



Notices Sheet -22nd June 2025

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This weekend we welcome Hugo, along with his family and supporters. Hugo will be baptised during the 10.30 service in St Mary's.

This weekend's Bible reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7 (p 1170)

Book stall news: John has been recommended a book called "Right to die?" by Andrew Goddard (please note this is not the book of the same name by John Wyatt). Lizzy is able to take orders at the bookstall this week (priced £5 each).

Choral evensong this week: Please join us for this service of words and music at 6.00 on Sunday, led, as usual, by our benefice choir. An added bonus this weekend is that St Mary's is relatively cool, compared with the outside temperature!

Assisted Dying Bill: Thank you to everyone who contacted our MP about the Assisted Dying bill. Sadly, the bill was voted through, with 314 votes for the bill and 291 votes against. However, our MP - who had previously voted for the bill - voted against it, so this is positive. Please pray for the Lords as they, in turn, debate the issues.

Midweek Music 25th June: The next Midweek Music concert is this coming Wednesday at 12.30, preceded as usual by delicious refreshments served from 11.30am. It will be given by the very talented Naomi Boot who some of you will know and who sang for us last year. She will be accompanied by another student from the Royal College of Music, Viviana Taga-Rafa. Do come and support these talented young musicians - the professionals of the future.

Open Gardens and Open Gardens!

Thank you to all who supported Standon Open Gardens in whatever way. We raised just over £8,400.

The Mundens' Open Gardens is on 28th June. There are fliers in our churches.

- 10 gardens will be open from 10 until 5; tickets will be available from Stag Hall or the church (or in advance online).
- Lunches will be served at Stag Hall.
- Refreshments and plant sale will be available at All Saints.

Safari Supper: FOSM is organising another safari supper on Friday 11th July. Supper will be served in three different locations in Standon, all within easy walking distance. Tickets, priced £40, are available from Diana 07718 734897.

Sacombe picnic: In the summer, it's our custom to invite everyone to stay for a picnic after our 5th Sunday service at St Catherine's. This year, we have two summer 5th Sundays, and the picnic will be on the second one, 31st August rather than 29th June.

Little Munden School Choir: The school choir will join us again for our service on 20th July, just before they finish for the summer holiday. Please come along and make them and their parents welcome.

Holiday Bible Club: HBC will run from 26th to 29th August in St Mary's. Bookings are going well, but please spread the word. If you're willing to help, please speak to Caroline.

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:

22 nd June	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
29 th June	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Catherine's
6 th July	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
13 th July	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
20 th July	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy communion	All Saints
27 th July	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up

25 th June, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
28 th June, 10 – 5	Open Gardens	The Mundens
29 th June, 5.00 pm	Cantate picnic concert	St Mary's
2 nd July, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
11 th July, 7.00 pm	FOSM Safari supper	Standon
16 th July, 5.00 pm	Roger de Clare leavers' service	St Mary's
22 nd July, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School end of year service	All Saints

Prayers:

On this sheet, we suggest focus areas 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).

Church family news:

- Please pray for Hugo and his parents and God-parents as he starts out on his new life as part of our church family.
- Please continue to pray for all who grieve for Bob Bennett.
- Those for whom we have been praying recently are still in need of our prayers. Please don't forget them just because their names are no longer listed.
- Each week, there are people we know who are unwell but who prefer not to be named here. God knows who they are; please pray for them all.

Pray for our community

In our cycle of prayers, this weekend we ask you to include in your prayers:

- young families, and all who are anticipating the arrival of babies
- child minders, nurseries, toddler groups and others who help care for small children
- those who are struggling in the intense heat right now
- all who are affected by or concerned about the implications of the vote yesterday on the Assisted Dying Bill

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our benefice choir, Michael as he directs it and all who attend our choral evensong services
- all who help those who find it difficult to get to church because of mobility challenges
- our regular Midweek Music audience and all who come to listen to these concerts

Pray for our mission partners

Please continue to pray for Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick. *Catherine and Stephen are working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

We have heard that Stephen has had to have an emergency operation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital for three tears to his retina.

- they ask that we pray for healing and no further complications
- also, Catherine is giving praise that her elbow, which had been broken, was healed enough for her to drive Stephen to hospital

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 (caroline@ubsms.org.uk).

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 (ad hoc): Benefice Group for World Mission prayer: contact Peter A.

Tuesdays, 7.30pm: Small group – Grace: contact John or Rebecca.

Wednesdays, 2.30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month)

7.00pm (4th 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 Primary aged children

5.30 pm Young people in school years 5-9 (monthly on second Wednesday of the month)

Thursday (3rd of each month), 2.00 – 4.00 pm: New Seasons support group: contact Heather

Thursdays, 7.00pm (term time only): Benefice choir practice: contact Michael (michael@ubsms.org.uk)

Fridays 9.30 am (term time only): Little Angels for toddlers and their carers at St Mary's:

contact Cate (littleangels@ubsms.org.uk)

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. Bank details are displayed in our churches and on the website.

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