



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 20th August 2023
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Staying in Contact

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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday 20th August	8am/10am	Said Mass/Morning Prayer
Wednesday 23rd August	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday 27th August	8am/10am	Said Mass/Sung Mass

See
*special
booklet*

Panfield Church

Sunday 20th August	6pm	BCP Evensong
Tuesday 22nd August	5pm	Evening Prayer/Office Hour
Sunday 27th August	11am	Holy Communion

NOTICES

Placement - We are thrilled to welcome Helen Sherfield to the Benefice this month. Some of you met Helen at the BBQ recently, but you will have plenty of opportunities to come as she leads and preaches at some of our services across both churches. Helen is training to be a Lay Reader and I know we can support her throughout her placement with us, and make her very welcome indeed.

Heritage Open Weekend - Both churches will be marking the Heritage Open Days next month. St Mary's will be open with events running on **Saturday September 16th 10-4pm**. Panfield Church will be open on **Sunday September 17th from 2pm to 5pm** with a Songs of Praise service to close. More details on events at both churches will follow in due course but please save the date.

Local wildlife walk - A huge thank you to all those who joined us recently for our first wildlife walk around the parish. We had 25 people join in which is great, and certainly something to build on. We are hoping to get in another Wildlife Walk this year, probably in October. More to follow.

Childrens' Society - It is that time already, please can those with donation boxes return them to Caron Francis over the coming weeks. Thank you.

June Blackwood's Funeral - As announced a little time ago, June recently passed away peacefully in Broomfield Hospital. Her funeral will take place in church at 11am on Tuesday 29th August. Please do join us as we celebrate and give thanks for June's life, and the mark she left on each of us.

Friendly Friday Cafe - The Summer Sessions have now come to an end. They will re-start on Friday October 6th after those involved have had a well earned break.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Ron Cole, Peter Hopkins, Jean Goodwin, Sue, Roger, Frances, Jo, Tony & Ann, David Denny, 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 Matilda Willshire, Jeanette Milton, Kath Jobson, Gilbert Farley, Violet Brace, John Dykes, Peter Challis, George Alen and Kevin Chapman.

The Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God,
you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 - Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.