



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 15th October 2023
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
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 15th October

8am Said Mass
10am Sung Mass

479

424

Wednesday 18th October

9.30am Said Mass

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Sunday 22nd October

8am Said Mass
10am Sung Mass

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Panfield Church

Sunday 15th October

6pm BCP Evensong

Tuesday 17th October

5pm Evening Prayer/Office Hour

Sunday 22nd October

11am Holy Communion

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise be the Lord who gives us
strength, who shows his love to all
who chose him*

NOTICES

Funerals - At St Mary's we were very saddened to hear of the death of Peter Smith, a bellringer here for many years, his funeral will be **Friday 27th October 1.30pm in church**. In Panfield, we wanted to let you know that Chris Halls' funeral will be **Weds 25th October at 11am in Panfield Church**.

Stepping Stones - The next session will be **Tues 17th October** from **6.30 to 7.30pm** in the church with a final session on **Monday Oct 23rd**, please note the new date! The theme will be the relationship between church and the community, looking at the issues we face today, and the challenges they present.

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.

Local wildlife walk - TODAY there will be a wildlife walk starting at, and returning to St Mary's. We are meeting by the Church Hall at 11.45am. Jacqui Hogger, one of our Eco Church leaders will be guiding us. This is open to anyone, either as an individual, or with family and friends.

Fellowship - The next meeting is Thurs October 19th. We meet in the Church Hall at 12.30pm with lunch followed by our speakers, who are Mary and Graham Brace talking about their travels to Tanzania

Quarterly Newsletter - The Autumn Issue is here and it would be fantastic to get copies out across the Parish. If you are able to deliver to your road or other local roads please take enough to do so and sign the sheet at the back so that we know what road/roads are covered. Thank you.

OCC Shoebox Appeal - If you have any knitted items, stationery, toiletries (no creams/liquids) could you please bring them in by the end of October, thank you. *Pamela Gibson*

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Darren Hodges, Gemma Howe, Julie Wilkinson, Barry and Janice Goody, Ron Cole, Peter Hopkins, 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 Cyril Finch, Gerry Howe, Emma Shorter, Joan Percival, Frank Hurry, John King, Kate Farthing, Peter King, Aubrey How, and Kenneth Wilkinson

The Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you, we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets & gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand & foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping & gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you,
not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.