

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

Newsletter for the week beginning 15th June 2026 (21/26)



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.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

BY REVEREND GARY FLEMING

'At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow' are
the words we sing in the popular hymn.

Invoking the name of Jesus in our lives in time
of joy and sorrow is a perfectly reasonable thing
for anyone to do. Who else would you call out
to in joy and sorrow. Last Sunday, I focused on
the role of names and that our names are
important to us. We read from Genesis of
Abram (Great father) who would become
Abraham (Father of many). The name Abraham
had a specific and important meaning when we
consider that from him would come Isaac and
the tribes of Israel, giving Abrahams name

a specific meaning. Even our own
names can have such meaning.
My name, Gary, is the name of a
spear carrier in an ancient army
formation, possibly back in
medieval times. My surname
Fleming stems from the name
given to people from northern
Europe in the 12c, the Flemish.
Therefore my name describes me
as an ancient Scottish or
northern European spear carrier.
Quite cool I thought. But not the
name you would invoke when in
times of need or trouble. An
ancient spear carrier does not
bring salvation, relief or eternal
rest. So biblical names are
important for they had specific
meaning, but the name we hold
above all names, who we cry out
to in joy and sorrow is the name
of our Lord and saviour, Jesus.
Invoking His name in our lives
brings us rest and peace. Amen

Services

Sunday 14th June

9.30am - Morning Worship, Wicken Bonhunt

9.30am - Holy Communion, Berden

11.00am - Messy Church, Manuden

11.00am - Morning Worship, Clavering Christian Centre

3.00pm - Messy Church-Teddy bears Picnic Clavering Church

Tuesday 16th June

09.45am - Holy Communion, Arkesden

Normal midweek services are:

Wednesday's

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

Thursday's

9.00am - Morning Prayer, Manuden

4.30pm - Evening Prayer, Wicken Bonhunt

Sunday 21st June

9.30am - Holy Communion, Clavering

9.30am - Holy Communion, Wicken Bonhunt

9.30am - Morning Worship, Berden

11.00am - Holy Communion, Langley

11.00am - Holy Communion, Manuden

Readings

Sunday 14th June (Trinity 2, Green)

Genesis 18 1-15 (21 1-7)

Matthew 9 35-10.8 (9-23)

Sunday 21st June (Trinity 3 - Green)

Genesis 21 8-21

Matthew 1024-39

Prayers

Collect for the Second Sunday of Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 all who work in local businesses to support our communities. We pray for all in the village of Clavering who support the local community to thrive. For Mrs Allsop, headteacher at the school, for her staff and students. For all at Willows pre and after school club. For those who work in the local shop. For the landlords and staff of the Fox and Hounds and Cricketers public houses. We pray for the local business and those who provide local employment. We give thanks for the gift of community and those who serve them. Amen

OPEN DOOR YOUTH CLUB

Our next junior youth club meeting will be the 24th June.

If you would like to volunteer. Please do get in touch with me, Reverend Gary Fleming

STRIDE BY STRIDE

The summer weather blessed our walk from Berden in May, when, after inspecting the progress of the scaffolding, the small group, set off along the path opposite the Church to Little London. After going through the hamlet, we followed the field edge path to the lower Berden road and continued in the same direction back towards Berden. This was a short walk, ideal for the weather, the conversations were varied and friendly and we enjoyed the views and the countryside.

In June we will meet at Arkesden Church at 10.30 on Friday 26th, and head north towards the Roman Road, the walk, depending on the route, and will walk between 4 and 5 miles Everybody is welcome
Peter

Coming Soon - A Question of Faith
An opportunity for those interested in theology to gather informally to discuss faith in relation to big questions of the day.
Watch this space for more details

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

June 14th 3.00pm Teddy Bears Picnic

Clavering See poster below

June 14th 2.30pm Music through Time Concert at Berden Church. See poster below

June 17th 7.00pm Concert Ceremony at Langley Church. See attached poster

June 20th 6.30pm Summer BBQ at Langley. See poster below

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



Have you held long unanswered questions about faith?

Are you curious about faith matters?

Would you like to find out more?

Starting in September, we will be running a series of evening meetings to explore faith through conversation. Supported by well-produced and good-quality materials through the Alpha program. To find out more, please do contact me, Reverend Gary Fleming.

Late Summer Benefice BBQ

***£5 per
person to
cover meat
portions***

***Please bring
your own
chair &
alcohol. Soft
drinks, tea
& coffee
provided***

**SATURDAY, 12TH
SEPTEMBER 2026**

START AT 3PM UNTIL 7PM

VENUE
VICARAGE,
54 PELHAM ROAD,
CLAVERING.
CB11 4PQ

**BOOK YOUR PLACE BY NOTIFYING JANE COWLEY AT:
CLAVERINGBENEFICE@OUTLOOK.COM**

BERDEN

Open Gardens

Sunday 28th June 2026

2 - 6pm

Plants from £1

Cafes

Live Music

Morris Dancing

Bee Keeping

Vintage Bus rides

Raffle

lots more!

Plus

Berden's Open Gardens include,
Little London
& Berden Priory's
17th Century water tread wheel

Passport to all gardens only £5 per adult
Children under 16 free

FREE car parking

to find out more please

E: john.tippett@btopenworld.com T: 01279 777446



"Telling the stories of St Nicholas, Berden"



Thanks to National Lottery players

<https://berden.org.uk/events/>

Raising funds for St Nicholas Church, Berden, CM23 1AJ - Reg Charity no: 1216100



Messy Church is a fun
afternoon for parents and
children up to 11 years old.

Teddy Bears Picnic

PLUS... if your teddy likes heights, come and make
a parachute and Reverend Gary Fleming
will launch your teddy off the church roof.



Bring a rug to sit on and
of course, your teddy!

Sunday
14th June

3pm

St Mary &
St Clement
Church,
Clavering

Picnic will be provided

For more information contact
Jane Woodhouse 01799 550765

A Celebration of music through time

Sunday 14th June

St Nicholas' Church tower has stood at the heart of Berden since c1270 and has lots of interesting stories to tell!

Join us to travel through time and experience

Medieval,
Baroque,
Romantic,

Renaissance,
Classical,
Contemporary music

with

Bron and Kirsty, Berden Choir and more....

Doors Open & refreshments available from 2pm

Concert starts at 2.30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

Entrance is FREE

**Donations are encouraged to support
St Nicholas Church, Berden.**



To reserve seats please

E: natalie.trapmore@outlook.com T: 07876 478717

Entry on the door is subject to availability

Please book to avoid disappointment





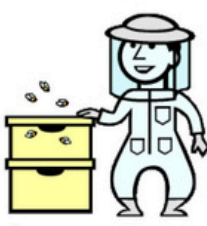
Open Gardens Manuden

Sunday 21st June

Lots of gardens to visit

1 - 5 pm £5.00

Children free



**In aid of
Village Organisations**

**Featuring Manuden's popular
Classic & Sports Car show**



Midsummer Barbecue

Saturday 20th June

6.30pm for 7pm



at



The Want Cottage

The Want

In aid of Langley Church

&

Friends of Langley Church

Tickets £20

Bar & Raffle

Contact: Liz Cable 07519 741774

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