

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY: EPIPHANY 3



COLLECT

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.



Benington & Walkern Church Services

Sunday 19 January: Epiphany 3

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Mike Leverton
St Peter's, Benington	11.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Rev Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Rev Chandrika Perera
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Sea Sunday Service	Steve Mason

Thursday 23 January

United Reformed Church, Walkern	10.30am	LEP Communion	Rev Zdzisiu Hendzel
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Next Sunday 26 January: Epiphany 4

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Andy Searle
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Rev Stan Chatikobo

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.



Supported by a grant from East Herts Council

This week is the National Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

As a Local Ecumenical Partnership with the United Reformed Church in Walkern and Benington Methodist Church, we share in worship together this week:

18 th January	8.30am
Big Breakfast	Benington Village Hall
23 rd January	10.30am
Communion	URC church Walkern



Can you help?

Walkern Hall Snowdrops

**Refreshments in aid of St Mary's
Gardens open 1st/2nd Feb. 12-4 pm
Please see Liz Morgan for details**



Snowdrop Concerts 2025

**Sundays at
St Peter's Church,
Benington**

Concerts start at 2.30pm
(*& each lasts 45mins*)



2nd February

Six on Sax

9th February

Gamay Ensemble

16th February

Da Capo Brass

23rd February

Wild Rose Trio

Free Concert Admission
with Retiring Collection
in aid of the Church

***Come for the day:
visit the Lordship Gardens and
have lunch, tea and home-made cakes
at the Village Hall***

A small illustration of a snowdrop plant with three leaves and two bell-shaped flowers hanging down.

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURES

Travellers from Stevenage to Walkern are advised that Fairlands Road will be subject to closures from the beginning of February on various dates. An alternative route would be to drive along Martins Way and Gresley Way to the Walkern roundabout. Hopefully more detailed notices will be posted nearer the time.



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 Cherry Tree Rise, Walkern and Whempstead Road, 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), Jane Pitts (Walkern), Jan and Chris Phillips (Walkern), Tony and Sybil Baker (Benington) and Jennifer Newton (Benington).

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

Leon Snell (Cottered) and Pauline Morgan (Walkern).

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)