



Notices Sheet - 14th September 2025

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This weekend's Bible readings: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (p 1191) John 3:13-17 (p 1066)

Baptism this weekend: Chris and Dave's granddaughter, Cleo, will be baptised during Sunday's communion service at St Mary's. Please pray for Rachel and Dave, Cleo's God-parents and all the family as they take this important step for Cleo.

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!

FOSM Candlelit Dinner 26th September: The Friends of St Mary's will be hosting a candlelit three course dinner in St Mary's on Friday 26th September at 7.30 pm, with live music and seasonal readings between courses. There are still some tickets available at £30 from Diana 07718 734897.

Harvest appeal: Next Sunday is our harvest service in All Saints, and the following week we will have our harvest family service in St Mary's. Our harvest appeal will once again be for our missionary partners, the Ellis and McGoldrick families. In All Saints, the collection on 21st will be for the appeal, as will the one in St Catherine's on 23rd. In St Mary's there will be special appeal envelopes for your gifts. Alternatively, you can support the appeal by making a transfer to any of the usual PCC bank accounts, using the reference 'harvest'.

The Star reopening: Jim and Helen, who have taken over the Star, opposite St Mary's, planned to reopen on Monday, but the tills haven't been delivered! Instead, they'll open on Wednesday. They are keen to maintain the strong links with our churches, and develop them further where there is opportunity. We will continue to be able to use their car park on Sunday mornings (but please try to move the car by 12 unless you're eating lunch there!) and they look forward to welcoming us for food, drinks or coffee. The current team will continue to manage the Bell for them, and the ethos of the Star will not change. Please pray for them as they open the doors this week.

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.

Standon Sing concert Autumn Leaves: Our local community choir rehearses each week in St Mary's, and has, for the last few years, performed with our benefice choir and the Rib Singers at Christmas. They will be performing a concert with the Rib Singers in St Mary's on 11th October at 7.00 pm. The concert is free, with a retiring collection for FOSM, who will also provide the bar. All are welcome.

Rutter Birthday Concert 1st November, 6.30 pm: We have a third concert this autumn in St Mary's! On 1st November there will be a concert organised by Michael to celebrate John Rutter's birthday. More details will follow, but please save the date.

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:

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
12 th October	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up:

18 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, 11.30 am	Organ tuners in church	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
11 th October, 7.00 pm	Autumn Leaves concert	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:

- Ann Smith is in the Lister hospital having various heart investigations. She is able to receive messages on her phone and has already been grateful for contact with the church family. Please pray for Ann.
- Please pray for Jade as she starts her placement at Thorley this weekend.
- Pray for John and Basma as they prepare for their move.
- 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 facing long commutes to work each day, and those working from home; each group faces its own challenges
- the Buntingford food bank as it continues to serve local needs
- Jim and Helen, as they reopen the Star this week

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This month we ask you to include in your prayers:

- Little Munden School, as it come to All Saints this week for its harvest service
- our teams of church cleaners, who work each week to make our churches welcoming; pray for more people to step forward to help
- our churchyard teams, as they undertake the autumn work in our churchyards

Pray for our mission partners

This week, we ask for your prayers for CPAS Ventures holidays. 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:

- the young people who attended Venture holidays this summer, that they would continue to know God's love in their lives
- the young people who returned to families with different views to their own, that they would keep following on Jesus' way
- the reviewing of this year's holidays, and the planning which is already starting for next year

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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