



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.



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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE – have your say

At Christmas, St Mary's Walkern hold a Crib Service and a Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve, but do not have a service on Christmas Day. Usually, St Peter's Benington hold a family-friendly service on Christmas morning but this year they will not.

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) before 17th November to express your opinion.**

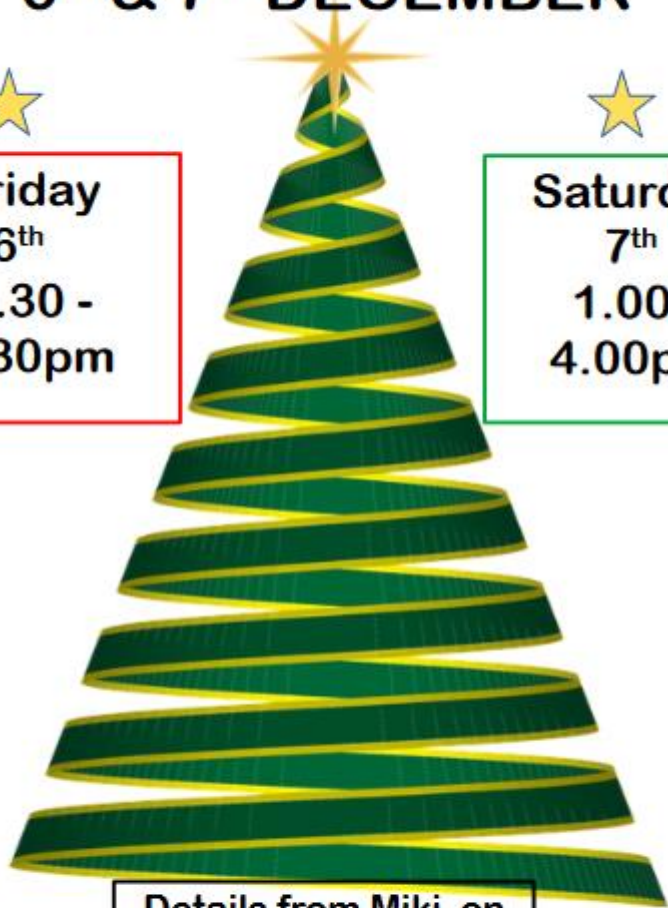
★ **ST MARY'S** ★
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
6th & 7th DECEMBER



Friday
6th
6.30 -
8.30pm



Saturday
7th
1.00 -
4.00pm



Details from Miki on
07809 512365 or
aphillips@cix.co.uk



Festive Stalls
Mulled wine & snacks
Carol singing @
7.30pm

Festive Stalls
Tea & mince pies
Prize giving @
3.45pm

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. (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 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)

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

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