



## Notices Sheet - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible reading:** Acts 16:16-34 (p 1112)

**Welcome to Axel:** This weekend, we welcome Axel to our service, along with his family and friends. Axel will be baptised during the service.

**Midweek services:** This week, we embark on a deep dive into Galatians chapter 5. Over the next 10 weeks, we will look in depth at the topics of freedom in Christ and resistance to sin, as addressed in this one chapter. We meet in St Catherine's on Tuesday mornings at 9.30 (communion service) and in St Mary's on Wednesdays, also at 9.30 (morning worship). All are welcome.

**Libury Hall service:** Each month, a small group of us goes to Libury Hall to lead a short service and have some coffee with the residents. You would be very welcome to join us. The next one is this Wednesday; if you'd like to come along, please speak to John.

**Bereavement group meeting in All Saints 7<sup>th</sup> June:** On Saturday June the bereavement group will meet again in Little Munden church from 2 - 4. This group is for anyone who has lost a partner whether recently or many years ago. This is an informal meeting to share tea and cake and to share experiences. You will receive a warm welcome. Just turn up on the day, or phone Heather on 07909 065550.

**Open Gardens and Open Gardens!** Standon Open Gardens is on 14<sup>th</sup> June and Dane End's is on 28<sup>th</sup> June. In both cases, we're looking for helpers, please, and cakes for the refreshments. Please speak to one of the FOSM committee about Standon, or one of the Mundens PCC about Dane End.

**A Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus:** The cellist, Kenneth Wilson, along with his carbon fibre cello are cycling a 2000-mile pilgrimage around all 42 English Anglican Cathedrals, performing this Meditation in nearly all of them. The Meditation is accompanied by seven small abstract paintings by Gillian Lever, each depicting the seven last words. Kenneth will be at St Albans Abbey on Thursday 5 June at 6.30pm. It lasts about an hour and is free, with the opportunity to make a donation to his pilgrimage. More details can be found at: [www.kennethwilsoncello.com](http://www.kennethwilsoncello.com).

### 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:

1 <sup>st</sup> June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
8 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
15 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy communion	All Saints
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
29 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Catherine's

## Dates & meetings coming up

3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	St Catherine's
4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> June, 2.00 pm	Bereavement group	All Saints
14 <sup>th</sup> June, 11 – 5	Open Gardens	Standon & Puckeridge
25 <sup>th</sup> June, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
28 <sup>th</sup> June, 10 – 5	Open Gardens	Dane End & surroundings

## 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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7825/page/77358/view)).

### Church family news:

- Please pray for Axel, and for his parents and God-parents as they make their vows at his baptism.
- Congratulations to Rachel and Dave on the birth of Cleo last week. Please pray for the whole family.
- Pray for Jade, and praise God that she has been accepted for ordination training.
- We have heard that Bob Bennett died on Tuesday. We have no details yet about his funeral. Please pray for his family and friends.
- 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:

- Anna and the staff at Standon Post Office, following the break-in overnight on Thursday night
- our local police officers, as they work to prevent crime as well as pursue the perpetrators
- all who feel desperate enough to consider illegal means to obtain money to feed their families
- the food bank and other agencies who try to help where they can

### Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our PCCs as they meet this week, making decisions about how we can fulfil our role as Christ's presence in this community
- the builders and building work taking place or about to start at all three of our churches
- our friends at Libury Hall, and the team who lead our service there each month

### Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember the work of all our partners. More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for

- Catherine and Stephen McGoldrick, working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa
- Andrew and Samara Ellis, part of a church leadership team in Harare, Zimbabwe
- David and Marlene Fry, working with media in Germany reaching out to unreached peoples
- John and Gillian Robinson, working with the poorest in Bangkok, Thailand
- Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda, working for health and Christian outreach
- The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan, working with deaf children throughout 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 ([caroline@ubsms.org.uk](mailto: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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

**7.00pm (4<sup>th</sup> 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 ([music@ubsms.org.uk](mailto:music@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](mailto: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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