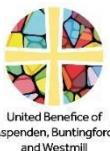


Sunday 25th January 2026



United Benefice of
Aspenden, Buntingford
and Westmill

Epiphany 3

Welcome to our churches of St Mary's Aspenden, St Peter's Buntingford and St Mary the Virgin Westmill. Whoever you are, wherever you've come from, you are welcome! If this is your first visit, please do introduce yourselves to the clergy and stay for coffee after the service to meet others

Galatians 1: 11-16a (NRSVA)

¹¹ For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹² for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴ I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵ But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles.

Matthew 19: 27 - End (NRSVA)

²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' ²⁸ Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left

houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Remembering in our prayers:

Jean P, Sheila, Lil, Evelyn, Jackie, Christine, Kathe, Judy, Russell, Hilary, Phyllis, Jane, Lisa, Clive, Ailsa.

For Prayer

Interviews for the new Bishop of St Albans will take place later this month. Please continue to hold the Crown Nominations Committee and the candidates in your prayers as this discernment

process takes place for the new spiritual leader of our Diocese.

Sunday Services & Morning Prayer

Receiving Communion If you wish to receive the bread with the wine by intinction only, the presiding priest will ***do this for you***. Please indicate your preference by pointing to the chalice when the priest comes to give you the bread.

Sunday 1st February

9:30 All Age Family – St Mary the Virgin Westmill
9:30 Morning Worship – St Mary's Aspenden
11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Buntingford

Morning Prayer – Held 9am to 9:30am, weekly on Tuesday at St Peter's Buntingford
Wednesday St Mary the Virgin, Westmill and
Thursdays at St Mary's Aspenden
for further details chat with Kirsty or Sarah.

Sunday 8th February

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill
9:30 All Age Worship – St Mary's Aspenden
11am All Age Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

Sunday 15th February

9:30am Holy Communion – St Mary's Aspenden
11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Buntingford

Sunday 22nd February

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill
11am Morning Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

News & Notices from our Churches and Community



Eco Church Epiphany 3: make recycling easier in your home by having a separate paper/cardboard bin upstairs or in your bathroom for packaging and insides of toilet rolls!

St Mary the Virgin Westmill Building Project
Phase 1 update: flagstones have been laid for the new welcome area and the team are working on the next stages of the programme of work. Donations towards this 4-stage project are still much needed. Please speak to Sue, Colin or Kirsty if you are able to support this.

Monday Morning Coffee at St Peter's Church
10am – 12pm held weekly every Monday (except Bank holidays.) Do pop in for a chat and a cup of tea/coffee.

Little Lambs, St Mary the Virgin Westmill
Held weekly on Wednesday 10am – 11:30am term time only, for pre-school children and their grown-ups. A very informal social and worship occasion for pre-school children and their carers. We sing songs, along with lots of fun activities.

Puddings & Pondering Evening – Saturday
Thank you to everyone who came to along, to meet with new people who wish to explore those big questions about our faith. Of course, we must also

thank the ministry team and pudding makers for this inspiring event.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today, Sunday 25th January 4pm, at Christ Church URC, Buntingford. Please do join us and our ecumenical brothers and sisters as we worship together marking the Week of Christian Unity at this special service led by Rev'd Sue Fender.

Tuesday 17th February, 4pm St Peter's Church

Calling all Children for some Pancake Fun!
Please scan the QR code to book your place or visit our website to complete online.



Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday Services

To mark the beginning of Lent, there are two Ash Wednesday services. This year they will be led by The Venerable Janet Mackenzie, Archdeacon of Hertford.

10am at St Peters Buntingford,
Holy Communion with the Impositions of Ashes.
7pm at St Mary the Virgin Westmill,
Service of the Word with Imposition of Ashes.

Thank you

Thank you for the cards, messages and prayers following the sudden death of my Mum just after New Year. My family and I were greatly comforted by your kindness during this difficult time. Kirsty and Paul.

Find all our latest services & news

here: www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-012BK/



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