



**SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER:
TRINITY 14**

The following is taken from a Twitter message from the Archbishop of Canterbury:

After contact with Government we hear that there is no change to guidance on places of worship. Worship is the work of God – not a social gathering – and gives the strength to love and serve.

In the light of these encouraging words, we want to reassure all our congregation and readers of the notice sheet that our services and planned future events will go ahead.

BENINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

10.30am **Morning Service** *Local arrangement*

WALKERN & SANDON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

NO SERVICE

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

9.30am **Service of the Word** *Morning Prayer (non-communion)* **St Mary's**

Leading: Maggie Hawkins

11.00am **Benefice Zoom Sunday Service**

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

Genesis 50.15-21/Romans 14.1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

COLLECT

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our
Lord. 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.

A prayer during vacancy

God our Father, at this time of change, send your Holy Spirit to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 15

BENINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

10.30am Morning Service TBA

WALKERN & SANDON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

NO SERVICE

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

9.30am Service of prayer and readings *Morning Prayer* St Mary's
(non-communion)

Leading: Steve Mason

11.00am Benefice Zoom Sunday Service

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

Jonah 3.10-end of ch.4/Philippians 1.21-end

Fundraising Coffee Morning



Our fundraising events for St Mary's got off to a great start this week with a Cake and Produce sale, including a coffee morning. Thanks go to all who contributed preserves, cakes, books and jigsaws and to everyone who came along to enjoy a cup of coffee with delicious cake/cheese muffins on a pleasant morning outside church. It really felt like we were getting back to church life

as we know it.

And the great news is: we had raised **£275.25!** As we all can appreciate, during lockdown we have been unable to raise funds for the life and work of the church and that has left us with considerable financial difficulties. This is a really good start to get us back on our feet again. We will be selling cakes, etc. after our 11 o'clock services in October, November and December, so please come and support us again!





2nd anniversary of the baptism of ISLA PYBUS. We send our good wishes to those Joshua, Keria and the whole family

Coffee Morning with Thought for the Day at URC



From Thursday 17th September, we will be meeting again to enjoy coffee and fellowship at the United Reformed Church from 10 a.m.



We will maintain social distancing and please ensure you bring a face mask.

Any enquiries to Maggie Hawkins, tel: 359500

Future Events

Sunday 4th October Harvest Festival: 11 a.m. (no 9.30 service)

Sunday 1st November All Souls Service: 11 a.m. (no 9.30 service)

Sunday 6th December Christingle: 11 a.m. (no 9.30 service)

After each of these services, we will have cakes, home-made produce and other gifts for sale to raise funds for St Mary's. Look out for publicity in the notice sheet and around the village.

September 27th (following communion service):

Annual Meeting of Parishioners, including election of churchwardens and PCC reports of the past year's events and plans for the future of St Mary's.

All parishioners and members of the Church Electoral Roll are invited.



Accounts Assistant 20 hours per week

We are looking for someone to join our small, friendly team at the Diocesan Office in St Albans. Responsibilities include data input, processing receipts and payments, nominal ledger posting and other clerical duties. Computer literacy, an eye for detail and ability to work to deadlines essential. Salary

£24,916 – 28,307 pro rata plus generous pension. Further details are available at

www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies

Closing date: 12 noon – 21st September 2020

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 Moors Ley, Walkern and Town Lane, Benington.

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

Bruce Standing, Colin Daly, Barbara and Eleanor Waldoock.

We also remember those who have died and their families and friends, especially Ilse Rashbrook, Alison Bulmer and Iain Nicholson.

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 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: Benefice Administrator ubbw@hotmail.co.uk

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) & Mrs Clare Wood (869674)

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 8.00am–11.00am & Thursdays 2.00pm–5.00pm or ubbw@hotmail.co.uk

St Mary's church key available from: Ron Hollings (861183) or
Stephen Gardner (861833)