



Notices Sheet - 31st August 2025

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This weekend's Bible readings: Psalm 49:1-12 (p 571) Romans 12:9-21 (p 1139)

Sacombe picnic: After the service in St Catherine's this Sunday, 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.

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 will run from Saturday 6th to Sunday 7th September, starting at 11:30am on Saturday and finishing at the Sunday morning service. A prayer room will be set up in All Saints church for the event, and people can also pray wherever they are, alone or in small groups. There will be resources to help those who haven't done it before. We hope to fill each hour with at least one volunteer who will pray throughout the hour. If you would like to sign up, please speak to Gaby or Rebecca.

Bereavement Group meeting 6th September: The bereavement group will meet in Little Munden church on Saturday 6th September from 2 till 4. This group is for anyone who has lost their partner recently or many years ago. If you would like the chance to meet up with others in the same position, please join us for a cup of tea and cake and an informal chat. If you would like more information, please phone Heather on 07909 065550.

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 Munden 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.

Holiday Bible Club: Esther: Queen of the West! Thank you to all who helped make this year's HBC a huge success. Over four days, we welcomed 46 children to St Mary's, with an average of 36 each day. A fantastic team of leaders (you can tell who they are by the exhausted look they're all wearing this weekend!) and young leaders supported Luke and Lizzy S, who led the club, with help from Jenny for the singing, linking the story of Queen Esther saving God's people to Jesus' teaching. The response of children and their grown-ups was all positive, with two children declining to join in what their families had arranged for the latter part of the week so that they could come back for more days than originally planned. Pray for them all.

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:

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
14 th September	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
21 st September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Harvest Morning worship	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

3 rd September, 12.00 noon	Funeral of Alec Debnam	St Mary's
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
6 th to 7 th September	24 hour prayer event	
6 th September, 2.00 pm	Bereavement Group meeting	All Saints
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
18 th September, 7.15 pm	PCC meetings	St Mary's
19 th September, 2.30 pm	Little Munden School harvest service	All Saints
24 th September, from 11.30	Midweek Music	St Mary's
26 th September, 7.30 pm	FOSM Candlelit Dinner	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:

- In the last two weeks, we have heard of 2 cases of God's healing and doctors' skill resulting in positive outcomes for members of our church family. Praise God for answered prayer for those people, and for all who find prayer answered.
- We have heard that Rebecca (Isabel and Jo's daughter) has gained a place at Cambridge. Congratulations to Rebecca and praise God for her success.
- Pray, too for all who are unwell, for those we know and for those who prefer not to be named here.
- 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:

- our schools, as staff return on Tuesday and pupils on Thursday
- families, returning to term-time routines
- our farmers, as they finish off the harvest tasks and prepare for autumn

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This month we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our various groups, returning after the summer break
- all the children who attended our Holiday Bible Club, and their grown-ups
- our Sacombe folk, as they host the picnic service this weekend
- our efforts, still unsuccessful so far, to find someone who will lead our Wednesday youth work from September, and the tentative contacts we have with potential partners

Pray for our mission partners

This week, we ask for your prayers for all our mission partners. More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- Catherine and Stephen McGoldrick, working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa
- Andrew and Samara Ellis, part of a church leadership team in Harare, Zimbabwe
- David and Marlene Fry, working with media in Germany reaching out to unreached peoples
- John and Gillian Robinson, working with the poorest in Bangkok, Thailand
- Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda, working for health and Christian outreach
- The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan, working with deaf children throughout the country

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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