

## BENEFICE PRAYER REQUESTS

Caroline, Peter, Beverley and family. David and Angela.

For all unwell with colds, flu and other illnesses at the moment

For our Benefice Churches—For revival

*Any specific prayer requests for others, please get their agreement for their names to be published and then send details to*

*Jola on [benkelnav3@yahoo.com](mailto:benkelnav3@yahoo.com)*



### ECO CHURCH

We still collect used ink cartridges, used stamps, used candles for the wax, e.g tea lights.



The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is taking place from 23-25 January. Let's all take part in this.

[www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch)



Please support the local **Foodbank**: there are collection boxes at the back of each church. Items in need are tinned goods, toiletries, rice, laundry gel, coffee, shampoo etc.



When online shopping, please go via **easyfundraising.co.uk** to raise valuable funds – simple and free to use and the financial benefits to the churches really count.



Hand Bell Ringers Wednesdays 7:30-9pm at St Paul's Church Centre.

Bentley Tower Bell Ringers Tuesdays 7-9pm. New recruits welcome. Call 07746417459.

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## THE BENEFICE OF ST PAUL'S BENTLEY COMMON, ST NICHOLAS KELVEDON HATCH & ST THOMAS' NAVESTOCK



### SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2026

#### COLLECT: 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

#### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE QUOTE

Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen." :**Matthew 9:29**

Happy New Year! Can you believe we're just about at the end of the first week in January - that's gone quickly!

With the very cold weather outside the churches are very cold inside - please do wrap up in lots of layers when coming to church. Feel free to wear a hat (men included) and bring a heat pad/blanket if that helps. The church heating will be on, but it's not like the heating in our homes.

Please note there will be a Benefice service on Sunday 25 January at 10.30 am at St Paul's church. There will be no other services taking place on that day.

If you know anyone who would like to have their marriage blessed please encourage them to come along to the Valentine's weekend Marriage Blessing service at each of the churches. We did this last year and it was a lovely occasion, therefore we are inviting people to come again this year, regardless of whether they married in our churches or not.

**With every blessing, Rev'd Julie**

Sat 10th	10am	Prayer at 10 - St Paul's Church Centre
<b>Sunday 11th January - 1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b> Isaiah 42:1-9/Matthew 3:13-end 9:30am ST PAUL'S - Holy Communion and JAM 11am ST NICHOLAS - Service of the Word 6:30pm ST THOMAS - BCP Holy Communion		
Mon 12th	9-12noon 2pm 3pm 7.30pm	The Hub - Fane Hall Holy Communion - Dudbrook House Holy Communion - Howard Lodge St Thomas PCC - Fane Hall
Tues 13th	7.30pm	Deanery Synod - Hutton
Wed 14th	9-11am 11am	Little Hatchlings- St Paul's Church Centre Navestock lunch - Navestock Village Hall
Thurs 15th	9.30am	Holy Communion - St Nicholas
<b>Sunday 18th January - 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b> Isaiah 49:1-7/John 1:29-42 9:30am ST PAUL'S - Service of the Word 11am ST NICHOLAS - Holy Communion 6:30pm ST THOMAS - BCP Evening Prayer		
Mon 19th	9-12noon	The Hub - Fane Hall
Wed 21st	9-12am	Coffee & Chat - St Paul's Church Centre
Thurs 22nd	9.30am	Morning Prayer - St Nicholas
<b>Sunday 25th January - 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b> Jeremiah 1:4-10 /Matthew 19:27-end <b>10:30am St Paul's Benefice Service - NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY</b>		
Mon 26th	9-12noon	The Hub - Fane Hall
Wed 28th	9-11am 7pm	Little Hatchlings- St Paul's Church Centre Men's Curry Night - The Shepherd, Kelvedon Hatch
Thurs 29th	9.30am	Holy Communion - St Nicholas
<b>Sunday 1st February - 4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b> Malachi 3:1-5/Luke 2:22-40 9:30am ST PAUL'S - All Together Service & Christingle 10am ST THOMAS - Morning Prayer 11am ST NICHOLAS - Holy Communion 6:30pm ST THOMAS - BCP Evening Prayer		
Mon 2nd	9-12noon	The Hub - Fane Hall
Tues 3rd	3pm	Kelvedon Hatch PCC - Fane Hall
Wed 4th	9-12am	Coffee & Chat - St Paul's Church Centre
Thurs 5th	9.30am	Holy Communion - St Nicholas

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Men's Curry Night at the Bongo - 28th January

Meeting at The Shepherd (Kelvedon Hatch) for pre-drinks at 7pm.  
Contact Darren if you want to come along 07583 218049.



### Christingle service -St Paul's Church - 1st February

9.30am-St Paul's church. A fun & interactive service for the whole everyone.

### St Paul's Mothers' Union Meeting - St Paul's Church - 9th February

8pm St Paul's church centre. Mothers' Union and Trustees visiting.  
All welcome.



### St Nicholas Mothers' Union Meeting - Fane Hall - 10th February

2.30pm Fane Hall. Mothers' Union and Trustees visiting. All welcome.

### Alpha Course - Questions about life, faith - on Zoom - 10th February

7.30pm - 9pm being held via Zoom, weekly. Please contact Jola for further info and joining instructions on [benkelnav3@yahoo.com](mailto:benkelnav3@yahoo.com)

### Rev Julie's Licensing - St Paul's Church - 12th February

7.30pm St Paul's Church with Bishop and Archdeacon. All welcome.

### Valentines Weekend - Wedding blessings - 15th February

Come along renew your vows at St Paul's, St Nicholas and St Thomas'.

### St Nicholas Church Quiz - Fane Hall - 28th February

7pm for a 7.30pm start. Get your teams together. Tickets £8pp, 8 per team.  
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