



SUNDAY 15 APRIL : 3rd Sunday of Easter

A warm welcome to all who worship with us today.

BENINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

10.30am Churches Together in Benington Holy Communion

Revd Steven Cooper

WALKERN & SANDON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

10.30am Family 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: Mrs Maggie Hawkins; Celebrating & Preaching: Revd Canon Mike Leverton

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

BCP: 1 Peter 2.19-end: John 10.11-16

CW: Acts 3.12-19 [or Zephaniah 3.14-end]: Psalm 4: 1 John 3.1-7: Luke 24.36b-48

(Acts is used as the first or second reading preceding the Gospel)

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

THIS WEEK!

AMP & APCM MEETINGS 2018: **St Peters & St Mary's**

St Mary's, Walkern:

This year's meetings will be held on Tuesday 17th April, 7.30pm in St Mary's Church. At the first of the meetings will be the appointment of Churchwardens and a Deputy Warden for the coming year. At the second, immediately following meeting, PCC Members are elected, and reports are given by various Office holders and Revd Cannon Mike Leverton.

The electoral Roll is displayed at the back of St Mary's; if anyone sees anything that should be changed, or would like to be added to or removed from the Roll, please could they let Maggie Hawkins know as soon as possible.

St Peter's, Benington:

A very warm welcome is extended to all to come along to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday, 19 April in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. This is a good opportunity to hear what has been happening at St. Peter's during the year. There will also be elections for Churchwardens, PCC members and Sidespersons.

Refreshments will be served after; we look forward to seeing you.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon 16 th	10.00am	Chair Fitness Group: Walkern URC
	2.30pm	Chair Fitness Group: Benington Village Hall (Poppy Room)
Tue 17 th	9.30am	Place for Prayer: St Peter's Church
	7.30pm	AMP & APCM: St Mary's Church
Wed 18 th	2.00pm	Knit & Craft Group: Benington Village Hall
Thurs 19 th	9am-12	Coffee Morning: Benington Village Hall
	10.00am	Coffee & 'Pause for Thought': Walkern URC
	7.30pm	AMP & APCM: Benington Village Hall
Fri 20 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice: St Mary's Church

SUNDAY 22 APRIL : 4rd Sunday of Easter

BENINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

10.30am Morning Worship *Miss Kate Dickinson*

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*Acts 4. 5-12 [or Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13]; Psalm 23: 1 John 3.16-end;
John 10.11-18 (Acts is used as the first or second reading preceding the Gospel)*

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT

It's free!

- Advertise well in advance -
- Reach more people -

Why not use this space for your next Church event or
fundraiser?

Email the Parish Office by Monday evening with the
information and you can be reading it here next week!

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

Please Note: Due to school holidays, the **office is now closed, reopening 17 April.**

Thanks, *Jan*

ST MARY'S, WALKERN



The Pastoral Team would like to invite all members of the congregation to take part in a new scheme to maintain contact with the housebound and ill, both church members and village residents.

Each week someone would provide a small bunch of flowers to be placed in a vase at the front of the church (by the 'Mary' statue) which will be taken, along with a notice sheet, if appropriate, to a housebound person with an expression of our love and concern. This would not be an extended visit and ideally could be immediately after the service.

A separate Pastoral Flowers fund is to be set up to pay for these - although flowers from the garden might be just as suitable! A list of people to receive the flowers will be drawn up and, if we have a lot of volunteers, it might only be a couple of times a year that you would be involved. Suggestions for people to receive flowers would be welcomed and it will include those who are prayed for on Sundays.

More details will be given at the APCM. Please see Maggie Hawkins if you are interested.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018: ST MARY'S, WALKERN

To commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One in November, St Mary's has planned to create a display of poppies cascading down from the church tower. To achieve this, members of the congregation have begun knitting poppies to fill the display, but we would welcome help from those in the village of Walkern and, indeed, further afield who have the time and skill to make a poppy to contribute to the display.

We would also welcome donations of RED & BLACK wool (DK is preferred). For those of you who would like to knit poppies, the following easy pattern is what people have been using:

The Petals of the Poppy

- Cast on 60 stitches in red
 - Rows 1 – 10 K2 P2
 - Row 11 K2 tog across the row
 - Row 12 Slip 1 K2 tog pssso across the row
- Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull stitches tight. Join edges.

Centre of the Poppy

- Cast on eight stitches in black and knit eight rows
- Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread through the stitches then run a line of running stitches around the outside of the square and pull up to form a round
- Stitch the centre to the poppy.



For more help or information, please contact Pam Sayers. When you have completed your poppy, please leave the poppy at the church.

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 Cherry Tree Rise, Walkern and Three Stiles, 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, Sue Shirley, Revd John Walker, Ilse Rashbrook, Rev. Michael Banks and Hilary Mason.

We also remember those who have died and their families and friends especially Doreen Hayes and Peter Brown.

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)