



Notices Sheet -27th July 2025

Notices

Please note that next week's notices sheet will cover the whole of August. Please let Caroline have any items for inclusion relating to August or early September.

This weekend's Bible readings: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (p 1171)

Baptisms: This Sunday, 27th, is a baptism service in St Mary's, but we have an extra baptism the same morning. At 9.00am, Stanley, who has been coming to our services and has joined the benefice choir, will be baptised in the river. All are welcome to come and support him. He will be at the 10.30 service too, as will Daisy and Rosie and baby Eden, who will be baptised, more conventionally for little ones, in the font! Please make them all welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Choral Evensong at 6pm on Sunday: Please join us for this month's Choral Evensong service. Music will include a beautiful new setting by Philip Stopford of the prayer of St Francis, 'Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace', Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C and hymns for all.

And August's Choral Evensong: On Sunday 24th August, our benefice choir will welcome other singers to join them in a 'Come and Sing' service of Choral Evensong in St Mary's at 6pm. If you know of someone who would enjoy singing Evensong with us, please contact Michael Smith music@ubsms.org.uk. All are, of course, welcome in the congregation.

Wool for Kisiizi: Double knitting wool is needed, please, to knit vests, blankets, hats & booties for babies at Kisiizi hospital in Uganda, preferably bright colours rather than pale but everything is gratefully received. Please leave wool in the box near the back of St Mary's. Half knitted garments are also acceptable. Please contact Di on 01920 821130 if you have any queries or need the wool to be collected.

Midweek Music: Thank you to all who have supported the Midweek Music concerts this year. There were 84 in the audience this week to hear a wonderful recital by the Wild Rose Trio. Since last September £2,987 has been raised from the concerts for the three churches in our Benefice, and gift aid tax has been claimed on most of that total.

There is no Midweek Music in August. It returns on Wednesday 24th September when Margaret Goodall and Michael Smith will present a programme of music for trumpet and organ.

Quiz Night advance notice: The Little Munden Quiz Night will be held on 13th September in Little Munden School. More details will follow, but please note the date in your diary. For tickets (at £15), please email Christinebrown02@icloud.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:

27 th July	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
3 rd August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
10 th August	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
17 th August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
24 th August	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Come and Sing	
		Choral evensong	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up

28 th July, 2.00 pm	Funeral of Christopher Smith	St Mary's
30 th July, 11.00 am	Meeting of officers & church wardens	The Old Top Shop
6 th August, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
13 th August, 11.00 am	Meeting of officers & CWs with Archdeacon	St Mary's
26 th – 29 th August, 10 – 3	Holiday Bible Club	St Mary's

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:

- Sadly, Chris Carr died on Tuesday morning. Please pray for Sue, for Kate and all the family.
- Please continue to pray for all who are grieving, particularly for the family and friends of Chris Smith and of baby Alfred Smith.
- 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:

- staff and pupils from our schools, as the summer holiday is now underway
- those who are struggling with childcare
- those who are working from home and juggling work time and family time

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- Stanley, Daisy, Rosie and Eden, and all their families and supporters, as they begin their new lives in Christ
- over the next few weeks our wardens and officers and then PCCs will be meeting to discuss practical arrangements for the ongoing life and witness of our benefice and the recruitment process for our new Rector; please pray for all involved
- John and Basma as they continue to serve this benefice while they also prepare for their move
- Lizzy as she prepares for Ventures camp starting next weekend, and our young people who will be attending

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember the work of Andrew and Samara Ellis. *Andrew and Samara lead the River of Life church in Harare.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

They ask us for prayer for:

- God to provide for them as a family, as they are feeling the pressure of Zimbabwe's economic and political situation
- the work of the River of Life Church – having to raise new leaders and delegate responsibility to a wider group
- God's provision for the church's August Horizon camps for young people

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 (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)

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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