



Notices Sheet - August 2025

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Please note that this notices sheet covers the whole of August. The next one will be 31st August, looking forward to September.

This weekend's Bible readings: Galatians 6:1-16 (p 1172) Luke 10:1-11 (p 1041)

Snacks and thanks: John, Basma and Jack would like to invite you to the vicarage garden for snacks and thanks on Saturday 30th August 12.30 for 1 (finishing by 4). For catering reasons please sign the sheet at the back of each church, and also please bring your own chairs with you.

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.

Sacombe picnic: After the service in St Catherine's on 31st August, we are all invited to bring a picnic and chairs and enjoy lunch in the churchyard (or in the church if the weather dictates). Hot and cold drinks will be provided.

Holiday Bible Club: Esther: Queen of the West! This year's wild west themed HBC will run on 26th to 29th August, between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm in St Mary's. Because the church will be set up for the club, it will be locked while we're not there. If you need access outside HBC times, please contact Caroline.

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

Midweek Music: Thank you to all who have supported the Midweek Music concerts this year. 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.

Farewell to John and Basma 28th September: We will mark John and Basma's last Sunday with us by holding a Songs of Praise service at St Mary's at 4pm on 28th September, followed by refreshments in church. We hope that as many of the church family and people in our community will join this time of worship and socialising so do spread the word!

Services for the next few weeks:

Midweek services each week:

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| Tuesdays, 9.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) & Bible study | St Catherine's |
| Wednesdays, 9.30 am | Morning worship & Bible study | St Mary's |

Sunday services:

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| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 31 st August | 10.30 am | Morning worship and picnic | St Catherine's |
| 7 th September | 8.00 am | Holy Communion | St Mary's |
| | 10.30 am | Morning worship | All Saints |

Dates & meetings coming up

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| 6 th August, 2.15 pm | Libury Hall service | Libury Hall |
| 10 th August, 11.45 am | Profile team meeting | St Mary's |
| 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 |
| 30 th August, 12.30 – 4.00 | Snacks and thanks | Vicarage garden |
| 3 rd September, 2.15 pm | Libury Hall service | Libury Hall |
| 3 rd September, 5.00 pm | Benefice finance committee meeting | The Old Top Shop |
| 10 th September, 7.30 pm | FOSM meeting | 40 South Road |
| 11 th September, 2.00 pm | Vacancy team meeting | The Old Top Shop |
| 13 th September, 7.30 pm | FOAS Quiz Night | Little Munden School |

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 continue to pray for all who are grieving. As this sheet covers a month, we haven't named people here, but God knows who they are.
- Each week, there are people we know who are unwell, some of whom we know, others who prefer not to be named here. Please pray for them all.
- Please continue to pray for John and Basma as they prepare to move in October.

Pray for our community

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

- all who will be travelling this summer, for safe journeys and refreshing holidays
- those who aren't able to get away, for whatever reason
- those who continue to work throughout holiday periods, to keep the infrastructure of our society functioning and to care for us when we need it

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This month we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our Church Wardens and officers, the vacancy team and all who are involved with the necessary planning for John and Basma's retirement
- Caroline, as she prepares to take on more of the load of leading and preaching at services
- our own individual listening for callings to God's work during this time of vacancy
- our community, as we continue to serve them in Christ's name
- the holiday Bible club: the children, the helpers and the leaders, that we will all learn more about Jesus as well as having fun
- our efforts, as yet unsuccessful, to find someone who will lead our Wednesday youth work from September

Pray for our mission partners

This week, we ask for your prayers for the CPAS Ventures holidays this summer. CPAS Ventures run just over 50 Christian holidays for children aged 8-18. Orwell 3 is the 11-14 holiday which Lizzy F helps to lead, and which our young people attend. More information about our partners can be found on our website..

Please pray for:

- Orwell 3 taking place at the start of this month (2nd-9th August): for safety, for fun, and most of all for the young people to learn from Mark 8-10 what it is to 'Follow on the way'
- Our young people in particular, that they would benefit from being around other Christians their own age who have similar questions and life experiences
- God's strength and energy for all the leaders: talk givers, dorm leaders, cooks, Assistant Leaders, and all who work hard to make the week run smoothly and safely
- For youth leaders and churches following up with the young people post-camp

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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