



TOGETHER IN FAITH



Diocese of
Chelmsford

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

Newsletter for the week beginning 6th April 2026 (12/26)



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.

SACRIFICIAL LOVE

BY REVEREND GARY FLEMING

Last Sunday, Palm Sunday, we reflected on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and what this signified.

The story leads us into Holy Week. A time when we cannot but think of how the tables turned for Jesus and turned over for those occupying the temple. It is a reminder that when we welcome Jesus

into our lives, we may find that some aspects of ourselves are turned over. Old thinking, and ways of being might be challenged. But Jesus shows us through the work of the cross and his resurrection that this leads to new life. Jesus' presence in our lives is life-giving. So the message from Holy Week might be that when we welcome Jesus, the disrupter, the radical, the life-giver into our lives, as the crowds welcomed him into the holy city, we too might cleanse ourselves from the old and be reborn into the new. We may simply start by saying Lord Jesus, come into my life this day. Amen

Services

Week 5th April - 12th April 2026

Easter Sunday 5th April

9.30am - Holy Communion - Clavering

9.30am - Holy Communion - Manuden

11.00am - Holy Communion - Arkesden

11.00am - Holy Communion - Langley

Wednesday 8th April

09.00 am - Holy Communion, Clavering (A Shorter said service of 25 minutes)

Thursday 9th April

09.00 am - Morning Prayer, Manuden

4.30 pm - Evening Prayer, Wicken Bonhunt

Sunday 12th April

9.30am - Morning Worship Wicken Bonhunt

9.30am - Holy Communion followed by APCM Berden

11.00am - Morning Worship Christian Centre, Clavering

11.00am - Messy Church Manuden

Readings

Sun 5th April

Acts 10: 34-43

John: 20 1-18

Sun 12th April

Acts 2 14a, 22-32

John 20 19 - end

Prayers

Collect for Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Amen

Benefice Prayers

This week we pray for all who carry the cross and suffer for doing so. We pray for all persecuted Christian communities across the world. For whom to worship risks death and suffering. We pray for Christian unity at home and that we might as a Christian people find tolerance for each other and follow Christ more dearly and more nearly.

We pray for those coming for baptism and confirmation that they may find the path light, and that they know Jesus in their hearts. We pray also for all who are seeking Christ that they may be encouraged and nourished by fellow Christians, the Holy Bible and the presence of Christ made known to them through His Holy Spirit.

Amen



Bible Study Group

There will be no Bible Study group until 16th April

We continue our journey through the Gospel according to Mark. If you would like to find out more about studying the Bible, or have a discussion about faith, please do contact Reverend Gary Fleming whose details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

OPEN DOOR YOUTH CLUB

The youth club has proven to be a real success and a sign of where the spirit is at work in our communities. Thank you to all who have donated money and gifts to support this venture. We have an amazing team on board in Cara, Grant, Jayne, Dawn, Juliet and hopefully a few more coming through. Feedback from parents has been excellent. Our next evening is 23rd April 2026 from 7-8.30 pm.

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 pastoral or service related matters, please contact Reverend Gary Fleming on 07491 402273 or email on revdgaryfleming@outlook.com (Vicar does not work Mondays)

What's on

Langley Lunches - are held every month on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please contact Liz Cable to book on:

Phone: 01763258043 or 07519741774

Email: langleychurch@gmail.com

Mondays. 9-10.30 am - Mums and Chums, held every Monday in term time in the church

Stride by Stride Walking Group

All walks start at 10.30am



April 24th - Starting from Poppies Café in Langley.

May 22nd - Starting from St Nicholas' Church, Berden

June 26th - Starting from St Mary's Church, Arkesden.