

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES, CONTACT:

Benington Methodist Steward: Mr Brian Burgess (237748)

Walkern URC Secretary: Mrs Olga Ginn (861754)

Anglican Benefice Administrator: Mrs Jan Fewell (07407 630159):

Tuesdays ONLY 9.00am-3.15pm, **term-time**) or ubbw@hotmail.co.uk .

St Mary's church key available from: Mr Ron Hollings (861183)