

# Woburn Benefice Weekly News

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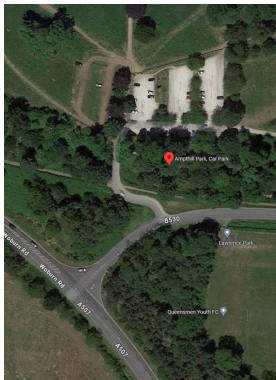
Week commencing 21st January 2024

## 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)

## St Albans Cathedral Choir Concert on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 7.00 pm



One of the UK's finest Cathedral Choirs performs a programme of sacred and secular music, in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Woburn.

Tickets cost £10. Please follow the link to book:

[Concert | St Mary's Parish Church](https://woburnparishchurch.co.uk/concert-st-marys-parish-church)  
[woburnparishchurch.co.uk](https://woburnparishchurch.co.uk)

## 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. To see what the role entails please click here <https://www.woburnparishchurch.co.uk/2024/01/13/churchwardens-for-st-marys-woburn/>

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. For a job description please click here <https://www.woburnparishchurch.co.uk/2024/01/13/part-time-benefice-administrator/>

3. **Church cleaning** - Many thanks to Judy Relf who has agreed to be the church cleaning co-ordinator. If you feel that you can help with cleaning just turn up at 9.30 am on the first Saturday of the month. All equipment and materials are provided

If you would like to discuss the roles above, 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

On Monday 29th January 2024 at 7.30 pm. there will be the second fortnightly church prayer meeting. These are via Zoom and 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.

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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

### Eversholt

21 Jan 4.00 pm Family Evensong

### Milton Bryan

28 Jan 9.00 am Songs of Praise

### Woburn

21 Jan 10.30 am Informal Communion

28 Jan 10.30 am Formal Communion

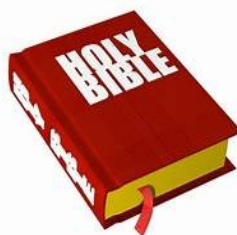
1 Feb 10.00 am BCP Communion

4 Feb 10.30 am Informal Communion

4 Feb 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

11 Feb 10.30 am Formal 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:

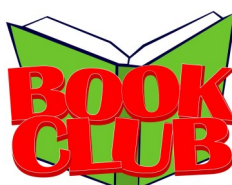
Genesis 14 verses 17 to 20

Psalm 128

Revelation 19 verses 6 to 10

John 2 verses 1 to 11

## 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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