



Notices Sheet - 10th March 2024

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This weekend's Bible readings: Exodus 2:1-10 (p 58) Luke 2:33-35 (p 1028)

The Promises of Jesus: Our Lent course this year, at All Saints@6, is on the subject of the "Promises of Jesus". Everyone is very welcome, whether you usually come to All Saints @6 or not!

Please note that there will be no meeting this weekend, as many regulars will be away. We'll be back next week.

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.

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.

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

Knit & Natter group: If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us for a couple of hours in Standon village hall at 2pm usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Tea & cakes will be available. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14th March. For more information please contact Diane on 01950 821130 or Marion on 01920 745683.

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 PCC resolved on Tuesday to replace the temporary contactless station with a more permanent one. The original one was installed to see if it would be worth the investment, and it has proved to be so, with many preferring this method of donating. We are awaiting delivery of the new one, but 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.

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 10th 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 has been well received and she has received orders from several people. 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.

St Albans Easter Monday Pilgrimage, 1st April: Hundreds of people will journey to the Cathedral from across the diocese and beyond for an Easter celebration. The informal service of Holy Communion will start at 3pm, but the procession into the Cathedral will start from 2.30pm. The service, led by Bishop Jane, will include singing and some short Easter reflections. Dogs are welcome and most sit on the floor, although chairs are available if you'd prefer that. People are invited to bring along a picnic to have in front of the Cathedral beforehand.

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:

10 th March	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
17 th 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 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
10 th April	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	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 RNLI, who this week celebrated 200 years of service
- for all who volunteer in the charity sector, and give time and talents to make others' lives better
- for the volunteers who make possible our mission and ministry in our local community

Pray for those in pain or distress

- for all who are grieving, especially the family and friends of Arthur Smith, Glenis Clarke, Michael McMullen, Shirley Matthews and Lesley Saggs
- 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 many who have attended funerals in our churches in recent weeks, and who will do so in the next week, that they will find God's comfort as they grieve
- for those who visit our churches for other reasons, not least our Wednesday café, that they will learn more of Jesus
- for those who see us demonstrating Christ's love in the world, that they will be drawn to find out more

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

- for those planning and preparing our Easter services and outreach
- for any who are thinking and praying about God's call on their lives
- for each of us, as we come to God in this period of Lent

Pray for our mission partners and the world

In January flooding in Burundi caused by heavy rains destroyed homes, farms, roads and other infrastructure, leaving more than 26,000 people homeless.

- Tearfund praises God for his provision, enabling them to respond to the needs of 2,327 households affected with non-food items and cash to buy food
- they ask us to continue to pray for people affected by climate change as heavy rains and floods continue to cause disaster across the country

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

14 th March, 7.30 pm	FOSM committee meeting	The Old Windmill
15 th March, 2.00 pm	Funeral of Michael McMullen	St Catherine's
16 th March, 3.00 pm	Be more informed about Palestine	Memorial Hall
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

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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