

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER: TRINITY 20

COLLECT

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

 Benington & Walkern Church Services			
Sunday 18 October: Trinity 20			
St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Mark Bailey
St Peter's, Benington	11.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Rev. Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Zdzisław Hendzel
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Julian Prayer	Steve Mason

Bible Readings: Isaiah 45.1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22.

Next Sunday 25 October: Trinity 21			
St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Laurie Hawkins
St Peter's, Benington	No service		
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev. Emmanuel Onabango

Next Sunday 18 October: Trinity 20 – cont'd

United Reformed
Church, Walkern

3.00pm

Sunday Worship

Steve Mason

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.



All Souls Service – a time to remember - Sunday 1st November 3 p.m.



The service at St Mary's, Walkern on November 1st is when we remember those who have died recently. In particular, we name all those whose funeral service has taken place at St Mary's, Walkern or St Peter's, Benington in the past three years; if your family has been involved, you will receive an invitation soon.

The service is a time of quiet reflection, which allows us to find peace and comfort in words of hope and prayer and, if you wish, to light a candle in memory of a special person.

But it is not just for people whose funeral was at St Mary's or St Peter's. It is intended for anyone who wishes to remember a loved family member or friend. If you would like someone to be named at the service, please let us know before Friday 30th October

You can either contact Revd. Mark Bailey: 01763 281052 / Maggie Hawkins 07751091618 or leave a note in the church (or church porch when it is locked).

Lunch Club: 12 November

£5 per head, pay on the day. We'll be offering:

Homemade Sausage Roll/ Sandwiches:

Egg & Cress, Ham & Tomato, Tinned Salmon & Cucumber

Soups: TBA

Sign up at Coffee Morning or contact Heather Ferguson:

01438 869 340 heatherjferguson@btinternet.com

For your diary: 2026 Lunch Club Dates: December 10.



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 Clay End, Walkern and Town Lane, 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, Paul Godley, Revd Zdzisiu Hendzel, Jon Keep, Marian Smith, Katie Tysome, Paula Wines, Robyn and Eleanor Waldock.

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

Walkern: Ronald Harvey, Jeremy Higgins, Elizabeth Watchorn.

Benington: Susan Wilson-Stevens

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)