

Woburn Benefice Weekly News

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

Week commencing 31st March 2024



News from Battlesden

Ruth Barton, who has served as churchwarden at Battlesden for over 41 years, and has also served nearly as long as a deanery synod representative, is finally stepping down from the role. Ruth's commitment and efforts in so many different ways have played a big part in seeing the church building of All Saints and St Peter's restored to its present good condition, and the congregation flourishing. Usually over 20 people of all ages gather to worship together once a month, and support one another as a caring church family. Our huge thanks goes to Ruth for her exceptional years of service and our love and prayers go with her as she moves away. We are delighted that Anna Wissen has taken on the role, to serve as churchwarden alongside Chris Hunt.

News from Woburn PCC Volunteers needed!

There are lots of things going on at Woburn Church at the moment and the PCC are going to need your help with some of them.

We will be looking for a new **Church Warden** to step into George's very large shoes in April at the APCM. To see what the role entails please click here <https://www.woburnparishchurch.co.uk/2024/01/13/churchwardens-for-st-marys-woburn/>

If you would like to discuss the role above, please contact George g.atkinsonclark@gmail.com or Steve s.apted@sky.com

Church Cleaning at Woburn



There will be church cleaning at St Mary's, Woburn on Saturday 6th April 2024 — 9.30 am to 11.30am. All equipment provided. Do join us as we give the church its monthly clean. Everybody welcome!

Benefice Administrator



We are delighted to announce that Fran Brown has been appointed as Benefice Administrator, from 1st April. She is replacing Janice Windon, who is retiring, after many years of dedicated service, from the role at Easter. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to

Janice for the many ways she has supported me this past year as I settled into my new post. Behind the scenes she has just gone on quietly sorting out hall hiring, churchyard, baptism and funeral enquiries, rotas, service cover and so much more. Thank you Janice.

Fran brings with her a wealth of experience of IT and administration, and has been producing these weekly bulletins on a voluntary basis since we started them last Autumn. The churchwardens and I are really looking forward to working with Fran, to ensure the smooth running of the Benefice, to serve our parishes and keep you connected with everything that is happening.

Fran will be on the same phone number and email address as Janice used, so do get in touch if you have any queries.

Phone: 07759 708786

Email: admin@woburnbenefice.co.uk

Rachel

Job Opportunity

We have received the request below from Revd Jos Perris, Training Co-ordinator, St Albans Diocesan Safeguarding Team if anyone would like to apply:

[Safeguarding Administrator \(0.6\) - The Diocese of St Albans \(stalbandsdiocese.org\)](https://www.stalbansdiocese.org)

The job is central to our Diocesan Safeguarding Team and will be supporting the very important safeguarding training programme.

- 21 hours a week (4-5 hours over 4-5 days)
- Flexibility to work part from home and part from Holywell Lodge, St Albans

We are looking for strong Administrative and Communication skills and someone who is good at working as part of a team.

Deadline for applications are **12pm on 8th April 2024.**

Contact: Benefice Office: (Part time hours)
Rector: Rev'd Rachel Snow

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Foodbank



St Mary's has had a long association with the Food Bank MK going back many years. Donations are needed now, perhaps more than ever. The need is there, and is continuing to grow, so please think about donating an item or two from your weekly shop. You can bring your donations to the service at St Mary's Church, Woburn for delivery on a regular basis.

Items most needed change from time to time, and you can always check this on the MK Foodbank website, but currently they are asking for: Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Long Life Milk, Juice or Squash, Cooking Oil, Spreads – Jams, Peanut Butter, or Chocolate Spread, Tinned Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit, Dried Rice – 500g, Tinned Veg, Dried Pasta, Tinned Soups, Savoury Snacks/ Cereal Bars, Toiletries

The Benefice also has a new food donation box in the porch of St John's, Eversholt, where food can be dropped off at any time. Donations here will go to the Need Project, another food bank in Central Beds that we are keen to support.

St Mary's APCM

St Mary's Woburn APCM this year will be on Sunday 7th April 2024 at 11.30 am, following the morning service. Please save the date.

Confirmations this Saturday - a choice of two abbeys!

We are delighted that in two very special Easter Eve services, in two very different, but beautiful abbeys, 4 of our community are confirming their faith in Christ in confirmation services being led by Bishop Richard, and Bishop Jane.

Oliver Carr, Zoe and Olivia Schmitz are being confirmed at St Albans Abbey, at 8.00 pm, and, slightly earlier and closer to home, Claudia Wilkinson is being confirmed at Elstow Abbey, Elstow, at 6.30 pm. Everybody is welcome to support them at these special services. If you are unable to attend then please do hold them in your prayers, that they will know God's presence, love and peace resting on them, and they will receive the Holy Spirit afresh, as the Bishops pray for them. Thank you.

Upcoming Services and Events



Battlesden

14 Apr 9.00 am Holy Communion



Eversholt

31 Mar 9.00am Holy Communion
7 Apr 9.00 am Holy Communion
21 Apr 4.00 pm Family Evensong



Milton Bryan

14 Apr 11.00 am Songs of Praise



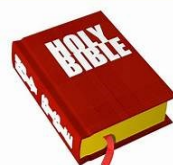
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28 Mar 7.30 pm Holy Communion
29 Mar 10.30 am Morning Worship
29 Mar 2.00 pm Hour at the Cross
31 Mar 10.30 am Holy Communion
4 Apr 10.00 am BCP Communion
6 Apr 9.30 am Church Cleaning
7 Apr 10.30 am Together Sunday
7 Apr 11.30 am Woburn Church APCM
7 Apr 6.00 pm Choral Evensong
14 Apr 10.30 am Formal Communion
21 Apr 10.30 am Informal Communion

Easter Sunday services

There is a slight change to our advertised services for Easter Sunday. There will now be two services taking place, 9.00 am at St John's, Eversholt, and 10.30 am at St Mary's, Woburn, rather than one United Benefice Service. Everybody from across the Benefice is welcome to join us at one of these two services, to

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:

Acts 10 verses 34 to 43
John 10 verses 1 to 18

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