

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

Newsletter for the week beginning the 14th September 2026 (34/26)



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

I hope that your summer break was all that you had intended it to be. It has been a mixed season of weather, too hot for some, and early harvest. Indeed, at this weekends harvest service in Clavering we heard that there does seem to be a 50-year cycle of this type of unusually hot summer going back over a 150 years as one farmer recalled. I spent the holidays in the South West where temperatures were cooler and the beaches were full of holiday makers. And I especially enjoyed watching the eclipse on Fistral beach

in Cornwall.

While I was away I found many reasons to give thank to God for all that he has done in ministry within the parishes and also what he has given us each day. It was important that while we were away that we enjoyed each day and looked for the joy in each day that we spent on the beach or visiting National Trust sites and so on. God has provided all we needed and we didnt need to look far for it. Landscape, seascape, company, wildlife and beautiful sunsets and sunrises. the food was great and we kept it as simple as possible. And we found joy in each day. As we enter harvest service season I pray that each of you can give thanks for the Joy of all God has done for us through His Son. Amen

Services

Sunday 13th September

9.30am - Holy Communion & Harvest
Berden (GF)

9.30am - Morning Worship
Wicken Bonhunt (GF)

11.00am - Harvest Festival Manuden (GF)

11.00am - Morning Worship Clavering
Christian Centre (DA)

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 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)

Readings

Sunday 13th September

Genesis 50 15-21

Matthew 18 21-35

Sunday 20th September

Jonah 3 10-end of 4

Matthew 20 1-16

Harvest Festivals

Deuteronomy 26 1-11

John 6 25-35

Prayers

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy
Church with thy perpetual mercy;
and, because the frailty of man
without thee cannot but fall, keep us
ever by thy help from all things
hurtful, and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benefice Prayers

We pray this week for rest and peace
within our communities. We pray for
healthy community relationships and
a calling to be in good fellowship with
all that we have in our midst.

We pray that by example as Christian
people we may start to be a light in
the life of others and be able to share
the Gospel through word and deed.
We pray for all who started the Alpha
course and for all who are supporting
harvest services. We give thanks for
God's goodness and we pray for those
who struggle that they may find joy in
their day. Amen



Bible Study

The Next Bible Study group will meet on the 15th October and will run from 10.30-11.30 in the Clavering Christian Centre. The session will look at journeys and pilgrimage within the Bible considering Pauls trips. 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. All are welcome and there is no need to book or attend every session. Sessions are led by Reverend Gary Fleming



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

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

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

MANUDEN – SEPTEMBER 13TH, 11.00AM, ST MARY'S CHURCH.

HARVEST SERVICE

BERDEN – SEPTEMBER 13TH, 09.30AM, ST NICHOLAS 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.

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**