



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 12th February 2023
The Second Sunday before Lent
Staying in Contact

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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday 12th February

8am Said Mass
10am Sung Mass

Wednesday 15th February

9.30am Said Mass

Sunday 19th February

8am Said Mass
10am Sung Mass

Panfield Church

Sunday 12th February

11am All Age Worship

Tuesday 14th February

5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 19th February

6pm BCP Evensong

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Gospel Acclamation

*Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening, you have the message
of eternal life*

NOTICES

Lent Soup - On Sunday Feb 26th after the main service there will be a Lent Soup in the Church Hall. The sign up sheet is now at the back, so that we can get a clear indication of numbers attending, thanks.

Funeral - Bernard Meech's funeral will take place on Tuesday 21st February 11.30am at Three Counties Crematorium. Jo and the family warmly invite you to join us them in celebrating Bernard's life.

Ash Wednesday - There will be services in both churches on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. At St Mary's there will be the usual mid week Communion with the addition of the Imposition of Ashes at 9.30am. Panfield will mark Ash Wednesday at 7.30pm, please note no evening service at St Mary's.

Quiz Night - The Friends of St Mary's have arranged for a Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper on Saturday 4th March, 6.30 for 7pm in the Church Hall. Join us for a fantastic evening, with a £100 prize for the winning team! Tickets available from today only £12 including your food!

Quarterly Newsletter - The second issue of our Newsletter needs to go to the printers by Monday 20th Feb. If you have ideas for content, or areas of church life we could include, please speak to Fr Rod.

'Out of this World' - Across March 18th—19th we are hosting a space themed weekend. More details to follow soon, but plans are in place for an Indoor Planetarium and sessions with the North Essex Astronomical Society. The Sunday service will then be a special celebration with Felsted School Choir joining us to make it a very exciting Mothering Sunday indeed! Mark you diaries now!

Fellowship - The next session will be THIS THURSDAY from 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Our speakers Mary and Graham Brace will be talking about India. All welcome.

A Warm Place this Winter - Every Friday until March 10th we will be opening St Mary's Church Hall from 11.30am to 2pm as a warm place. Along with being a friendly space, there will be refreshments and a simple soup lunch, all of which will be free. Why not bring a friend and come along yourself.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Jean Goodwin, Sue, Jackie, Roger, Frances, Margaret, Peter, Jenifer, Jo, June Blackwood, Tony and Ann, 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 Dorothy Taylor, Mabel Humphries, Lilian Shrimpton, Sarah Warren, Barbara Brown, Richard Lewis, Thomas Rose, Ruby Butcher and Freda Jeffrey.

The Collect for The Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 6:25-34

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift, the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.