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SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER: ADVENT 1

COLLECT

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Benington & Walkern Church Services

Sunday 29 November: Advent 1

St Mary's, Walkern	**Benefice Communion at St Peter's, Benington**		
St Peter's, Benington	**10.00am**	Benefice Holy Communion	Rev'd Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship	Revd. Emmanuel Onabango
United Reformed Church, Walkern	10.30am	Joint service with Stevenage URC	Steve Mason

Bible Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-37.

Next Sunday 6 December: Advent 2

St Mary's, Walkern	9.30am	Christingle	Rev'd Mark Bailey
St Peter's, Benington	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Mark Bailey
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Nicholas Young

Next Sunday 6 December: Advent 2 – cont'd

United Reformed Church, Walkern	10.30am	Advent Service	Steve Mason

Lunch Club: 10 December

We'll be cooking a full **Christmas Dinner - turkey, stuffing, roasties, sprouts etc followed by Christmas Pudding and custard.**



£7 per head, pay by the end of November.

Our 60 places are fully booked, but it you want to add your name to the waiting list in case we have cancellations, please contact:

Heather Ferguson: 01438 869 340 heatherjferguson@btinternet.com

A very big thank you goes to everyone who will be helping to deliver this special lunch. It takes a lot of volunteers to set up tables, dress them, provide flowers, cook the lunch, serve it and clear up afterwards! We couldn't do it without you all.

Despite challenges local businesses are facing, our fantastic butcher Trevor has continued to support us with wonderful meat for our lunches. Many thanks Trevor.

For your diary: 2027 Lunch Club Dates: January 21; February 18; March 18; April 15; May 20; June 17; July 15; August 19; September 16; October 14; November 11; December 9.



Carols & Readings by Candlelight

with

The Brocket Consort

St Peter's Church, Benington

Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm

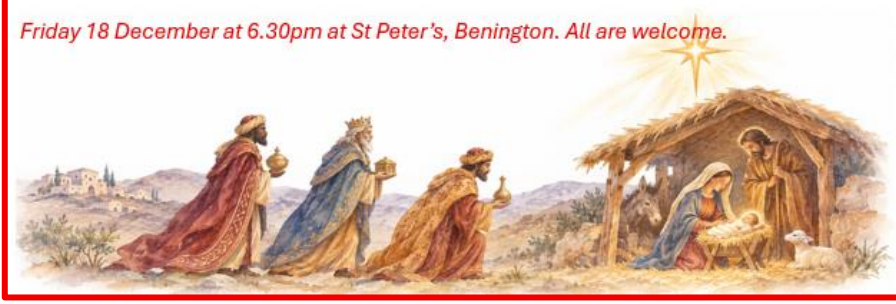
Tickets (£19)(which normally sell out), or donations, are available online

www.tickettailor.com/events/brocketconsort/2354174

or by SAE sent to The Brocket Consort, Cutting Hill Farm, Benington SG2 7DJ.

Benington Carol Service

Friday 18 December at 6.30pm at St Peter's, Benington. All are welcome.



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

Supported by a grant from East Herts Council

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those who live in our villages: This week we pray for all who live in The Maltings, Walkern and Burns Green, 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, Colin Dowler, Revd Zdzisiu Hendzel, Jon Keep, Lorraine Reeves, Marian Smith, Katie Tysome, Paula Wines, Eleanor Waldock and Steven Wood.

Benington: Tony Nolan.

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)