

Woburn Benefice Weekly News

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



Week commencing 29th October 2023

**United Benefice Service
St John the Baptist Church,
Eversholt
29th October 2023 at 10.30 am**



For our 5th Sunday of the month service we will be worshipping together with our other village churches across the Benefice, at St John the Baptist, Eversholt. It will be a wonderful time to join in praise and prayer, as well as catching up with old friends and making new ones! We will follow the service with tea and coffee in the church.

Silent Prayer for World Peace at Milton Bryan

Friday 27th October 2023—7.00—9.00 pm at Milton Bryan Church.

The church will be open between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm for silent prayer. All are very welcome. Feel free to 'drop in' at a time that suits you and stay for as long as you wish. Hot chocolate will be served, once prayer has concluded, at 9.00pm. Wrap up warm!

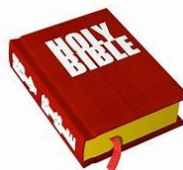
Remembrance Sunday



There will be a Remembrance Service at all of the churches in the Benefice on Sunday 12th November 2023

Battlesden 9.00 am led by Rev'd Rachel
Eversholt 3.00 pm led by Rev'd Anne Barker
Milton Bryan 11.00 am led by Alan White
Woburn 10.30 am—Rev'd Rachel will join the service with the Royal British Legion

Readings for Sunday 29th October 2023



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.

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Leviticus 19 verses 1 & 2 and 15 to 18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2 verses 1 to 8

Matthew 22 verses 34 to end

News from around the Benefice

Welcome to the first edition of Woburn Benefice Weekly News. The idea is to issue this weekly as a two page bulletin but it has been an action packed few weeks and so we thought that we would make this a bumper edition to catch up on some of what has been going on and share photographs of some of the activities. We hope that you enjoy them.

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Watch this space!



New connect groups beginning January. Connect groups are a brilliant way to build community as we connect with God and one another, meeting in small groups in the week. Sign ups will open end of November. More details to follow.....

Benefice Vision Day Saturday 13th January 2024

Save the date
9.00 am—1.00 pm followed by lunch.

Everybody welcome to join us as we dream about the future of our church together, and discuss the question: 'What we are here for?'

United Benefice Baptism and Confirmation Service

Date for your diary!
United Benefice Baptism and Confirmation Service with Bishop Alan, Bishop of St Albans.
10.30 am Sunday 3rd March 2024.

Baptism is a public sign of our decision to follow Jesus, and in confirmation we affirm our baptism promises, and receive prayer and the anointing of oil from the Bishop to receive the Holy Spirit. If you are interested in being baptised, confirmed, or both, do contact Rachel, on rector@woburnbenefice.co.uk

With thanks...

We would like to thank the Langford family for their dedicated service to the Woburn Benefice, and in particular St Mary's Church, over recent years. They are now moving on. If you have any queries about children or youth work do get in touch with Rachel, on rector@woburnbenefice.co.uk

Services and Events for next 4 weeks



Battlesden

12 Nov 9.00 am Remembrance Service with Holy Communion



Eversholt

29 Oct 10.30 am United Benefice Service
5 Nov 9.00 am Holy Communion
12 Nov 3.00 pm Remembrance Service
19 Nov 4.00 pm Family Evensong



Milton Bryan

12 Nov 11.00 am Remembrance Service



Woburn

29 Oct—United Benefice Service at Eversholt
2 Nov 10.00 am BCP Communion
5 Nov 10.30 am Informal Communion
5 Nov 6.00 pm Choral Evensong
12 Nov 10.30 am Remembrance Service
19 Nov 10.30 am Informal Communion

Harvest Celebrations around the Benefice

Harvest celebrations this year were really joyous in all of the churches in the Benefice.



Each of the churches was beautifully decorated.



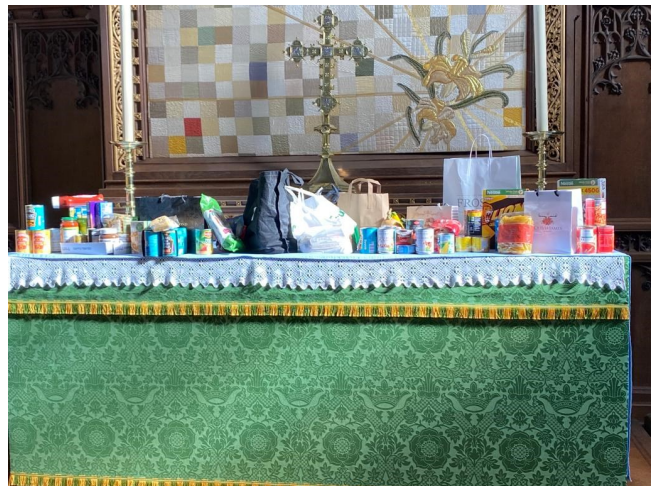
Battlesden harvest supper and auction raised vital funds for the church and The Need Project



At the Milton Bryan Harvest Supper Bill Creamer was in auction action raising nearly £1000 for St Peter's. The auction was of local produce generously donated by local villagers grown in their gardens and allotments.



Woburn Church was delighted to be joined by some singers from Woburn Lower School to share their harvest thanksgiving songs with St Mary's and bring generous food donations. Wonderful to send an extra large delivery to the local food bank



Eversholt gave food donations for the Need Project collected by George Hamilton our guest speaker a couple of months ago.

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Alpha

The Alpha course has been running now for several weeks and is proving very popular, as you can see. A special time to explore the Christian faith, over a wonderful meal. Heartfelt thanks goes to those who serve in the kitchen team, and provide delicious homemade desserts each week.



The Alpha course Away Day will be on Saturday 28th October 9.30 am - 3.00 pm at St Botolphs, Aspley Guise Link Room.

There will be no Alpha on Tuesday 31st October - the course re-starts on Tuesday 7th November for the last 3 weeks.

Thursday Zoom Prayers

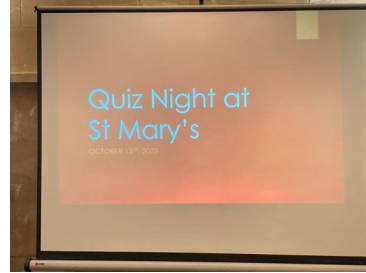
There will be a short on-line 30 minute prayer meeting each Thursday morning at 8.00 am to pray for the Alpha course. Please contact Steve Apted if you would like the Zoom link to join.



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Quiz Night



Many thanks to all who supported the Quiz Night. We raised £400 for St Mary's and enjoyed David Knapman's home-brewed beer.

Over 50 came along including friends and family, and everyone had lots of fun...



And finally – a celebration of Harvest Flowers



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