



**SUNDAY 26 APRIL: EASTER 4**

**COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.



**Benington & Walkern  
Church Services**

**Sunday 26 April: Easter 4**

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Mike Leverton
St Peter's, Benington	No service		
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship	Revd Emmanuel Onabango
United Reformed Church, Walkern	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Revd Stan Chatikobo

**Next Sunday 3 May: Easter 5**

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Family Communion	Revd Canon Mike Leverton
St Peter's, Benington	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Tom Nutley
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christine Warren
United Reformed Church, Walkern	No service		

# Daffodil Teas at Walkern Hall

The Daffodil Teas saw **233** guests join us for tea/soup & delicious homemade cakes.

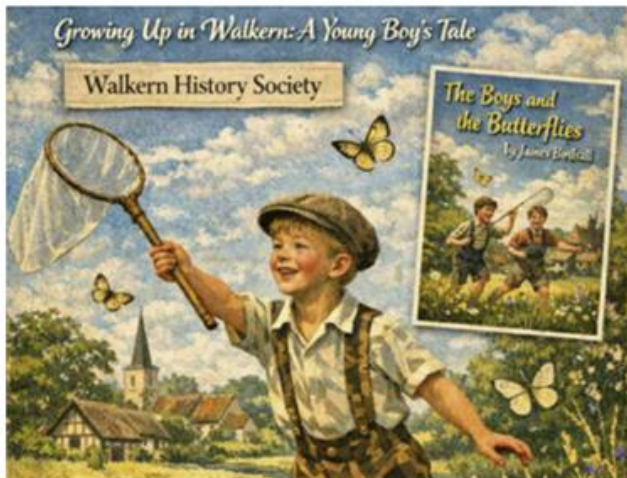
This raised **£1,176.50** for St. Mary's. This is a great help and contribution to our on-going expenses.

A big thank you to all who helped and baked.

## *Walkern History Society presents...*

*An evening with Patrick Birdsall - Growing up in Walkern*

*Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm at the Walkern Sports & Social Club*



*Visitors welcome £3.00 - tea, coffee & biscuits included*

### Memorial for Revd John Walker

As you will probably remember Revd John Walker, who had a lifetime connection with the old Chapel and Burial Ground in Redhill, wished to be buried in there but it was decided that this was not possible and he was buried in the churchyard in Sandon.

Following agreement that a proper memorial was needed, a bench with a plaque and a memorial stone has been installed at Redhill. These will be dedicated by Revd Tony Ruffell on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**.

All friends are welcome to attend but as access is difficult and parking very limited at Redhill, we will be starting from the Cricket Pavilion at Roe Green, Sandon and walking through the fields to Redhill for the dedication, a distance of around 1 mile. Some transport has been arranged for those unable to walk. We will then return to Roe Green for afternoon tea in the pavilion.

Please let Olga Ginn know if you would like to attend, even if it's only for the get-together at the end and she will let you know the travel arrangements. As it would have been John's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 2<sup>nd</sup> May this seems a great way to meet up to remember him.

Olga Ginn - 01438 861754 - Walkern & Sandon United Reformed Church.

### Renewal of St Mary's Electoral Roll

St Mary's electoral roll will be revised during April, commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> April, and the final roll will be published on 30<sup>th</sup> April on the church noticeboards.

Anyone who is over 16 and has been a regular attendee at St Mary's for at least 6 months can join the roll and can then vote at our Annual Parochial General Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.



Forms to apply to join the roll will be available at the back of the church. For any queries please contact Maggie Hawkins at [margaret15a@hotmail.com](mailto:margaret15a@hotmail.com) or Miki Phillips at [aphillips@cix.co.uk](mailto:aphillips@cix.co.uk)

### 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.

Contact: Beverley Harlow 07881588662 [bevharlow16@gmail.com](mailto:bevharlow16@gmail.com)



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## FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Those who live in our villages:** This week we pray for all who live in Boxwood, Walkern and Braceys, 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, Revd. Stan Chatikobo, Paul Collis, Olena Dashenko, Revd. Zdzisiu Hendzel, Anne Higgins, Deborah Lysak, Donna Smith and Katie Tysome.

## 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)