



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 6th November 2022
The Third Sunday before Advent
Staying in Contact

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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday 6th November

8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

Wednesday 9th November

9.30am Said Mass

Sunday 13th November

8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

10.50am A Service of Remembrance

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Special

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Gospel Acclamation

Panfield Church

Sunday 6th November

*** No service—all at St Mary's***

Tuesday 8th November

5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th November

10.55am Remembrance Service

*Stay awake and stand ready,
you do not know the hour when the
Son of Man is coming.*

NOTICES

Bishop of Chelmsford - We are delighted to have Bishop Guli with us THIS SUNDAY, leading a Benefice Service, 10am at St Mary's Bocking. Please do come along, refreshments to follow.

Rock Choir concert - On Friday November 25th at 7.30pm, St Mary's Bocking will be hosting a concert for our friends at Panfield as they continue to raise funds for repairs to the church spire. Tickets are £12 for adults, £10 for concessions, and £2 for children. Available today.

Fellowship - The next meeting will be Thursday 17th November, 12.30pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will David Ainge, talking about the Fitch Trials, his talk entitled 'How do I get the Bacon?'

Bocking Calendars - We have a few of the brand new for 2023, Bocking Calendars with photos taken by local photographers. If you would like a copy please speak to Fr Rod. The cost of is just £10.

Bring and Buy event - On Sun Nov 20th after the service at St Mary's there will be a Bring & Buy sale raising funds for the Flower Festival, and a Christmas Stall raising money for the church. Please speak to Ann Lanham or Caron Francis for more info. Make sure not to miss it!

Going Green! - Over the next few months you will be hearing more about our drive to become an Eco-Church. In partnership with A Rocha, an environmental charity, we are hoping to work towards the various awards beginning with bronze. There will be opportunities for all to get involved as we progress, including our younger ones as Eco-Church will be theme for the next Junior Church, Sunday Nov 20th.

Bible Study group - We are looking to re-start Bible Study sessions and would love to hear from you. To help us plan these please speak to Fr Rod about days/times that work for you.

Christmas Tree Festival - The Festival weekend will be Dec 10th/11th with performances, raffle, tombola, pound presents, refreshments and lots of in-house stall on SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER, Father Christmas may even put an appearance in for that. There are lots of ways for you to support this fundraising event, details to follow on the items needed for the hampers plus much more,

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Jean Goodwin, Sue, Jackie, Roger Hurford, Frances, Margaret, Peter, Jenifer, Jo, Bernard, 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 Diana Morgan, Eric Butler, Dorothy Dodie Robinson, Henry Appleton, and Roy How.

The Collect for the Third Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading - Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.