



Notices Sheet - 7th April 2024

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This weekend's Bible readings: 1 John 1:1-2:2 (p 1225) John 20:19-31 (p 1089)

All Saints@6: This week, 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.

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.

Easter thank you: Many thanks to those who worked so hard to decorate our churches for Easter. The floral arrangements have been very much appreciated by those who have worshipped with us or visited.

Choral evensong in Bury: On Saturday 4th May our benefice choir will be singing Evensong at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 3.30pm. Whilst we are not having a coach this time, it would be lovely if any folk wanted to spend some time in Bury St Edmunds that afternoon and join the service. Do speak to Michael or Marion if you want to know more.

Mayday: In this post-Easter period, our thoughts are turning to Mayday. We will not be offering a salad stall this year, but we will be short-handed in the village hall for the tearoom. If you can bake or help on the day, please sign up at the back of St Mary's or let Diana or Caroline know.

Ascension Day: This year, we will not be holding an Ascension Day service on 9th May. Instead, we will celebrate at the Tuesday service in Sacombe on 7th.

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:

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

5 th May	8.00 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
	6.00 pm	All Saints@6	All Saints

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 resurrection life that is open to all through Jesus' death and resurrection
- for all that is happening in our benefice to bring our community closer to God
- 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 Margaret Wallace and Heather Kendall
- for all who are in hospital, including members of our church family, 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 travelling or on holiday, that they will return refreshed
- for all who aren't able to be with family or friends, for whatever reason, that they will know God's love for them
- for all who visit our churches, that they will find God in a new way

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

- for our café helpers, Little Angels helpers and all who are taking a break right now and preparing for the next term
- for our church family members who do so much to support the work of the church in this community, that they will know God's call, his guidance and his power as they do so
- for Rebecca, as she returns from holiday later this week, and Michael as he takes some time off

Pray for our mission partners and the world

Ethiopia is facing a humanitarian crisis. Drought, floods and violence have left 21.4 million people in urgent need of aid. Many have abandoned their homes in a desperate attempt to find food and water for their families and livestock.

Please pray for:

- resilience, protection and hope for aid organisations as they work to meet urgent needs
 - farmers as they learn new farming methods to limit the damage caused by weather events
 - the rainy season, when floods are forecast, is from March - May
- wisdom and blessing over the work of Tearfund partners helping with life saving relief.:

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
24 th April, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's

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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