



# The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



August 6th 2023  
The Transfiguration  
Staying in Contact

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## Forthcoming Services

## Hymns

### **St Mary's, Bocking**

Sunday 6th August	8am/10am	Said Mass/Sung Mass
Wednesday 9th August	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday 13th August	8am/10am	Said Mass/Sung Mass

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### **Panfield Church**

Sunday 6th August	11am	All Age Worship
Tuesday 8th August	5pm	Evening Prayer/Office Hour
Sunday 13th August	11am	Holy Communion

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## Gospel Acclamation

*How good is the Lord to all, he shows  
compassion to all his creation.*

## NOTICES

**Placement** - We are thrilled to welcome Helen Sherfield to the Benefice this month. Some of you met Helen at the BBQ last weekend, but you will have plenty of opportunities to come as she leads and preaches at some of our services across the Benefice. Helen is training to be a Lay Reader and I know we can support her throughout her placement with us, and make her very welcome indeed.

**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. More details on events at both churches will follow in due course but please save the date.

**Local wildlife walk** - A huge thank you to all those who joined us recently for our first wildlife walk around the parish. We had 25 people join in which is great, and certainly something to build on. We are hoping to get in another Wildlife Walk this year, probably in October. More to follow.

**Mindfulness Trail** - Our mindfulness trail in the church grounds at St Mary's is up and running. It has been great to see individuals and families coming along over the week. The weather has been less than ideal and so to give more of a chance to take part, we are extending it for a few days into this week. You can come and give it a go at anytime. Leaflets are in the Church Porch.

**Childrens' Society** - It is that time already, please can those with donation boxes return them to Caron Francis over the coming weeks. Thank you.

**June Blackwood's Funeral** - As announced a little time ago, June recently passed away peacefully in Broomfield Hospital. Her funeral will take place in church at 11am on Tuesday 29th August. Please do join us as we celebrate and give thanks for June's life, and the mark she left on each of us.

**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.

**Prayers** - We keep in our prayers Ron Cole, Peter Hopkins, Jean Goodwin, Sue, Roger, Frances, Jo, Tony & Ann, David Denny, 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 Dorothy Baines, Trish Kennett, Alice Holdaway, Olive Vaizey, Robert Lawrence, Thelma Messenger, Cleave Woolcock, Edna Finch and John Skinner.

## The Collect for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### ***Epistle Reading - 2 Peter 1:16-19***

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

### ***Gospel Reading - Luke 9:28-36***

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.