

Notices Sheet - 31st March 2024

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Alleluia! Christ is risen! A very happy Easter to everyone!

This weekend's Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (p 1155) John 20:1-18 (p 1089)

Please remember that there is no All Saints@6 meeting this week.

All Saints@6: Next week, 7th April, All Saints@6 will be on the subject of Resurrection! The following week, 14th April the series will start on 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.

Contactless donations: The new contactless device for St Mary's has arrived and been installed.

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.

Rebecca away: Rebecca is away for another week. 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: <u>https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-240BF/</u>. The forward from <u>https://ubsms.org.uk</u> should point to that page.

Services for the next few weeks

Midweek services each week:

Tuesdays, 9.30am Wednesdays, 9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) & Bible study Morning worship & Bible study		St Catherine's St Mary's
Sunday services:			
31 st March	10.30 am	Easter communion	St Mary's
7 th April	8.00 am	Ante 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 Easter victory of Jesus over death and all that's evil
- for the assurance of sins forgiven and everlasting life secured for all who follow Christ
- for the promise of the fulfilment, in his good time, of all that God has planned

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 all who are in hospital, 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 all who are getting together with family and friends this weekend, that they will remember the Easter story, even while they enjoy the chocolate
- for all who aren't able to be with family or friends, for whatever reason, that they will know God's love for them at this time of new hope
- 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 our Easter worship, that we will realise in an even deeper way what God has done for us
- for our church family members who aren't able to be with us this weekend, that they will know the presence of the risen Lord with them too
- for John and Basma as they take some well earned time off this week

Pray for our mission partners and the world

News from Nazareth Evangelical College:

The College gives thanks:

- two members of their faculty have joined a leadership committee of Evangelical churches in Israel
- they welcomed a visit from UK group, Baptist twinning Israel, despite difficulties in travelling to Israel
- publication of a new book "Introduction to the Old Testament", which promises to bless countless Arabic speaking readers

For prayers:

- the challenges the country faces which impacts every aspect on the lives of everybody
- a year of purpose for the college and a desire to make a positive impact on their world

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

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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