



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 3rd September 2023
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Staying in Contact

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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday 3rd September

8am

Said Mass

535

10am

Sung Mass

444

with Archdeacon Robin

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Wednesday 6th September

9.30am

Said Mass

170

Sunday 10th September

8am

Said Mass

10am

Sung Mass

Panfield Church

Sunday 3rd September

11am

Holy Communion

Tuesday 5th September

5pm

Evening Prayer/Office Hour

Sunday 10th September

11am

Morning Worship

Gospel Acclamation

*This is the love we proclaim,
God's love for us when he sent his
Son to take away our sins.*

NOTICES

Coffee Morning - Thank you to all those who attended on Friday, there are a few more cakes which will be sold after the main service at St Mary's today, Sunday 3rd Sept.

Heritage Open Weekend - Both churches will be marking the Heritage Open Days next month. St Mary's will be open with events running on **Saturday September 16th 10-4pm**. Panfield Church will be open on **Sunday September 17th from 2pm to 5pm** with a Songs of Praise service to close.

Stepping Stones - After the success of these sessions in the Spring, we are running another set which will begin on Tuesday 26th September, 6-7pm in the church. We plan for there to be five sessions, concluding on October 23rd, everyone is welcome. For more information please speak to Fr Rod.

Confirmation - We are thrilled to be hosting a Confirmation Service at St Mary's on Monday October 30th at 7.30pm, and will welcome Bishop Roger to lead the service. Have you thought about being confirmed? Want to know more? Then please speak to Fr Rod in the coming few weeks. It isn't often that candidates are confirmed in their own church, so don't miss this opportunity.

Harvest Supper - The Friends of St Mary's are arranging a Harvest Supper for Saturday September 30th, 6.30pm for 7pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 for children, available from today. Your ticket will include your two course meal and entertainment too.

Friendly Friday Cafe - The Summer Sessions have now come to an end. They will re-start on Friday October 6th after those involved have had a well earned break.

Fellowship - A reminder that there is no session this month, due to the outing on September 28th to Cromer. The next meeting will be Thursday October 19th in the Church Hall.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Ron Cole, Peter Hopkins, Jean Goodwin, Sue, Roger, Frances, Jo, 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 Eileen Parkinson, George Aviss, Stanley Todd and Stephen Wrigley.

The Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Romans 12:9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 16:21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.