



# The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 12th November 2023  
Remembrance Sunday  
Staying in Contact

The Very Revd Rod Reid - Incumbent (*usual rest day Monday*)

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## Forthcoming Services

## Hymns

### **St Mary's, Bocking**

Sunday 12th November	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass
	10.50am	An Act of Remembrance
Wednesday 15th November	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday 19th November	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass

See

*special*

*hymn sheet*

### **Panfield Church**

Sunday 12th November	10.55am	Remembrance Service
Tuesday 14th November	5pm	Evening Prayer/Office Hour
Sunday 19th November	6pm	Evensong

## Gospel Acclamation

*I am the Resurrection and the life,  
says the Lord, whoever believes in  
me will have eternal life.*

## NOTICES

**Funerals** - At St Mary's we have been very saddened to hear of the deaths of congregation members in these last few weeks. Peter Hopkin's funeral will be **Thursday November 16th 11.30am in church.**

**OCC Shoebox Appeal** - Thank you to everyone who donated to the Appeal this year. There were 227 knitted items, a good selection of stationery items, art and crafts, toiletries and hair bits. They have been collected and will be taken to Coventry to go into the boxes and then onto Ukraine, Bosnia, as well as countries in Africa and the Middle East. A good effort, well done—*Pamela*.

**Christmas Tree Festival** - It all starts in 4 weeks on Saturday 9th December with our Christmas Market event, which means now is the time to get your 'Pound Presents' in to Ann Lanham. We are also looking for items for the 'Tombola'. Instead of a prize draw there will a couple of wonderful hampers, details on what is need for those are at the back of the church. The team on refreshments will also be in need of your support, a list of items needed will be available soon.

**Archdeacon Kate** - We are really pleased to say that Archdeacon Kate will be leading a Benefice service at St Mary's Bocking on Sunday 26th November at 10am. She will also be collating Revd Rod as Rector of the Benefice. A great opportunity to share all that we are up to, so please don't miss it.

**Fellowship** - The next meeting will be THIS THURSDAY, 12.30pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be Pat South talking about her 'Flower Adventures'. All welcome.

**Panfield Autumn Lunch** - on Saturday 18th November we are hosting an Autumn Lunch. Join us for a Jacket Potato lunch with a variety of fillings. To follow there will be a selection of desserts, tea & coffee, and a raffle! Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for children aged 10 and under. Spaces limited to 40, so please contact Bridget (01376 328907) or Sara (01376 321045) to book your tickets now.

**Friendly Friday Cafe** - is now underway and will run each Friday until December 15th. Sessions start at 12noon and run until 3pm in the Hall. All are very welcome, why not pop down and bring a friend too.

**Prayers** - We keep in our prayers Betty Bloomfield, Gemma Howe, Julie Wilkinson, Barry and Janice Goody, Ron Cole, Jean Goodwin, Sue, Roger, Frances, Jo Meech, Tony & Ann and Margaret Everitt. We remember our care homes Millard House, Fern Lodge, Aspen Grange, Larchwood, The New Deanery & St Mary's Court. In our Years Mind, we pray for the families of Daniel Smith, Ron Salmon, Bernard Hold away, Margaret Beynon, Iris Alen, Peter White, Joan Lanham, Brian Wilmer and Thomas Henry Morton.

### The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Ever-living God,  
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***Epistle Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end***

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### ***Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:1-13***

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.