

## Notices Sheet -20th July 2025

## **Notices**

This weekend's Bible readings: James 3:13 -4:8 (p 1215) John 3:1-6 (p 1065)

Little Munden School Choir: The school choir will join us for our 10.30 service this week. They'll be singing by themselves and with the benefice choir. Please come along and make them and their parents welcome. That service will be morning worship rather than our usual communion service.

Midweek Music: This Wednesday at 12.30, the Midweek Music Concert will be given by The Wild Rose Trio with music for flute, oboe and recorders and accompanied by Michael Smith on the piano and keyboard. Refreshments will be available as usual from 11.30am. All are welcome.

Baptism next Sunday: Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>, is a baptism service in St Mary's, but we have an extra baptism that 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 Rosie and Daisy and baby Eden, who will be baptised, more conventionally for little ones, in the font! We look forward to seeing you there.

Sunday lunch at the Star: Our next Sunday lunch will be on 27<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15pm at the Star in Standon. Please let Heather know by Monday if you would like a place and your choice of main meal (07909 065560).

Holiday Bible Club SOS: We are worryingly short of helpers for the HBC, which will run from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August in St Mary's. Many of our usual team aren't able to commit to as many of the days as they have done in the past. Bookings are going well, but we are in danger of having to turn children away if we don't have enough adults to comply with safeguarding ratios. Please pray about this and, if you're able and willing to help, please speak to Caroline as soon as you can.

August notices sheet: As usual, we will produce only one notices sheet (on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> August) to cover the whole of August. If you have any news or notices for August or the first couple of weeks in September, please let Caroline have it.

Quiz Night advance notice: The Little Munden Quiz Night will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September in Little Munden School. More details will follow, but please note the date in your diary. For tickets, please email Christinebrown02@icloud.com.

#### Services for the next few weeks:

### Midweek services each week:

Tuesdays, 9.30am Wednesdays, 9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) & Bible study Morning worship & Bible study		St Catherine's St Mary's
Sunday services:		p ot 5.10.10 ceau,	50 man y 5
20 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
27 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's

3 <sup>rd</sup> August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
10 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
17 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

## Dates & meetings coming up

20 <sup>th</sup> July, 4.00 pm	Benefice choir singing evensong with EHCCA St James, Stanstedbury		
22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 9.30 am	Funeral of baby Alfred Smith	Woollensbrook Crematorium	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School end of year service	All Saints	
23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's	
28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.00 pm	Funeral of Christopher Smith	St Mary's	
6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall	

# 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:

- We have heard that Chris Carr is very unwell and now in a hospice. Please pray for Chris, for Sue and Kate and all the family.
- Please 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:

- all who are travelling for holidays or for other reasons
- those who are unable to take holidays, because of financial or health concerns
- those who are housebound by age, illness or disability

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- the preparations for HBC, particularly for more helpers to step forward
- those who attend our Midweek Music concerts, and musicians who give their time and talents freely
- our benefice choir as it takes a break for the summer

#### Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember the work of the Holy land Institute for the Deaf. *This Institute is a safe haven for 150 children who are living with hearing impairment, or are deaf or are deaf-blind.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

- The children receive full academic education, vocational training in woodworking, weaving, hospitality, culinary arts, hairdressing, mosaics and sewing.
- The school believes in a world in which all are seen as equal in the eyes of all.
- Much of the work is undertaken in an Islamic context and staff seek to follow the example of Jesus Christ, believing that the way God cares for us, so we must care for each other.

Please pray for the children, the school and all its work.

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 (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)

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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