



TOGETHER IN FAITH



Diocese of
Chelmsford

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

Newsletter for the week beginning 27th April 2026 (15/26)



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 BREAKING OF BREAD

BY REVEREND GARY FLEMING

The Eucharist is a mystery. How is Christ made known to us in the breaking of the bread? It is one of the two Dominical Sacraments in the Church of England and something that has caused much discussion and division, in the Christian faith. But of course, all we need to do is accept that in receiving the bread and the wine, we are receiving the body and blood of Christ.

Jesus said it is, and the disciples in the meal, after the walk on the road to Emmaus, recognised Him in the breaking of the bread. It is a moment when Christ is in us and we are shaped by Him. He reminds us in John 30:10, that He and the Father are one, and therefore by taking the sacrament, we are joined with the Trinity and are the hands and feet of Christ. It is a holy mystery, and one that we enter into in faith. Christ gave us this so that even after the ascension, he can guide us by the Spirit but remain physically present to us in the bread and the wine. So when we are sent out to do his work, we are sent out to be Christ to each other, in communion with Father and Holy Spirit. Amen

Services

Week 27th April - 3rd May

Sunday 26th April

9.30am - 1662 Holy Communion (GF)
Langley

11.00am - Holy Communion (GF)
Arkesden

4.00pm - Evensong (GF) Berden

Wednesday 29th April

9.00am - Holy Communion, Clavering
(A Shorter said service of 25 minutes)

Thursday 30th April

9.00 am - Morning Prayer,
Manuden

4.30 pm - Evening Prayer,
Wicken Bonhunt

Sunday 3rd May

9.30am - Holy Communion (GF)
Manuden

9.30am - Morning Prayer (SE)
Arkesden

11.00am - Holy Communion (GF)
Clavering

11.00am - Holy Communion (PC)
Langley

5.00pm - Sacred Space (GF) Wicken
Bonhunt

Readings

Sun 26th April

Acts 2 42 - end
John 10 1-10

Sun 3rd May

Acts 7 55 - end
John 14 1-14

Prayers

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benefice Prayers

This week we pray for all who support the governing bodies of the church and for all who take on roles that support the administration of the church.

We pray for Reverend Jeremy Trew and give thanks for his time as Area Dean. We pray for our new Area Dean as we await an announcement from Bishop Guli.

We pray for all who are discerning their calling to serve God and his people in roles that support the deanery, national, and general synod. We pray for the PCC members of our local church as we undertake the series of Annual Church meetings.

We give thanks for all who serve and those who are stepping forward into new roles. May God guide and strengthen them in their calling. Amen



Bible Study Group

There will be Bible Study group at 10.30am on 23rd April at Christian Centre Clavering

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 been a joy to get started, and we are constantly revising our offering to the community. In response to feedback, we are pleased to announce that we will be running two youth club nights. Starting in May 2026, the second Wednesday of the month will be for children in school years 4, 5, 6. The fourth Wednesday of the month will be for school years 7 - 11 . If you would like to volunteer. Please do get in touch with me, Reverend Gary Fleming

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

1st May - 10.30am Lets talk Berden Church

5th May - 7.00pm Talk by Mark Trapmore
Maps of Berden St Nicholas Berden.

Refreshments available

Donations to Berden Church

6th May - 10.00am Crafts and Chat Clavering
Community centre

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 in Manuden



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.

HERITAGE CAFE

“LET’S TALK!”

Come and meet up with old friends, make new ones, share stories of living in Berden and learn more about your community

First FRIDAY of the month

10.30am -12pm

**Starting Friday 1st May, and on
5th June, 3rd July, 7th Aug, 4th Sept
at St. Nicholas Church, Berden**



To find out more

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or turn up on the day...**