

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

Newsletter for the week beginning 29th June 2026 (23/26)



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.

GOLDEN WORDS

BY REVEREND GARY FLEMING

At our Pints of View gathering this week we talked about a few subjects, but the key point of discussion was how you never know the impact of the words that you say. Whether it is in the workplace, school, community or home, the words we use can sometimes seem innocuous, but they might have just been what the person on the other end of them needed to hear. We considered the many sermons we may have given or listened to, or the words of wisdom we have heard from parents or others. We wondered if those who had spoken to or

with us had ever really known the affect of their words. It made us think about how important it is to ensure that we take time to listen and speak with each other and that we consider what we say. But also to allow for God to make what He will of our words in the ears and minds of others. We also reflected that even amongst crowds of people, or great congregations, it might be that what we say relates to one just person who takes away what they needed. After all, in his mission, Jesus took the time to share with individuals.

He spoke to crowds of 5000, and an individual at a well. Both, equally important. It was a lovely chat and I do hope you can Join our next evening at the Fox and Hounds, Clavering on the 28th July at 7pm.

Services

Sunday 28th June

**9.30am - BCP 1662 Holy Communion,
Langley (GF)**

**11.00am - Holy Communion, Arkesden
(GF)**

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 5th July

**9.30am - Holy Communion Manuden
(GF)**

**9.30am - Morning Prayer Arkesden
(SE)**

**11.00am - Holy Communion Clavering
(GF)**

**11.00am - Holy Communion Langley
(PC)**

**4.00pm - Sacred Space Wicken
Bonhunt (GF)**

Readings

Sunday 28th June (Trinity 4 - Green)

Genesis 22:1-14

Matthew 10:40-end

Sunday 5th July (Trinity 5 - Green)

Genesis 24 34-38, 42-49, 58 - end

Mtthew 11 16-19, 25 -end

Prayers

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust
in you, without whom nothing is
strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your
mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things
temporal that we lose not our hold on
things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord 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 our church
community in Langley. We pray for the
work of the royal British Legion who
continue to fundraise for Scotties
Little Soldiers. We pray for Dean as he
prepares for his cycle ride to raise
money for this cause.

We pray for Sarah and Ben, Landlords
of the Bull public house and those
who manage the community centre
to keep. We pray for the local
businesses and farming communities
as we head towards harvest and
summer time.
Amen



Bible Study

Having spent some time reading through the Gospel of Mark, the Bible Study group will now take a short break and return on the 10th of September and will run from 10.30-11.30 in the Clavering Christian Centre. The new format will look at biblical themes starting with a number of sessions on biblical places and geography. What happened where and when? we will be using videos, maps, film and imagery to go through the landscape of biblical lands. Please do join us for this relaxed session at which we also enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits. No need to book or attend every session



Stride by Stride Walking Group

The Stride by Stride walking group is a friendly and welcoming group of people who walk for friendship and fellowship. We normally walk for about 1.5 hours and finish at a place where we can enjoy refreshments. Please do join us. No need to book just turn up and we go whatever the weather. Coming up dates are:

July 31st - Starting from St Mary's Church, Manuden
PLEASE NOTE NO WALK IN AUGUST

September 25th - Starting from St Johns Church, Langley
Contact Reverend Gary Fleming if you would like more details

OPEN DOOR YOUTH CLUB

Our next Senior (School years 7-11) Youth Club meeting will be the 22nd July. We will start the junior Youth club from September. If you would like more information please contact, Reverend Gary Fleming

GREAT NEWS CLAVERING CHRISTIAN CENTRE REMODELLING PROJECT

JOIN US IN THE CHRISTIAN CENTRE ON THE 9TH JULY AT 7PM FOR AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PLANNED CHANGES TO THE CHRISTIAN CENTRE TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT HOME FOR CHRISTIAN MISSION WITHIN THE BENEFICE.

WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ATTRACTING A GRANT FROM THE URC FOR THE MODERNISATION OF THE KITCHEN AND SOME OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CENTRE. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO ASK FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT US IN MEETING THE FULL COST.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE INSPIRED TO OFFER YOUR SUPPORT TO THIS EXCITING COMMUNITY PROJECT

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

What's on

June 28th Open Gardens Berden See poster below

12th July 2.15pm Summer Picnic

Concert Arkesden See poster below

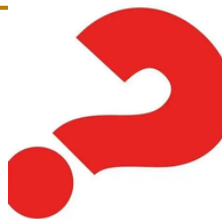
Langley Lunches - are held every month on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

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 in Manuden



Have you held long unanswered questions about faith?

Are you curious about faith matters?

Starting September the 8th, 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.

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)

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

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SUMMER
+ PICNIC
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VILLAGE ORCHESTRA

ARKESDEN Church GREEN
SUNDAY 12Th JULY

Gates open from 2.15pm - music from 3pm
Cash Bar & Raffle, bring a picnic and chairs

Ticket £10 (children under 12 free)

Available from:

arkesdenvillage.com/event/arkesden-summer-picnic-concert-2026

Alan Poultny - aapoultny@gmail.com
Tina McLean - tinamclean03@icloud.com
Or scan the QR Codes to book direct



1 Ticket



2 Tickets

Raising Funds to support our village church



HERITAGE CAFE

“LET’S TALK!”

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

First FRIDAY of the month

10.30am - 12pm

5th June, 3rd July, 7th Aug, 4th Sept

St. Nicholas Church, Berden



To find out more
E: natalie.trapmore@outlook.com
T: 07876 478717 or turn up on the day...

