



## SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER: 2ND BEFORE ADVENT

### COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Benington & Walkern Church Services

### Sunday 17 November: 2nd Before Advent

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Laurie Hawkins Maggie Hawkins
St Peter's Benington	11.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Rev Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Prayer	David Latter
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Sunday Worship	Rev Stan Chatikobo

### Next Sunday 24 November: Last Before Advent / Christ the King

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tom Nutley
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship	Jennifer Rogers
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Steve Mason

# Weddings



Peter Nicholas Papacostas  
and Sophia Alana Gentchev

Sunday  
1 December

2.00pm

St John the Baptist, Cotteder

## 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](mailto:bevharlow16@gmail.com).



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## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE – have your say

At Christmas, St Peter's Benington hold a Crib Service and St Mary's Walkern hold a Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve. St Mary's do not have a service on Christmas Day. Usually St Peter's hold a family-friendly service on Christmas morning but this year there is no Christmas morning service at St Peter's.

If a Christmas Morning service is wanted, the United Reformed Chapel in Walkern will have one, but it will be in response to demand. **Please contact Olga Ginn (01438 861 754; [olgaginn@btinternet.com](mailto:olgaginn@btinternet.com)) before 17th November to express your opinion.**



**Benington Village Hall**

**Thursday 21 Nov**

**9 to 11.30am**

**Christmas Crafts,  
Raffle, Cakes and  
Preserves**

## **Lunch Club: 12 December**

Our December lunch will be the traditional Christmas lunch we all know and love with roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, chipolatas, seasonal vegetables and gravy followed by Christmas pudding and custard.

A very big thank you goes to everyone who will be helping to deliver this special lunch. It takes a lot of volunteers to set up tables, dress them, provide flowers, cook the lunch, serve it and clear up afterwards! We couldn't do it without you all.

Our fantastic butcher Trevor has continued to support us with wonderful meat for our lunches. Many thanks Trevor.

**Heather**

**For your diary: 2025 Lunch Club Dates:**

January 16; February 20; March 20; April 17;  
May 15; June 19; July 17; August 14; September 18  
October 16; November 13; December 11.

**Sign up at Coffee Morning or contact:**

Heather Ferguson

01438 869 340 [heatherjferguson@btinternet.com](mailto:heatherjferguson@btinternet.com)



**Booking for the Christmas Lunch closes on  
Thursday 5 December  
so make sure you put your name down.**

# Calling all singers!

Would you like to join the choir for the **Christmas Carol Service** in St. Peter's on **Friday December 20th**?

We'll have one evening rehearsal in the week of the Carol Service. The choir is an informal one and is open anyone from the village.

Contact Harry on 07775 867 995 or [chabott52@gmail.com](mailto:chabott52@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto: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 Wrights Meadow, Walkern and Duck Lane, 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) and Katya (Walkern).

**We also remember those who have died and their families and friends:** Robert Charles (Cottered) and Rosemary Ellen Riecker (Cottered).

### 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](mailto:mdbailey066@gmail.com) 01763 281052.

St Mary's churchwardens are also available to help:

Maggie Hawkins: [margaret15a@hotmail.com](mailto:margaret15a@hotmail.com) (01438 359 500)

Beverly Harlow: [bevharlow16@gmail.com](mailto:bevharlow16@gmail.com) (01438 225 365)

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

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