



## Notices Sheet - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible readings:** Psalm 88 (p 597) Luke 22:39-45 (p 1058)

**The Promises of Jesus:** Our Lent course this year is taking place at All Saints@6, in Little Munden. The subject is the "Promises of Jesus". The remaining sessions are:

10<sup>th</sup> March The Holy Spirit

17<sup>th</sup> March Jesus with us

Everyone is very welcome, whether you usually come to All Saints @6 or not!

**Lent Appeal:** Before Lent, we focussed on our giving, to God and to our churches, through service and through financial support. Once again our Lent appeal is for our ministry and mission in this community. In this case, giving won't be aggregated and shared between our three benefice churches, but will be allocated to the church in which it's given. However, many of our costs are shared, so if you'd like to support the work of the benefice across the board, please let one of our treasurers know and we'll make sure that happens.

**Midweek services:** How well do you know the book of Lamentations? This week, our Tuesday and Wednesday morning services will start a short series using Lamentations to help us look at Christian lament. After Easter, we will be exploring what Jesus meant by the phrase 'the Kingdom of God' and what it means for us today. All are welcome to these services, where worship is followed by discussion and refreshments.

**Pre-orders for the Real Easter Egg - £5 each:** Marion is taking orders now for the Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs, with a new story booklet to celebrate the real meaning of Easter. The last order date to get them in time for Easter is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Payment with order is preferred. Profits go to the food bank. You can email Marion on marionsmith1456@gmail.com.

**Benefice Bookstall:** Lizzy's Christian bookstall was well received last weekend. She will have more stock over the coming months, but if there's a book that you would like her to get for you, please speak to her.

**Issues with the contactless donation point in St Mary's:** We are still having trouble with our permanently set up contactless device. It's an issue with the app, and we are in contact with the platform that facilitates it to get it resolved. Meanwhile, the QR code will still work for contactless giving, and we will try to have an alternative contactless device available at services and events. We apologise that it's taking a little while to get this sorted out.

**Palm Sunday:** On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in St Mary's there will be a service of music and readings to mark the start of Holy Week. There will be music sung by our benefice choir from Bach's St John Passion and readers will take us through the passion narrative as recorded by John in his gospel. Please do come along as we begin our observance of the holiest of weeks.

**Lent course Wednesday evenings 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm at Bishop's Stortford College:** Entitled 'Reality: Is yours authentic or augmented?' this year's Lent Lectures at Bishop's Stortford College will seek to explore the reality of three areas of human existence: Faith, the Environment, and Spiritual Experiences. Long before the advent of Artificial Intelligence humans have been curious to comprehend nature of reality. New technologies only enrich debates within philosophy, politics, religion and science about the reality of the human existence. Tickets are free but must be booked through the college website. For more details, please speak to Isabel.

**Be more informed about Palestine:** Basma will be re-running her talk about the Palestinian people on 16<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00 pm in Dane End Memorial Hall. For tickets, please contact Sue on 01920 318674.

**FOSM Afternoon tea & talk:** This will take place the Standon Lordship and Jim Nicolson will speak about 'My uncle, the Battle of Britain VC'. Tickets, at £25, are available from Diana on 07718 734897.

**Hospital transport looking for volunteer drivers:** The dedicated hospital transport team offers lifts to local people who need them. It could be simply picking up someone in the village and taking him or her to the surgery, or it might involve a trip to an outpatients appointment at hospital. If you think you can offer some of your time (however little or large an amount), please speak to Wendy. Volunteers receive reimbursement for their petrol costs.

**Website:** Our benefice website is on the [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) platform. The benefice page can be reached via this link: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-240BF/>. The forward from <https://ubsms.org.uk> should point to that page.

### Services for the next few weeks

#### Midweek services each week:

Tuesdays, 9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) & Bible study	St Catherine's
Wednesdays, 9.30 am	Morning worship & Bible study	St Mary's

#### Sunday services:

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	8.00 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
	6.00 pm	Lent course at All Saints@6	All Saints
10 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Lent course at All Saints@6	All Saints
17 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy communion	All Saints
	6.00 pm	Lent course at All Saints@6	All Saints
24 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Service of music and readings for the start of Holy Week	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Easter communion	St Mary's
31 <sup>st</sup> March	6.00 pm	Easter All Saints@6	All Saints
	8.00 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
	6.00 pm	All Saints@6	All Saints

### Holy Week services

There has been a mix-up in the service list published in PS magazine in Standon & Puckeridge. Our Sunday service list is as above. In addition, we will have services in Holy Week as follows:

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday communion	St Catherine's
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 am	Service by the cross	All Saints
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2.00 pm	Reflective hour	St Mary's

All are welcome to any of our services, and particularly at this most significant time of the Church's calendar.

## Prayers

On this sheet, we suggest focus points for prayer, but please continue to pray for the work of our churches and missionary partners around the world (at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7825/page/77358/view](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7825/page/77358/view)).

#### Praise God

- for our faithful teams who look after our churchyards, mowing, strimming, clipping and generally keeping them looking good while protecting the flora and fauna which flourish there

- for the other volunteers who clean our churches, make refreshments after services, arrange flowers, welcome visitors and many more tasks that often go unnoticed but are essential to our running
- for those who put themselves forward for PCC, church warden and other officer posts

### Pray for those in pain or distress

- for all who are grieving, especially the family and friends of Paulette John, Arthur Smith (the elderly gentleman who walked his dog through All Saints' churchyard each day), Glenis Clarke, Michael McMullen and Shirley Matthews
- for all who are undergoing tests or waiting for treatment, or who are unwell at the moment
- for all who have been listed here in recent weeks, and who still need our prayers
- for those who need our prayers but have chosen not to be named here
- for those who care for any who are unwell

### Pray for our community

- for the carers and children who attend our Little Angels toddler group on Friday mornings
- for members of the Standon Sing community choir, who use St Mary's on Wednesday evenings
- for the many mid-week visitors to our churches, for whatever reason; may they find God's peace

### Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

- for our PCCs as they meet on Tuesday
- for any who are thinking and praying about joining our PCCs in May
- for each of us, as we come to God in this period of Lent

### Pray for our mission partners and the world

Andrew and Samara and their family have written recently that things are going very well on many levels but a month ago their leader Scott Marques was diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer. He is having treatment in Johannesburg at the moment. Andrew is leading the church in his absence. This has rocked them and he asks for prayer for Scott and his family.

For family:

- Samara who continues to be an "amazing wife and mom" whilst leading the youth camps; please pray for her and the preparations for the next camp in April
- Ceanna and Taine are starting up a new business in chickens and pigs on a farm; Ceanna is also doing an interior design course, as well as making pate for a local market
- Asher is at a 'year of your life' programme for some months at Port Elizabeth
- Toby will begin a Junior Golf career as well as his ongoing studies

Andrew thanks us for our continuing love and support and says they draw upon this regularly, and especially as the children 'spread their wings and fly the nest'. They send their love and blessings.

**If you are aware of anyone who would like our prayers, or who would like the church family to share in some news, good or bad, please let Caroline know.**

### Dates coming up

5 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.15 pm	PCC meetings	St Mary's
6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> March, 1.45 pm	Funeral of Arthur Smith	All Saints
8 <sup>th</sup> March, 1.00 pm	Funeral of Glenis Clarke	St Mary's
15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2.00 pm	Funeral of Michael McMullen	St Catherine's
16 <sup>th</sup> March, 3.00 pm	Be more informed about Palestine	Memorial Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 3.00 pm	FOSM tea & talk	Lordship
25 <sup>th</sup> March, 11.00 am	Funeral of Shirley Matthews	Woollensbrook Crematorium
27 <sup>th</sup> March, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's

# Regular notices

## Groups in the Benefice

**Mondays (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of month), 2.30pm: Reflections Bible study group** at All Saints: contact Deborah

**Tuesdays, 2:00pm: Benefice Group for World Mission prayer:** contact Peter A.

**Tuesdays, 7.30pm: Small group – Grace:** contact John or Rebecca.

**Wednesdays, 2.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

**7.00pm (other Wednesdays): Small Group Marthas & Marys:** contact Marion

**Wednesdays (term time only): Children's and Young people's Bible clubs** at All Saints: contact Deborah.

3.15 pm          Lakes – Primary aged children

5.30 pm          Lagoons – Young people in school years 5-9

**Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup> of each month), 3.00pm: New Seasons support group:** contact Heather

**Fridays 9.30 am: Little Angels for toddlers and their carers** at St Mary's: contact Stephne

**New Seasons support group:** New Seasons is a group for those who have been bereaved by losing a partner, either recently or many years ago. It meets on the third Thursday each month from 3 until 5 in Standon Village Hall for tea and cake. This is a lively group whose members support each other with lots of chat and laughter. They are also there to support each other with any problems that may need to be overcome. If you would like to know more please phone Heather 07909 065550 or Rita 01920 821722.

## Please Continue to Support our Churches

You can make a donation directly to any of our churches, or you can send donations to any of our treasurers. Whatever you give will be used to spread the good news of Jesus.

If you would like your donation to be used for the work of All Saints@6, please send it to the Standon PCC bank account and use the reference 'AS@6'.

Gift aid forms are available from any of our treasurers.

	Standon	Little Munden	Sacombe
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd	NatWest Bank plc	Barclays Bank plc
Account Name	Standon PCC	The Mundens PCC	Sacombe Church PCC B Maintenance account
Account Number	00032168	28599551	90773689
Sort Code	40 52 40	60 10 39	20 20 37
email	<a href="mailto:treasurer@ubsms.org.uk">treasurer@ubsms.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk">treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk">treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk</a>

If you prefer to use your phone to make a donation directly, you can use this QR code. Any donations received by using this particular QR code will be used to help fund benefice-wide expenses. Other QR codes for giving to our individual churches will soon be displayed in our churches and on our service sheets.



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