



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 27th November 2022
Advent Sunday
Staying in Contact

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Forthcoming Services

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday 27th November	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass
Wednesday 30th November	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday 4th December	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass

Panfield Church

Sunday 27th November	11am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 29th November	5pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 4th December	11am	Morning Worship

Hymns

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Gospel Acclamation

*Let us see your mercy O Lord,
and grant us your salvation*

NOTICES

Thank you! - The recent Bring and Buy sale raised over £125 with the raffle monies to be added too. Thank you to all those who put the event together, and for all your support in making it such a success.

Christmas Tree Festival - It is 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 be some hampers, details on what is needed for those are at the back of the church, where you will also find the items needed for the refreshments.

Rock Choir concert - A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser for the Church Spire Fund at Panfield. We are thrilled to say the profit raised from the concert came to £1,134.20!

Bocking Calendars - We have a few of the brand new for 2023, Bocking Calendars with photos taken by local photographers. If you would like a copy please speak to Fr Rod. The cost is just £10.

Advent Course - The course will run for 3 evenings on Tuesdays Nov 29th, Dec 6th & Dec 20th from 7pm to 8.15pm, venue to be confirmed. The course is entitled 'Spend, Spend, Spend: keeping Advent and preparing for Christmas in a consumer society.' A signup sheet is at the back of the church.

Open House, A Warm Place this Winter - From THIS FRIDAY to Friday March 10th we will be opening St Mary's Church Hall from 11.30am to 2pm as a warm place. These are challenging times as individuals and communities, and so we must pull together. Along with a warm space, there will be refreshments throughout and a simple soup lunch, all of which will be free, and open to everyone.

Going Green! - In partnership with A Rocha, an environmental charity, we are hoping to work towards the various awards associated with being an Eco-Church. There will be opportunities for all to get involved as we progress, including for our younger ones. Watch this space for more details.

Christmas Tree Festival - The Festival will run Dec 10th to 13th with performances, raffle, tombola, pound presents, refreshments and lots of in-house stalls on SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER, when Father Christmas may even put an appearance. Posters and leaflets are available at the back of the church.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Jean Goodwin, Sue, Jackie, Roger Hurford, Frances, Margaret, Peter, Jenifer, Jo, Bernard, and Margaret Everitt. We also 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 William Piper, Geoffrey Day, Pauline Westgarth, Winifred Cotton, Anne Appleton, Kate Utton, Harry Eeles, Ivy Reeve, Constance Warburton and Frank Udall.

The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 24:36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service
and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.