

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday 8.00am - Short service of Holy Communion

Sunday 10.00am - Main service of Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee

Wednesday 9.30am - Short service of Holy Communion

Junior Church - the next sessions are **October 15th** and **November 19th**

*Aimed at children aged 11 and under, we meet in the Church Hall at 9.45am
and then join the service about 10.45am*

Don't forget - The Church is open everyday from 9.00am - 5.00pm

Contact Revd Rod for more information on weddings and christenings

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We meet on the 'third' Thursday of each month in
St Mary's Church Hall at 12.30pm.

There is a simple lunch followed by a speaker, cost £5 and open to everyone.

October 19th - Andy Malcolm 'The True Price of Fish & Chips'

November 16th - Pat South 'Flower Adventures' and then our final session
of the year 'Christmas Celebrations', on December 21st.



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH BOCKING PARISH NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN ISSUE

What to look out for in this issue...

Our Eco-Church - Bronze Award

Friendly Friday Café - October 6th

Heritage Open Day

Wildlife Walk

Our partnership with Bocking Theatre Club

And finally... some forthcoming dates for your diary



OCTOBER 2023

What a fantastic response to our first few Quarterly Newsletters, thank you for your encouragement and feedback. In this issue you'll find plenty of information on our forthcoming events and some of our ongoing projects. Extra copies of this issue are in the church, and you can also find it on our website, link below.

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NEWS

FRIENDLY FRIDAY CAFE

After the great success of our Warm Space Café that started last Winter, and the subsequent sessions earlier this year, we are thrilled to announce that the Friendly Friday Café will re-open on **Friday October 6th**. We meet in St Mary's Church Hall and will be open from 12-3pm every Friday until Christmas. Come and enjoy a light meal, a slice of cake and refreshments too. There is no cost, so why not pop down and bring a friend or neighbour too. As the days begin to get colder we can easily become isolated, so we also hope this café can be a place to meet others and find some much needed company.



ECO CHURCH

Over the last year, St. Mary's has been working towards being part of the "A Rocha Scheme", as an Eco Church. We are thrilled to announce that we have just been awarded a Bronze Certificate!

This comes after lots of hard work behind the scenes, from beginning to make some of our practices greener and continuing to raise awareness. As part of this we held our first Wildlife Walk around the village.

Our next Walk will be on Sunday October 15th, meeting at the Church Hall about 11.30am and setting off about 11.45am. All are welcome.



A SUCCESSFUL HERITAGE OPEN DAY!

On Saturday September 16th we welcomed well over a 100 people to St Mary's to enjoy trips up the tower, history talks, brass rubbing, cakes & refreshments, as well as the opportunity to explore the entire building.

It also gave us the opportunity to update our FREE history leaflet, copies of which are in church.

Don't forget that St Mary's is open everyday from 9am to 5pm. Come along and explore the building, learn something of the history, light a candle or just sit and be. All very welcome.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Sunday October 15th 11.15am—Bring and Buy sale in the Church Hall

Monday October 30th 7.30pm—Confirmation Service with Bishop Roger

Sunday November 12th 10am—Remembrance Sunday service with An Act of Remembrance at 10.45am

Sunday November 26th 10am—We welcome our new Archdeacon!

And then Christmas is Coming... full details in the next issue but don't miss...

Saturday 2nd December 7pm—Christmas Concert with Bocking Brass

Sunday 3rd December 3pm—Carols around the Christmas Tree

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Bocking Theatre Club is an established Drama Club in Bocking and will be presenting Dick Turpin Rides Again a Pantomime in February 2024 to be held at Bocking Village Hall

In addition we will be presenting a Murder Mystery - 'Quick Step to Murder' in St Mary's Church Hall later in 2024.

Bocking Theatre Club welcome new members if you are interested in joining this friendly group please contact Pru Page on 01376 344379 or email them directly on enquiries@bockingtheatreclub.co.uk