



Notices Sheet - 7th September 2025

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This weekend's Bible readings: Colossians 3:12-17 (p 1184) Luke 14:25-33 (p 1048)

24 hour prayer event 6th to 7th September: Gaby is organising a 24 hour prayer event as part of the Global Week of Prayer being run by the 24-7 prayer movement. It has run all this week, starting last Saturday, but we are taking part from 11.30 am on Saturday 6th and finishing at this Sunday morning's service. If you would like to know more, please speak to Gaby or Rebecca.

Baptism next week: Chris and Dave's granddaughter, Cleo, will be baptised during next week's communion service at St Mary's. Please come and support Rachel and Dave and all the family as they take this important step for Cleo.

News of Jade's ordination training: Jade writes: 'Ordination training has officially started. I will be studying full time for two years on a context based course. This means half of my time will be academic, studying for a Masters Degree in Theology, Ministry, and Mission at St Mellitus College. For the other half I will be working at St James, Thorley with this Sunday 7th as my first day there. I am so grateful for all the prayers that have carried me this far, and ask please keep praying, I appreciate it so much.'

Knit & Natter group: If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us for a couple of hours in Standon village hall at 2pm usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Tea & cakes will be available. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 11th September. For more information please contact Marion on 01920 745683 or Diane on 821130.

Beds & Herts Bike 'n' Hike: We are looking for volunteers to be in our churches on Saturday 13th September to welcome visitors. The event is from 9.00-5.00. Please sign up or let us know if you would like to do this.

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!

FOAS Quiz Night 13th September: The Friends of All Saints Quiz Night will be held on 13th September in Little Mundens School. Teams can be of up to 8 people. For tickets (at £15, to include a ploughman's supper), please email Christinebrown02@icloud.com or speak to any of The Mundens PCC.

FOSM Candlelit Dinner 26th September: The Friends of St Mary's will be hosting a candlelit dinner in St Mary's on Friday 26th September at 7.30 pm, with live music in the interval. Tickets are £30 from Diana 07718 734897.

Concert in memory of Nicola Hunt: Many of our Standon folk remember Nicola, who was choir leader here for some years. Nicola died 20 years ago this year, and to mark the occasion her daughter, Sarah, with David Boarder and Robin Pegna, are organising a concert in St Mary's on 5th October at 3.00 pm. If you would like to sing, please contact David at boarderd48@gmail.com or leave a message on 07876 444701.

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:

7 th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
14 th September	10.30 am	Holy Communion & baptism	St Mary's
21 st September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion for Harvest	All Saints
28 th September	10.30 am	Harvest All age worship	St Mary's
	4.00 pm	Songs of Praise	St Mary's
5 th October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

Dates & meetings coming up

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
19 th September, 2.30 pm	Little Munden School harvest service	All Saints
24 th September, from 11.30	Midweek Music	St Mary's
24 th September, 7.15 pm	PCC meetings	St Catherine's
25 th September, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare harvest service	St Mary's
26 th September, 7.30 pm	FOSM Candlelit Dinner	St Mary's
1 st October, 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:

- Please pray for Jade as she starts her training and her placement at Thorley.
- Pray for the vacancy group, as it meets on Thursday to discuss arrangements for the benefice after the end of September. Thank God for clergy friends who have already agreed to cover some services.
- Pray for all who are unwell in any way.

Pray for our community

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

- those of our Little Angels toddlers who will be starting pre-school this week
- our local health professionals as they get the autumn vaccination programme underway, with flu and covid jabs being offered now to vulnerable and older patients
- Jo and Jeff, as they move from the Star this weekend, and Jim and Helen (who also have the Bell), who will take it over from Monday

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This month we ask you to include in your prayers:

- the repairs needed on the All Saints roof, beset by delays and difficulties; pray for resolution and an early start to the work
- the ongoing obstacles in the way of finalising the lease of the car park at St Catherine's; pray that the legalities will be resolved soon
- the project, going well so far, to repair and renovate the St Mary's tower; pray for the stonemasons and other workers
- our fundraising, which makes such projects possible, and especially the FOAS quiz night next weekend

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember the work of John & Gillian Robinson at the Place of Grace in Bangkok, Thailand. More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- 42 Full time students at start of new term
- new students with challenging home lives
- John, Gillian & staff dealing with serious issues every day
- 5 students recently baptised
- A student who is taking up a place at a Thai University following graduation

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.

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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