

# Woburn Benefice Weekly News

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



Week commencing 14th January 2024

## Woburn Benefice Connect Groups Monthly Dog Walk

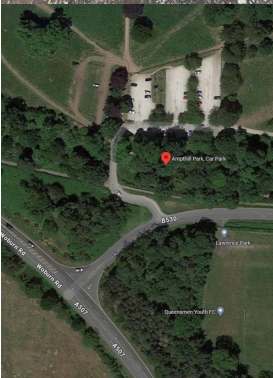
**Date:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 **Time:** 9:30am

**Venue:** Ampthill Great Park – Main Car Park  
MK45 2HX

Christian & Paula Sawers (and Bailey, our Labrador!)  
Come along and join us for a lovely morning stroll



around Ampthill Great Park on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January. We will set off from the main car park (NOT the Hub car park, see map below) at 9.30 am. If you have a canine friend please bring them along, though this is not essential!! It will be lovely to see you all, spend time together and enjoy the lovely walks and views of God's creation.



If you can let us know in advance that you can make it, we can get an idea of numbers on this our inaugural walk.

Email us:

[christian.sawers@gmail.com](mailto:christian.sawers@gmail.com)

## Pilates at Woburn Church

We hold a weekly gentle Pilates class in the crypt every Tuesday morning, starting promptly at 09.30 am. It lasts for an hour & is followed by refreshments (included in the price) & a chance to share each other's good & bad times. The class is a fairly gentle one aimed at those who might struggle with more rigorous exercise.

The class costs £7 per session & you only pay when you attend a class. Mats are available for anyone who doesn't have their own. Come along and join us.

## 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.

1. We will be looking for a new Church Warden to step into George's very large shoes in April at the APCM.

2. We are kicking off the recruitment process for a new Benefice Administrator to replace the equally large shoes of Janice who will leave the role at Easter.



3. We need more volunteers to join the church cleaning team and we are on the look out for a new Cleaning Co-ordinator to replace Pauline when she moves away.

If you would like more information about what the roles above would entail please contact George [g.atkinsonclark@gmail.com](mailto:g.atkinsonclark@gmail.com) or Steve [s.apted@sky.com](mailto:s.apted@sky.com)

## Church Prayer Meeting

This Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm. there will be the first of fortnightly church prayer meetings. They will be via Zoom and will last a maximum of one hour. Prayer is always vital to the welfare of any church. There is much to pray for at St Marys so please do consider offering one hour of your time to the Lord in this ministry. There is no need to pray aloud, it is something that many of us are nervous about and which stops us going to prayer meetings, but it need not. If you are in that category, don't let it stop you "signing up", please still join us, you cannot know what a blessing you being there will be to everyone else.

To receive the Zoom link please text your email address to Ian Wayment – 07885 756114 or Steve Apted – 07768 547640 or speak to them after the Sunday morning service.

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

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## Souper Tuesday

Once again we are planning to run Souper Tuesday in the church. The events will run from 9th January until the end of February 2024.

We hope to offer a warm welcome to locals, offering soup and a roll, also tea/coffee and cake to anyone who would like to join us.

Volunteers are needed firstly to make soup or cakes or as "staff" to help in the running of it.

It will be organised much as before with slightly reduced hours - 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm.

If you are able to help please contact:

Jean Wayment on 01525 290670

or Judy Knapman on 01525 290189

## Bishop's Hidden Garden

### Open Garden

The Bishop of St Albans Hidden Garden

A two acre oasis in the heart of the City of St Albans

2pm - 4pm

Sunday 18 February

Sunday 25 February

Sunday 3 March

Sunday 10 March

Abbey Gate House  
Abbey Mill Lane  
AL3 4HD

Entrance £5 per adult (children free)

Dogs on leads - no toilet facilities

In aid of Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Upcoming Services and Events

### Battlesden

14 Jan 9.00 am Holy Communion

### Eversholt

21 Jan 4.00 pm Family Evensong

### Milton Bryan

14 Jan 11.00 am Songs of Praise

28 Jan 9.00 am Songs of Praise

### Woburn

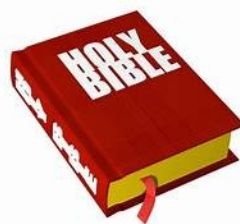
14 Jan 10.30 am Formal Communion

21 Jan 10.30 am Informal Communion

28 Jan 10.30 am Formal Communion

4 Feb 10.30 am Informal Communion

## Readings for Sunday



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

### Readings:

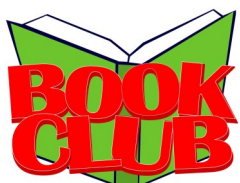
1 Samuel 3 verses 1 to 10 (11 to 20)

Psalms 139 verses 1 to 5 and 12 to 18

Revelation 5 verses 1 to 10

John 1 verses 43 to end

## Book Club



Did you know that we have a Book Club in the Benefice? We meet every 6 or 8 weeks by Zoom having read a book with a Christian theme. It's fascinating to see the different perspectives and to

develop and share ideas about our faith. Books we have read over the last months have included items as diverse as *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton to *Come with me through Revelation* by David Pawson, from *How to Pray* by Peter Greig to *The Abolition of Man* by C S Lewis. The next meeting is planned for Saturday 20th January 2024 at 2.00 pm and the book we are going to discuss is *What's so amazing about grace* by Philip Yancey. If you would like to join please contact Steve Apted at [s.apted@sky.com](mailto:s.apted@sky.com)

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