

**SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER: TRINITY 17****COLLECT**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**Benington & Walkern  
Church Services****Sunday 12 October: Trinity 17**

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tom Nutley
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Zdzislu Hendzel
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Julian Prayer	Steve Mason

**Next Sunday 19 October: Trinity 18**

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Communion	Rev Mark Bailey
St Peter's, Benington	11.00am	Communion	Rev Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Emmanuel Onabango
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Sunday Worship	Steve Mason

## 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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**Quiet Space:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2 – 4pm  
Steve Mason, United Reformed Church, Walkern.

## CHURCH and CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9-12 a.m.**

Please come along and help to keep our churchyard and church looking lovely!

If you can bring your own garden tools (rake/fork/secateurs etc.) that will help.

Jobs for all ranges of ability!

Refreshments provided 😊





## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Your very generous donations to our Harvest Supper and Harvest Lunch have raised **£350** and the offering at our Harvest Festival raised **£66.50!**

At the Harvest Supper, to celebrate the links of all the clergy with Southern Africa, we were all treated to delicious dishes from South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The money will go to Mission Direct for educational support in schools in Zambia and Uganda (this year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal).

Thank you, too, for the many Harvest gifts for St Mary's Food Bank.

# Scarecrow Competition, Plant-a-thon & Pop-Up Cafe

Create your  
childhood hero  
as a Scarecrow

Display it  
outside your  
house from  
**Saturday  
11 October**

Contact Karen Hopson  
(07761 956812) or  
Jess Williams  
(07792 544498)  
for further info!



**Plant-a-thon and  
Pop-Up Cafe**

**Saturday 18 October  
Kelshall Village Hall  
11am - 3pm**

Collect your bulbs  
for planting to create  
a bright and colourful  
village in the Spring

**Enjoy delicious treats  
at the Cafe**

Scarecrow competition  
winner and runner up  
prizegiving ceremony at 3pm

## FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We continue to ask for your prayers as we undertake the process of selecting a new Bishop of St Albans. The Crown Nominations Committee will meet at the start of December to shortlist candidates. Please especially remember in prayer the six St Albans Diocese CNC members, who will be commissioned during Evensong at the Cathedral at 5pm on Monday 20 October.

### Please join us in praying:

*Generous God, we pray for our Diocese of St Albans.*

*As we take this journey of discernment for our new bishop, open our hearts and minds to hear the wisdom of your Spirit.*

*Be with those who sense a call to this ministry, with those discerning the appointment, and with all those leading and serving us at this time.*

*In this shared discernment, and always, draw us deeper into your love, that we may live it with joy and courage for your world, in the name, and for the sake, of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Those who live in our villages:** This week we pray for all who live in Aubries, Walkern and Goodey Meade, Benington.

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

**Walkern:** Nancy Bennett, Laurie Hawkins, Ron Hollings, Jane Pitts, Donna Smith, Mary Smith, Katie Tysome, Adrian Vickers; **Benington:** Tony Williams.

**We also remember those who have died and their families and friends:**  
Krishna Kumar (Walkern).

## 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 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](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)

Beverley Harlow: [bevharlow16@gmail.com](mailto: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)