



Notices Sheet - 24th March 2024

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This weekend's Bible readings: Matthew 21:1-11 (p 988)

Palm Sunday: This Sunday 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.

Holy Week services

There has been a mix-up in the service list published in PS magazine in Standon & Puckeridge. Our services this week are 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.

Please remember that there is **no All Saints@6 meeting next week**, Easter Sunday.

Pop up shop & bookstall: The pop up shop is back this Sunday 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.

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 Music at St Mary's: On Wednesday 27th March at St Mary's we will be welcoming back Naomi Boot, a student at the Royal College of Music, who will be giving a concert at 12.30 with Michael Smith entitled 'Songs for Reflection'. Please join us as we journey through Holy Week. Refreshments will be served as usual from 11.30.

All Saints@6: After Easter, All Saints@6 will be considering the 10 commandments, using J John's helpful book, 'Ten'. Lizzy has a couple of copies on the benefice bookstall, and can order more if you would like to buy one.

Congratulations to our bell ringers: Tracey writes about our Standon ringers' performance in the Bishop's Stortford District Striking Competition on 16th March. 'Seven teams competed at St Cecilia's, Little Hadham for the Hayden Cup and the team representing Standon, which was made up of Ringers who regularly ring in Standon on Sunday mornings and for Evensong, came 2nd! This means we will be one of two teams to go on to represent the District at the Kimpton Cup (the Hertfordshire County Striking Competition) later in the year.'

Mothers' Union: The Mothers' Union East Cluster Lady Day service will be held on Monday 8th April at 11am at St James the Great church, Thorley CM23 4BE. Refreshments will be served after the service. If you would like to go please let Diane know before 26th March.

Rebecca away: Rebecca is away for the next three weeks. If you have any administrative queries, please direct them to someone else during that time!

Libury Hall – change of date: Please note that April's Libury Hall service will now be on 10th April rather than 3rd. If you would like to come along and support the residents at this service, please speak to John.

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:

24 th 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
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
28 th April	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's

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 teams who ring bells in all three of our churches, calling worshippers to services and marking important events in local and national life
- for the sacrifice of Jesus which we remember especially this week
- for the gift of music, and for our benefice choir, who will lead our service of music and readings to mark the start of Holy Week

Pray for those in pain or distress

- for all who are grieving, especially the family and friends of Shirley Matthews, Lesley Saggs, Margaret Wallace and Heather Kendall
- for Di, whose hip operation is on Tuesday
- 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 our schools in this last week of term; for their services on Thursday and for the team who will welcome them to our churches
- for all who are planning travel over Easter, for safe journeys and wonderful times with family and friends
- for all who will visit our churches, that they will find God in a new way

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

- for all who will be taking part in our services over the next week
- for all who will be welcoming, making refreshments, making sure our churches are clean and tidy, or doing any of the many other jobs that often go unseen but are an important element of our ministry
- for our own journey through Holy Week, that we will come close to God as we read again the passion story

Pray for our mission partners and the world

David and Marlene Fry live in Austria with their 2 youngest daughters. David works for OM (Operation Mobilisation) which has lost a lot of workers recently.

Please pray for

- more workers for the OM team
- the official launch of the Bible Overview Course, now available in 11 languages – that it would be a blessing to the Church in Central Asia, giving people the desire to dive deeper into God's Word
- Marlene's work with Oasis; Ramadan has just started -please pray for openness (not hardening) amongst Muslims
- Johanna who will be baptised on Easter Sunday! May nothing discourage her, and may she continue to grow in confidence as God works in her life
- Susanne who is finishing off her thesis and hopes to work at the Animal shelter near Vienna when she finishes school

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

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, 2.00 pm	Funeral of Heather Kendall	All Saints
10 th 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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