



TOGETHER IN FAITH



Diocese of
Chelmsford

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

Newsletter for the week beginning the 21st September 2026 (35/26)



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.

SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

BY REVEREND GARY FLEMING

Welcome to this weeks news letter which reflect on the week ahead and a short article from the events and sermon of last week. This month we have been focusing on creation and what the harvest has, or hasn't been this year. But in the same vein, we have discussed at our Alpha course the nature of God and how we might be sure that we know Him, and He knows us. Interestingly we discussed how the one who creates also heals. Part of our reflection was to ask why the words and teachings of Jesus chime so much with us

and that when we live by the teachings of Christ, we find that our lives find a peace that we had not found elsewhere. It should not be a surprise to us that the one who create is also one who can and does heal His creation. We find that Christ knows us all along. That we are called into His ministry and teaching as a way of not only living fully, but also healing from the corruption of the world. In that we find that we have a peace, a peace that Jesus promised to leave us. It was a good talking point and discussion but the realisation that the reason Christ teaching sit so well with us is that that is the medicine we need for our fallen and broken world. Christ heals what was created through Him. Spiritual and physical healing are an eternal part of God's kingdom. Amen

Services

Sunday 20th September

9.30am - Morning Worship Berden (MT)
9.30am - Holy Communion Clavering (PC)
9.30am - Holy Communion
Wicken Bonhunt (GF)
11.00am - Holy Communion &
Harvest Festival Langley (GF)

Midweek Services Each Week - Services Wednesday

9.00am - Said Holy Communion (20 minute
service - (GF), Clavering

Thursday

9.30am - Common Worship Morning Prayer
(GF), Manuden
4.30pm - Common Worship Evening Prayer
(GF), Wicken Bonhunt

Sunday 27th September

9.30am - BCP Holy Communion (GF) Langley
11.00am - Holy Communion and Harvest
Lunch (GF) Arkesden
4.00pm - Evensong (GF) Berden

Readings

Sunday 20th September

Jonah 3 10-end of 4
Matthew 20 1-16

Sunday 27th September

Ezekiel 18 1-4, 25-end
Matthew 21 23-32

Harvest Festivals

Deuteronomy 26 1-11

John 6 25-35

Prayers

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy
continual pity cleanse and defend
thy Church; and, because it cannot
continue in safety without thy
succour, preserve it evermore by thy
help and goodness; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benefice Prayers

This week we pray for all who are
considering Gods calling on their life
to come forward for ministry and for
all who are discerning their faith. We
pray that those who are asking
question so that they may know Jesus,
and be closer to Him may find
support and guidance from those they
go to for help. We pray for all on our
Alpha course who are deepening and
exploring their faith.

We pray for all who are homeless and
rough sleeping. We pray for their
safety and wellbeing and that through
the peace of Christ they may be able
to rebuild their lives. Amen



Bible Study

We are currently reviewing the Bible study programme and will be issuing a new proposal shortly. Watch this space.

OPEN DOOR YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club will start back in September in the refurbished Christian Centre with an exciting new format. Please see dates below.

Youth Club	Date
Junior	9/9/2026
Senior	23/9/26
Junior	14/10/26
Senior	21/10/26
Junior	11/11/2026
Senior	25/11/26
Junior	9/12/2026
Senior	16/12/26



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. Walks normally take place on the last Friday of each calendar month.

Scheduled walk dates with start points are:

September 25th - St Johns Church, Langley

October 30th - Clavering - The Cricketers pub

November 27th - St Mary's Church - Arkesden

December 18th - St Margarets Church - Wicken Bonhunt

Contact Reverend Gary Fleming if you would like more details.

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 in Manuden

HARVEST SERVICE DATES AND VENUES 2026

LANGLEY – 20TH SEPTEMBER,
11.00AM, ST JOHN'S CHURCH.
HARVEST SERVICE

ARKESDEN – 27TH SEPTEMBER,
11.00AM, ST MARY'S CHURCH.
HARVEST SERVICE AND LUNCH

WICKEN BONHUNT – 18TH
OCTOBER, 09.30AM, ST
MARGARETS CHURCH. HARVEST
SERVICE

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.

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