

Our Services for October

Sunday Services	Midweek Services
<p>Sunday 1st October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am - Ryston, BCP HC 11am - Denver, MP 11am - Ten Mile Bank, Harvest 5pm - Ryston Harvest Evensong 6.30pm - Bexwell, Harvest EP <p>Sunday 8th October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am - Crimbleham, HC 10am - Southery, SW 10.30am - Hilgay Methodist Church, Harvest 11am - Denver, Mattins 8pm - Bexwell Zoom, Compline <p>Sunday 15th October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am - Bexwell, HC 10am - Southery, SW 11am - Denver, HC 6.30 pm - Denver, P&P <p>Sunday 22nd October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am - Crimbleham, MP 10am - Southery, HC 11am - Denver, FS 11am - Hilgay, HC 8pm - Bexwell Zoom, P&M <p>Sunday 29th October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am - Southery, HC <p><i>Benefice Service</i></p>	<p>Every Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am - Denver, MP <p>Wednesday 18th October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.30pm - Southery - H&T <p>Key</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCP Book of Common Prayer EP Evening Prayer FS Family Service HC Holy Communion H&T Hymns & Tea MP Morning Prayer MW Morning Worship P&M Prayer & Meditation P&P Prayer and Praise SW Service of the Word <p><i>For the Bexwell online services, please use the link is.gd/BexwellZoom</i></p> <p><i>Meeting ID: 830 1518 3191</i></p> <p><i>Passcode: 400888</i></p> <p><i>You can see our up to date calendar on our website. www.ousevalleybenefice.org</i></p>



Ouse Valley Benefice

Bexwell + Crimbleham + Denver + Hilgay + Ryston + Southery + Ten Mile Bank

October 2023 Newsletter

Ffald-y-Brenin, meaning 'Sheepfold of the King', is a house of prayer in the Welsh hills. Heidi and I recently spent a few days there on a deeply refreshing retreat. It's one of those places where stillness is palpable and you feel so much closer to God. I was deeply impacted by the rhythm of prayer and worship that permeates the life of the community. Four times a day, all activity stops and everyone gathers in the chapel to be still and wait upon God.

Their daily prayer of blessing for Wales left an inelible mark on our hearts - we are now praying it for our Benefice. I am convinced that as a group of churches, we will see positive change in our communities if we trust God's transforming power and bless those around us in his name. I've put the words to the prayer inside this newsletter in the hope that you'll use it too.

I was delighted to come home and discover that prayer was the focus at Denver Primary School this week. Ten wonderfully creative spaces were set up around the school where the children could explore new ways of praying and reflecting. The thankfulness bubbles were extremely popular!

Whatever age you are, I encourage you to find a place of retreat, where you can be still with God. It doesn't have to be far away; it could be a quiet corner of your home or a nearby park. The key is to create space and find a regular time to stop, listen and to share your heart with the Lord. I would love to hear how you get on.

In Christ's love and service, Revd Nigel Moat.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." - Psalm 46.10

News and Events

October Benefice Service

Please be aware that the October Benefice service on **Sunday October 29th**, will now be at **St Mary's Church in Southery at 10am**. Everyone is welcome to join us for this service as we worship God together as a united group of churches.

Children's Society Money Boxes

St Mary's Church in Denver is coordinating the collection of the Children's Society Money boxes again this year. If you have one, they will need to be returned to St Mary's Denver by **Saturday 18th November**. If you would like to know more please contact Jo Walton.

Rotary Club ShoeBox Appeal 2023

Sue Sampson now has the shoe boxes for this year's Rotary Club appeal ready for distribution. If you would like to pack one, please see Sue at Denver Church. Jo Walton also has a selection of brand new knitted garments for babies through to 8/9 year old boys and girls that would be ideal for adding to the boxes. These can be collected from St Mary's Church in Denver if you want to add one to your box.

Mailing List

We are setting up a new email mailing list for the Ouse Valley Benefice which will be used for the monthly newsletter and other regular updates. Please let Revd Nigel know if you would like to be added to the list. You can be assured that your email address will not be shared with anyone else. Once signed up, you will be able to unsubscribe at any time. You can also join the mailing list by completing the form at is.gd/ovbmailinglist.

Scams

Please be aware of a scam in which parishioners receive an email, supposedly from the Vicar. It asks them to purchase some Amazon vouchers (or similar) on the Vicar's behalf. As far as we are aware, OVB has not been targeted, but if you do receive such an email, please do not respond to it and let Revd Nigel know.

Denver School Prayer Stations

As mentioned in the pastoral letter, Denver school has just had a week focusing on prayer. Thank you to the volunteers from some of our churches who were able to go in and help run the prayer spaces. Revd Nigel also answered questions at an *Ask the Vicar* session - questions the pupils would like to ask God. There were some lovely deep theological questions that were asked which show how open children are to the Christian faith.

School Harvest Services

The four schools in our benefice are all coming into our church buildings as part of their Harvest celebrations. (By the way, thank you to everyone who has decorated them so beautifully!) This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share God's love with the children and parents in our communities. Please pray for each of our schools and their staff as we seek to build deeper connections in our area.

PCC Meetings

The next round of PCC meetings are fast approaching! Revd Nigel wants to hear from everyone as we plan for the coming months. Please think and pray about your ideas for the future life and growth of our congregations and our benefice - as well as our mission and ministry. Everyone's input is welcome whether you are on a PCC or not. If you are not on a PCC, please share your thoughts with someone who is or have a chat with Revd Nigel.

Caleb Prayer

Caleb is a Hebrew name that means *faithful*. Here is the prayer used each day at Ffald-y-Brenin which Heidi and I have been using to pray for our benefice and for our individual parishes. Please join us.

*O High King of Heaven,
Have mercy on our land.
Revive your Church;
Send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the lost, the least, and the
broken.
May your Kingdom come to our nation.
In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.*