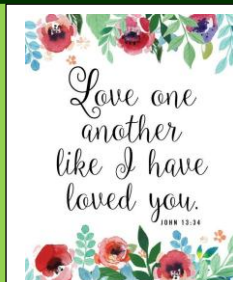


Woburn Benefice Weekly News

Serving the parishes of Battlesden with Potsgrove, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Woburn and our neighbouring communities

Week commencing 16th August 2026



Open Church at St Mary's

The church will now be open regularly on Friday mornings between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon so please come along a join us. All proceeds will go to the wheelchair access ramp project.

If you could help by donating a cake please contact Fran at admin@woburnbenefice.co.uk



Upcoming Services and Events

Battlesden

30 Aug	10.00 am	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE
13 Sep	9.00 am	Holy Communion

Eversholt

16 Aug	5.00 pm	Family Evensong
6 Sep	9.00 am	Holy Communion

Milton Bryan

23 Aug	9.00 am	Holy Communion
13 Sep	11.00 am	Songs of Praise

Woburn

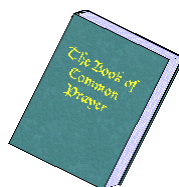
13 Aug	10.00 am	BCP Communion
16 Aug	10.30 am	Informal Communion
23 Aug	10.30 am	Formal Communion with Sunday School
30 Aug	NO SERVICE AT WOBURN	
6 Sep	10.30 am	Informal Communion
6 Sep	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
10 Sep	10.00 am	BCP Communion
13 Sep	10.30 am	Informal Communion

MK Society of Artists Exhibition

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend the Milton Keynes Society of Artists are holding an exhibition of their paintings in the church and we would like to be able to provide refreshments for that event in the Crypt with all proceeds going to the Wheelchair Access fund.

The idea will be to provide refreshments between 12.00 noon and 3.00 pm on Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th and Monday 31st August. We are creating a rota of 2 x 2 hour slots on each day starting at 11.30 am (to set up) and finishing at 3.30 pm to allow time to clear up after the visitors have gone. If you are able to commit to any of these times please let Fran know or sign the sheet which is at the back of St Mary's church. We will also need donations of cakes and savoury bakes so please let us know if you can offer those.

BCP Holy Communion



BCP Holy Communion service is held at 10.00 am on the 2nd Thursday of the Month - a short service of Holy Communion held in St Mary's Lady Chapel, using the beautiful language of the Book of Common Prayer.

Bible Readings for this Sunday

The readings for this Sunday are shown below if you would like to follow them even if you were not able to get to church – or you would like to re-read them if you did.

Readings:

Genesis 45 verses 1 to 15
Matthew 15 verses 21 to 28



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Milton Keynes Foodbank



The Milton Keynes Food Bank would like to thank us for our generous donations. Marcel and Andy share the delivery, about once a fortnight, of our contributions. There is a collection point at St Mary's, Woburn. Last time Marcel made a delivery, they mentioned that donations are particularly needed at this time, with supplies running a bit low.

WE URGENTLY NEED THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:

Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Long Life Milk, Cereal, Biscuits, Juice or Squash, Tinned Pulses, Spreads – Jams, Peanut Butter, or Chocolate Spread, Tinned Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit, Dried Rice – 500g, Tinned Veg, Dried Pasta – 500g, Tinned Soups, Tinned Tomatoes, Savoury Snacks/Cereal Bars, Tea, Sugar, Rice, Pudding/Custard, Baked Beans

Why not pop something extra into your weekly shop, and drop it off on a Friday or Sunday morning?

UBS at Battlesden



We look forward to worshipping together at St Peter and All Saints, Battlesden on the 5th Sunday of the month for the United Benefice Service. This will be on 30th August 2026 at 10.00 am.

We are usually welcomed with beautiful flowers and wonderful home baking, and we hope to be able to enjoy refreshments on the lawn together after the service.

First Aid Training

Would you be interested in doing First Aid Training? The Deanery are wanting to organise some training days but would like to assess the likely interest first. The cost for a day course in 'Emergency First Aid Training' (including adult, child and infant CPR) would be £30 per person for the day.

If you would be interested in doing this training please let Fran know admin@woburnbenefice.co.uk

Milton Keynes Society of Artists Exhibition



Milton Keynes Society of Artists

Woburn Art Exhibition

in St. Mary's Church
Park Street



Saturday 29th August

Open 10.30am-4.30pm

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Sunday 30th August

Open 10.30am-4pm

Free Admission

For further information about MKSA's activities, see www.mksa.org.uk

For membership enquiries contact mksa_queries@btinternet.com

The exhibition will feature work by MKSA members, showing a range of styles and techniques. All work is for sale and will include framed pictures, work on canvas ready for hanging, unframed portfolio art and greetings cards.

Refreshments available within the church



Bike & Hike 2026



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Every year Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust organise their Bike & Hike event to raise money for their Trust and for local churches. Those who take part raise money by being sponsored to visit local churches. Half of the money they raise goes to their own church and half to B&HHCT.

This year Derek and Marcel will be doing the ride for St Mary's. You can sponsor them and, any money they raise will be split equally between St Mary's wheelchair ramp fund and BHHCT. Sponsor forms at the back of St Mary's Church or donate on-line by clicking this link [Rachel Snow is fundraising for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.](#)

B&HHCT is also one of the bodies we will contact to apply for grants for the project so we may benefit in that way too. The Bike & Hike this year is on Saturday 12th September 2026.

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