

**Newsletter for the Clavering Benefice
Representing the churches of
Arkesden, Berden, Clavering, Langley, Manuden and Wicken Bonhunt.**

Epiphany

Dear Neighbour,
Welcome to this new letter, the last before we enter in Christmas week. I know for many of you that this approaches so fast, and we might feel unprepared or that we hoped it would last a bit longer. Well of of course it can and I would like to extend an invitation to you all to join in a course starting in the new year called Alpha. This is a course for those new to faith, exploring faith or wishing to deepen your faith. If you scan the QR code below with your phone you can register your interest and when I have enough names, I will contact those on the list to see if they would like to join. Please don't worry you are not committing yourself to anything, only joining a list which is administered by me to whom I can send more details. I look forward to hearing from you and continuing the discussion on faith and your personal journey and experiences. Please do share this with whomever you feel might be interested.



I am on leave after Christmas therefore this newsletter will be last until the week beginning the 12th of January 2026.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a joyous New Year.
Reverend Gary Fleming

Readings 4th January Isaiah 60 1-6; Matthew 2 1-12



Bible Study Group

The benefice bible study group is held every Thursday from 10.30-12pm. All sessions are at the Clavering Christian Centre which 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



Stride by Stride Walking Group

If you haven't managed to join us yet, please do come along. We are a mixed crowd and walk at a relaxed, but purposeful pace. Each walk lasts about 1.5 hrs, and we always start at a venue offering parking and facilities and end back at the start for refreshments. The intention of the walks is to offer a chance for people to engage in a supported walk and enjoy conversation and fellowship.

Walks in the new year are as follows **(Please note that from January all walks will start at 10.30am).**

January 30th starting at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Langley.
10.30am

February 27th starting at St Margarets Church, Wicken Bonhunt. 10.30am
March 27th starting at the Cricketers Pub in Clavering. 10.30am
April 24th starting from Poppies Café in Langley. 10.30am

New Years Day Walk

Since we started the 'Stride by Stride Walking Group' several people have been unable to join us for various reasons, so as we are not walking in December, I am offering a chance to start the new year with a walk. Like the Stride by Stride, we will walk for about 90 minutes on good paths and tracks, and hopefully relax afterwards with refreshments in the Christian Centre.

We will set off from the Christian Centre at 2.00 on the 1st January. Dogs on leads welcome.

There is no need to register, just turn up, but if you have any questions please contact me on 01799 550462

Peter Cooper

Collect for Epiphany

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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.

Pastoral outreach – Home Visits

If you, or somebody you know would welcome a home pastoral visit, then please do contact Reverend Gary Fleming to discuss this further by emailing: revdgaryfleming@outlook.com.

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

Thank you for considering this.

Service Schedule

**Please note that there will be no midweek services until week beginning
12th January 2026**

Sunday 4 th January	9.30am	Holy Communion Rev P Cable	St Mary's, Manuden
	11.00am	Holy Communion Rev P Cable	St John the Evangelist, Langley
Sunday 11 th January	9.30am	Holy Communion Rev G Fleming	St Nicholas Berden
	9.30am	Morning Worship R Taylor/A Arend	St Margaret's Wicken Bonhunt
	10.00am	Crafty Church L Cable	St John the Evangelist, Langley
	11.00am	Morning Worship @ Christian Centre D Adams	Christian Centre Clavering
	11.00am	Messy Church V Bartram/G Prothero	St Mary's Manuden
	3.00pm	Messy Church @ Christian Centre	Christian Centre Clavering

