



Notices Sheet - 17th March 2024

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This weekend's Bible readings: Hebrews 5:5-10 (p1204) John 12:20-33 (p1080)

The Promises of Jesus: Our Lent course this year, at All Saints@6, is on the subject of the "Promises of Jesus". This week the topic is Jesus' promise 'I will be with you always' from Matthew 28:20. Everyone is very welcome, whether you usually come to All Saints @6 or not!

Rebecca away: Rebecca will be away for three weeks from the middle of the coming week. If you have any administrative queries, please direct them to someone else during that time!

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.

Pop up shop & bookstall: The pop up shop is back on Sunday 24th March at the 10.30 family service. There are still a few Easter cards available and some general cards. We have stocked up on Fairtrade chocolate and tea and coffee and there is a sale on some of the Christian gifts. The bookstall will be there too, with a range of Christian books and resources. Please speak to Lizzy if there's something specific you would like her to get for you.

Palm Sunday: On Sunday 24th 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.

FOSM Afternoon tea & talk 23rd March: 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.

Issues with the contactless donation point in St Mary's: The new, more permanent contactless station for St Mary's was delivered this week, but it was damaged. We're currently waiting for a replacement. Meanwhile, the QR code available in church works for contactless giving. The QR code in this sheet can be used for giving to costs shared across the benefice.

The Future of World Day of Prayer in our area: Margaret, who has been organising World Day of Prayer for the past 12 years, is retiring from the committee. We are looking for people to take World Day of Prayer forward in our area beyond 2025. For many, many years our local churches have been involved in (Women's) World Day of Prayer. Will you help to continue this tradition? It's not hard work and is very worthwhile. If you feel called to help please speak to Margaret. This year's service was attended by 46 people from 6 different Churches (Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational) and raised £247.45. All who attended were moved by the service.

Sunday lunch at the Star: Our next Sunday lunch at the Star will be on Sunday 24th March at 12.15pm. If you would like to join us please contact Heather before Monday 18th March. We would love to see some new faces so if you haven't joined us before and you are on your own, we have a very happy time together and you would receive a very warm welcome. Phone Heather on 07909 065560 for more information.

Website: Our benefice website is on the 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:

17 th March	8.00 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy communion	All Saints
24 th March	6.00 pm	Lent course at All Saints@6	All Saints
	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
31 st March	10.30 am	Easter communion	St Mary's
7 th April	8.00 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
	6.00 pm	All Saints@6	All Saints
14 th April	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	All Saints@6	All Saints
21 st April	8.00 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy communion	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 th March, 7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday communion	St Catherine's
Friday 29 th March, 10.30 am	Service by the cross	All Saints
Friday 29 th 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).

Praise God

- for the promises of Jesus, on which we know we can rely
- that we can bring our joys and sorrows to God, and know that he will hear us
- that as we travel through our Lenten journey, we do so in the knowledge that Easter will come

Pray for those in pain or distress

- for all who are grieving, especially the family and friends of Michael McMullen, Shirley Matthews, Lesley Saggs and Margaret Wallace
- 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 those who experience temptations ranging from strong attraction or full-blown addiction that are hard to resist, although they would like to do so
- for agencies and organisations who work to help sufferers overcome addiction and find a new path in life
- for all who wish their lives were different but feel helpless to overcome their circumstances

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

- for Michael and the benefice choir, preparing for next Sunday's service of readings and music for the start of Holy Week
- for All Saints@6, as we explore Jesus' promise to be with us always
- for our midweek congregations as we continue to study the book of Lamentations

Pray for our mission partners and the world

Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick need our prayers as they are yet to return to Burundi.

- Stephen has been given permission from the doctors to fly after lots of hospital visits for his dislocated shoulder
- pray for him, now in Bujumbura (home), as he sorts out the renewal of immigration residency permits
- pray, too, for time for meetings with colleagues and new team members
- give thanks for the time in the UK to connect with friends and churches
- give thanks for Jacques and Asher for the way they adapt to many different changes
- pray that they can soon all return to Burundi.

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

22 nd March, 11.30 am	Organ tuners in church	St Mary's
22 nd March, 2.30 pm	BGWM meeting	All Saints
23 rd March, 3.00 pm	FOSM tea & talk	Lordship
25 th March, 11.00 am	Funeral of Shirley Matthews	Woollensbrook Crematorium
26 th March, 11.00 am	Funeral of Lesley Saggs	All Saints
27 th March, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
28 th March, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare service	St Mary's
28 th March, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School service	All Saints
3 rd April, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
11 th April, 11.00 am	Funeral of Margaret Wallace	All Saints

Regular notices

Groups in the Benefice

Mondays (2nd & 4th 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 (1st 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 (3rd 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	treasurer@ubsms.org.uk	treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk	treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk

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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