



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church

Sunday 1st January 2023

New Year's Day

Staying in Contact



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Forthcoming Services

Gospel Acclamation

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday 1st January	10am	Holy Communion (Said Service)
Wednesday 4th January	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday 8th January	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass for Epiphany

Panfield Church

Sunday 1st January	*** No service - all at St Mary's, Bocking***	
Tuesday 3rd January	*** No Evening Prayer***	
Sunday 8th January	11am	Holy Communion

At various times in the past, and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but in his own time, in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

NOTICES

Thank you - Fr Rod would like to say a huge thank you to every single person who has taken part in our Advent & Christmas services/events over these last few weeks. Many people have given up their time and contributed to what has been a very successful festive period.

Friends AGM - A reminder that the Friends AGM will take place on Saturday 14th January at 4pm in the Church Hall, please save the date and we look forward to seeing you then.

Happy Christmas - Fr Rod and family would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Thank you for the cards and gifts which are very much appreciated by us all. I look forward to an exciting 2023.

Junior Church - We are looking forward to building on the recent successes of Junior Church, new dates for 2023 will follow soon, as well as some Messy Church events as well.

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.

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.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Jean Goodwin, Sue, Jackie, Roger Hurford, Frances, Margaret, Peter, Jenifer, Jo, Bernard, June Blackwood, Gwen Nicholls 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 Winifred Jordan, Ethel Smith, Stanley Williams, Marguerite Gray, Doris Fox, Leslie Acton, William Biggs, Alfred Keevil and Cyril Cotton.

The Collect for New Year's Day

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail
and whose mercies are new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
that we may pass the coming year
in joyful obedience and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the end,
your Son, Christ 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 - Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:
grant that we who have shared
in this sacrament of our salvation
may live out our years in the power
of the Name above all other names,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.