

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER: TRINITY 18

COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

 Benington & Walkern Church Services			
Sunday 4 October: Trinity 18			
St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Family Service Harvest Festival	Rev. Mark Bailey
St Peter's, Benington	11.00am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival	Rev. Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	No service		
United Reformed Church, Walkern	10.30am	Sunday Worship	Steve Mason

Bible Readings: Isaiah 58.6-9, 2 Corinthians 9.6-11, Luke 12.15-21.

Thursday 8 October			
United Reformed Church, Walkern	10.30am	LEP Holy Communion	Rev. Mark Bailey

Next Sunday 11 October: Trinity 19			
St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Mike Leverton

Next Sunday 11 October: Trinity 19 – cont'd

St Peter's, Benington	No service		
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Shawal Spencer
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Revd Stan Chatikobo

Elizabeth Watchorn

The funeral of Elizabeth Watchorn will take place on **Friday 16th October** at 3.00pm at Hitchin Crematorium and afterwards at The Crown, Aston End. All her friends will be very welcome.



Lunch Club: 15 October

£7 per head, pay on the day. We'll be cooking:

**Sausage and mash with seasonal vegetables
followed by Bakewell Tart, cheese board, tea & coffee.**



Sign up by the preceding Thursday at Coffee Morning or contact Heather Ferguson:
01438 869 340 heatherjferguson@btinternet.com

For your diary: 2026 Lunch Club Dates: November 12; December 10.

On Friday Sept. 18th in preparation for his institution the following day as Bishop of St. Albans, Bishop Alan led an evensong at Redbourn St. Mary. The bell ringers rang to welcome him in. The following day Bishop Alan walked to the Abbey from Redbourn and while he was doing that walk those same ringers were ringing the bells of Cottered, Walkern, Benington, Watton at Stone and Datchworth.

What a lovely connection to our local parishes.

Welcome Bishop Andrew from some of your diocesan bell ringers.



Benefice Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who supports our food bank. We operate between 9.30 and 10.30 am on Wednesday mornings at St. Mary's, Walkern and are very grateful for donations of dried and tinned foods and toiletries. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend for support, coffee and a chat.

Please leave items at the back of St Peter's church or at Clare Wood's house at 154 Town Lane, Benington

Contact: Beverley Harlow 07881588662 bevharlow16@gmail.com

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those who live in our villages: This week we pray for all who live in Brockwell Shot, Walkern and Old School Green, Benington.

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

Walkern: Olena, Tania and Irina Daschenko, Revd Zdzisiu Hendzel, Jeremy Higgins, Brenda Piper, Katie Tysome, Paula Wines, Robyn and Eleanor Waldock.

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

Walkern: Ronald Harvey, Elizabeth Watchorn.

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 Maggie Hawkins (359500) for Walkern.
(Names from the prayer board in St Mary's Church)*

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)

St Mary's Safeguarding Officer: Beverley Harlow

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

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