

THE BENEFICE OF ST PAUL'S BENTLEY COMMON, ST NICHOLAS KELVEDON HATCH AND ST THOMAS, NAVESTOCK

PRIEST IN CHARGE: REV'D JULIE HARDY

If you wish to contact me or find out about what is happening in any of the three churches, please use my details below or visit any of the sites listed. Friday is my rest day- please leave a message and I will get back to you.

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St Nicholas: www.facebook.com/stnicholaskelvedonhatch

St Thomas: www.facebook.com/stthomasnavestock

Instagram: [stpaulsbentley](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulsbentley) (covers all three churches)

Website: www.benkelnav.org.uk

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BENEFICE PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have any specific prayer requests for people, please get their agreement for their names to be published and then send details to Carol at the Rectory benkelnav.three@btinternet.com

Please pray for: *Bill, Angela & David Hoppit, Mary Ingram, Ivor, Elizabeth, Gordon, Norman & Wendy Snow, Ken Bruce.*

BENEFICE NEWS AND REGULAR EVENTS

The Hub: 'The Hub' every Monday from 9.00am – 12.30pm in the Fane Hall, Kelvedon Hatch, CM14 5TJ

Open in school holidays but not bank holidays

Coffee Club: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 9am – 12.30pm in St Paul's Church Centre, CM14 5RZ

Little Hatchlings Toddler Group:

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, term time only 9am – 11.00am in St Paul's Church Centre, CM14 5RZ

Each of these groups is open for anyone in the Benefice to come along to chat with others and have a tea / coffee.

Financial Support If you, or someone you know, who lives in the Benefice (does not have to be a churchgoer) is struggling financially, there may be grants available. Please ring Rev'd Julie for a friendly, confidential chat.

Please support the local Foodbank: there are collection boxes at the back of each church: please consider adding an extra item or two in your shopping basket if you are able.



Message from Foodbank: We are desperately seeking more volunteers who would be able to commit to working at Brentwood Foodbank on a Tuesday 9am-1pm (alternating Tuesdays would be fine). They need to be committed – working at the Foodbank can be hard but it is also a fulfilling and humbling experience - a real calling from the heart and God. If anyone would like more information, please email Julie Bowler (Distribution Manager) bowlerjulie@hotmail.com or call 077515 770093.

The Benefice Easy Fundraising Link

If you are using the internet to do online shopping, please go via easyfundraising.co.uk website to raise valuable funds – simple to use and the financial benefits to the churches really count.

The Lighthouse Furniture Project

Anyone can shop there. Also, if you have any essential items – kettles, crockery, cutlery, bedding, white goods, sofas that you no longer require – please consider donating: they are based at CM13 1TE.

ECO Church

Please continue to collect used postage stamps and ink cartridges which we recycle. *April – why not go for a walk or cycle instead of using the car. Visit Mores Wood across from St Paul's church – the bluebells are beautiful.*

Sunday 28 th 5 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40	John 15:1-8
	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion + JAM at St Paul's Service of the Word at St Nicholas Holy Communion BCP at St Thomas
Monday 29	9.00am	The Hub
Tuesday 30	3.00pm	St Nicholas Fabric & Finance meet - Fane Hall
Wednesday 1	9.00am	Coffee Club in St Paul's Church Centre
Thursday 2	9.30am 2.00pm	Holy Communion at St Nicholas Fane Hall refurbishment meeting in the hall
Saturday 4		Orthodox Church using St Paul's church
Sunday 5 6 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:44-48	John 15:9-17
	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	All Together service at St Paul's + Baptism Holy Communion and APCM at St Nicholas Evening Prayer at St Thomas
Monday 6		NO HUB
Wednesday 8	9.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm	Little Hatchlings Toddler group in St Paul's Church Centre Navestock Lunch in Village Hall Zoom – Confirmation course
Thursday 9	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Nicholas
Saturday 11	10.00am 2.00pm	Plant Sale at St Nicholas church – until noon Foodbank Tractor collection in KH
Sunday 12 th 7 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-22	John 17:6-19
	9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion and APCM at St Paul's Service of the Word at St Nicholas <i>Baptism at St Paul's</i> Holy Communion at St Thomas
Monday 13	9.00am 7.30pm	The Hub Little Doves Trustees meet - Church Centre
Tuesday 14	7.30pm	St Nicholas and St Paul's joint Mothers' Union meeting in the Fane Hall. Guest speaker from THRIVE "Domestic Abuse"
Wednesday 15	9.00am 7.30pm	Coffee Club in St Paul's Church Centre Zoom – Confirmation course
Thursday 16	9.30am 2.00pm 3.00pm	Holy Communion at St Nicholas Visit to Dudbrook Home Visit to Howard Lodge
Saturday 18	2.00pm	Confirmation class at St Paul's Church Centre
Sunday 19 Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
	10.30am	Benefice Service at The Rectory There will be no other services in the Benefice on this day
Monday 20	9.00am	The Hub
Wednesday 22	9.00am 7.30pm	Little Hatchlings Toddler group in St Paul's Church Centre Zoom – Confirmation class

BENEFICE FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APCM

Each of the churches will be holding their APCMs next month:

St Nicholas	May 5
St Paul's	May 12
St Thomas	May 26

St Nicholas Plant Sale – Saturday 11 May

If you are gardening in the coming weeks, and have spare plants, cuttings, seedlings, please consider donating them – speak with Ken Roast on 01277 372261.

Tractor Collection – Saturday 11 May 2pm – 3.30pm

Volunteers required to follow the tractor around Kelvedon Hatch and knock on doors and collect food for the Foodbank – please let Carol the administrator know if you can help.

Confirmation Service – Sunday 9 June 3.00pm

This service will be taking place at St Paul's church. If you are baptised /christened and want to 'confirm' your faith in God/ Jesus, please consider confirmation. If you are not baptised /christened and want to be, the Bishop will baptise and then 'confirm' you on the same day. Please let Rev'd Julie know by 5 May if you want to do this.

Bentley's Got Talent – 13 July

Can you sing, dance or do you have another talent? Or perhaps you know someone who would like to show their talent? Please call **Sarah on 07871 825734**.

Bentley Common Bellringers need your help!

Both St Paul's (Bentley Common) and St Thomas (Navestock) have lovely rings of 6 bells but, sadly, only have 6 trained bellringers as illness and relocation have reduced our ranks. We are trying to keep the bells at both churches ringing but we need more people to learn to ring and join our happy band.

Tuition is free with an accredited tutor and does not require massive strength. Anyone can learn from aged 12yrs and all we ask is you ring for some Sunday services and weddings. Bellringing is also accepted as a skill for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and our practices are great fun. We ring at other churches both far and wide and have outings, competitions and courses to improve our skills. We also need someone to help our steeple keeper whose job is to keep the bells in good order. This doesn't need to be a ringer but possibly someone who has an interest in mechanics and simple engineering, but it does require a degree of agility to climb ladders and move around the bells safely. If you think you'd like to join us and help keep the bells ringing please get in touch and we will arrange a visit.

Please contact **Rowena (tower captain) 07746417459** or **Alwyn (tutor) 07770980966** or any of the ringers.