



CLAVERING
BENEFICE

TOGETHER IN FAITH



Diocese of
Chelmsford

Serving the parishes of Clavering, Langley, Arkesden,
Wicken Bonhunt, Manuden and Berden

Newsletter for the week beginning 12th Jan 2026 (1/26)



Welcome to our
benefice newsletter.
I am Reverend Gary
Fleming, Vicar to the
Clavering Benefice.

A group of six,
stunning rural
parishes in the
north-west of Essex.

The Gift of Unity. A reflection on the Sermon for Christmas Eve

By Reverend Gary Fleming

At Christmas Eve services my sermon
focused on the gift of unity that is seen as
righteous by the Lord (Psalm 133). We
remember that Christ came to us to
reconcile all things back to God, through his
sacrifice.

I called us to consider what
the world about us might
look like if we were to focus
our time and effort on
sowing seeds of unity. It was
a call to be one in the body
of Christ in the midst of so
much that seeks to divide
us through the use of
language, social patterns
and behaviours. Earlier in
the year at Remembrance, I
preached on the need for
radical listening, something
that Jesus modelled, to
understand each other
better. It is an example that
I hope will lead to us locally,
nationally and globally to
greater unity and Christian
fellowship in 2026.

Services - week beginning the 12th of January 2026

Wednesday 14th Jan

9.00 am - Holy Communion
Clavering

Thursday 15th Jan

9.00 am - Morning Prayer
Manuden

4.30 pm - Evening Prayer
Wicken Bonhunt

Sunday 18th Jan

9.30 am - Holy Communion
Clavering

09.30 am - Holy Communion
Langley

11.00 am - Holy communion
Wicken Bonhunt

11.00 am - Morning Worship
Berden

11.00 am - Holy Communion
Manuden

4.00 pm - Café Church
Clavering Christian Centre

We are a friendly group of Christians who welcome all, and newcomers will find our services easy to follow. For more information, please do follow the contact details at the end of the newsletter.

New to faith or exploring what it means to you.

Read on...

We intend to run an Alpha course in 2026 to support conversations for people wishing to explore faith further. The course is run over several weeks and is an enjoyable way to explore faith from the perspective of somebody who is new to faith. If you would like to be part of this discussion, please use the QR code below by simply opening your camera and focusing on the code to follow the link for the opportunity to register your interest



Bible Study Group

The benefice bible study group is held every Thursday from 10.30-12pm at the Clavering Christian Centre, CB11 4PH. This offers us a warm venue for the winter months and good facilities. All are welcome regardless of if you have ever read the Bible or not. Tea, coffee and conversation come as standard so please do pop in, and don't worry if you can't make every week. That is fine.

The next Bible study will be on the 15th of January 2026

Prayers

Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Benefice Prayers

We pray this week for those returning to school after the Christmas break. We pray for all emergency services, health care and military personnel who worked over the Christmas period and are now taking some well deserved rest.

We pray for peace in the world and in particular those that know only war this day. We pray for all peace makers and those who strive to support those in humanitarian need at home and abroad. We pray for all clergy and ministers as they return from Christmas breaks. Amen

What's on

15th Jan - Tea and Chat, 2-4pm- Wicken Bonhunt Church

22nd Jan - Langley Lunches - Langley Community Centre, 12 noon. Contact Liz Cable at langleychurch@gmail.com

24th Jan - Burns Night - Langley Community Centre

Contact - Liz Cable at langleycommunitycentre@gmail.com, or 01763258043, 07519 741774

4th Feb, 4th March - Coffee and Crafts, 10am-12 - Clavering Christian Centre

4th Feb, 4th March - Soup and Sweet 12-2pm- Clavering Christian Centre

Church spaces for hire

If you are looking for somewhere to meet the Clavering Benefice has several venues that might work for you. Check out,

- The community Room at Berden church
- The village facility at Wicken Bonhunt Church
- The Clavering Christian Centre

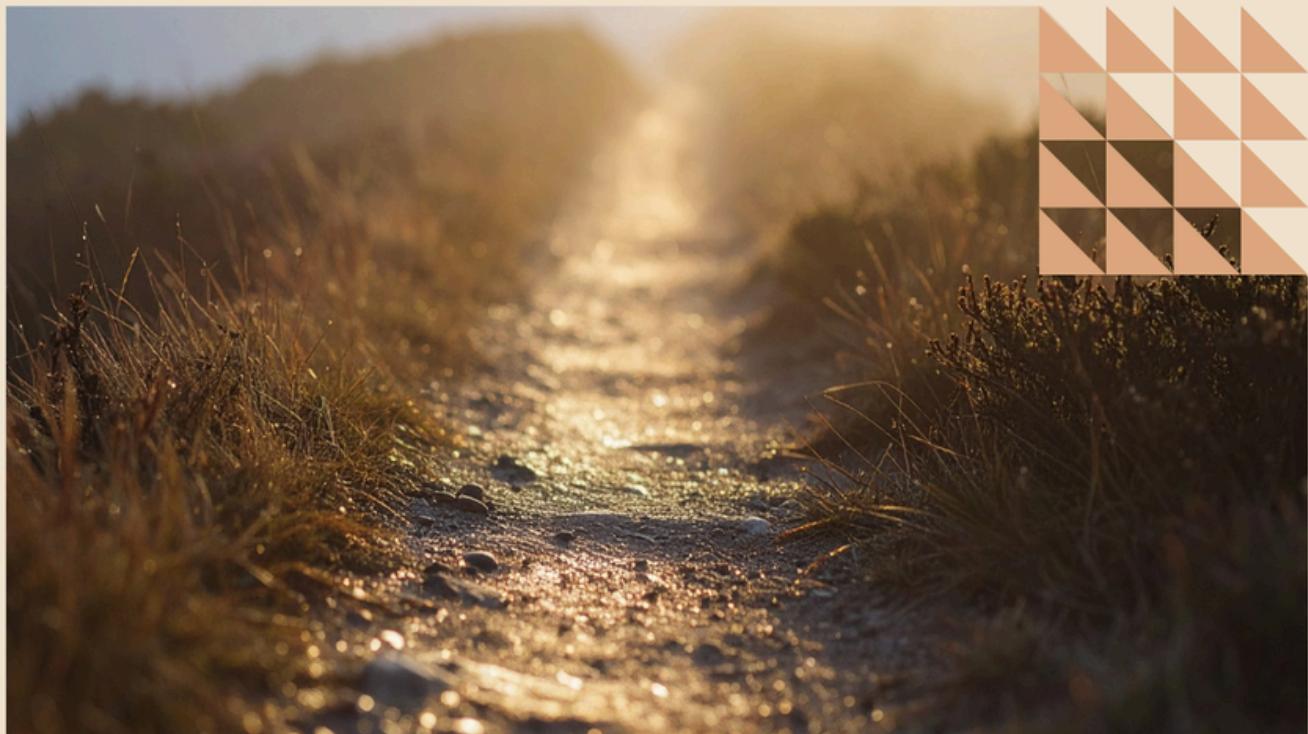
How to get in touch

If you would like to receive this weekly notice sheet by email or have your event publicised in it, please send details to the benefice office email which is ClaveringBenefice@outlook.com.

Office admin asst: Jane Cowley working from home.

For more information, please contact me, Reverend Gary Fleming on 07491 402273 or email on revdgaryfleming@outlook.com

Join us for a transformative journey this Lent



Walking with Christ

A course of conversation and encounter held over 6 weeks
(Attend as many as you are able)

All 2026 sessions run from 7-8.30 pm and will be held on
19th Feb, 26th Feb, 5th March, 12th March, 17th March, 25th March

Venue - Clavering Christian Centre. Stortford Road, Clavering.
CB11 4PH

All are welcome to join!