



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church

Sunday 26th November 2023

Christ the King

Staying in Contact



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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday 26th November	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Holy Communion with the Induction of Revd Rod, by Archdeacon Kate
Wednesday 29th November	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday 3rd December	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass

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Panfield Church

Sunday 26th November	*** No service - all at St Mary's ***	
Tuesday 28th November	5pm	Evening Prayer/Office Hour
Sunday 3rd December	11am	Holy Communion

Gospel Acclamation

*Great and wonderful are your
deeds, O Lord God the almighty,
just and true are your ways,
O king of the ages.*

NOTICES

Christmas Tree Festival - It all starts in 2 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.

Christmas Concert - On Saturday 2nd December at 7pm there will be a Christmas Concert with Bocking Brass Band in St Mary's, Bocking. This is a free event with a retiring collection, so bring your friends and neighbours for a fabulous festive evening. We are really pleased to also have a number of children from the local school join us for what will be a great concert.

Christmas Postcards - The postcards with all our Christmas Services are back from the printers. We are hoping to get them delivered across the parish. If you can help then please see Fr Rod.

Carols around the Tree - At St Mary's on Sunday 3rd Dec at 3pm there will be carols around the tree led by local brass players. We will also 'switch on' our outdoor Christmas Tree. All welcome.

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 Inge Platt, William Piper, Geoffrey Day, Paul Westgarth, Winifred Cotton, Anne Appleton, Kate Utton, Harry Eeles, Ivy Reeve, Constance Warburton, Adam Zulewski, and Frank Udall.

The Collect for the Feast of Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 1:15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:31-end

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.