



## Notices Sheet - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible readings:** Matthew 6:25-34 (p 971)

**Farewell to John and Basma 28<sup>th</sup> September:** This weekend is John and Basma's last Sunday with us. We will mark the occasion by holding a Songs of Praise service at St Mary's at 4pm, 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. If you're bringing food, it is helpful if cakes are cut into portions, please, and importantly please remember not to bring anything that contains nuts. Thank you.

**Harvest appeal:** This Sunday is our harvest service in St Mary's. Our harvest appeal will once again be for our missionary partners, the Ellis and McGoldrick families. There will be special appeal envelopes in the pews 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'.

**Welcome to Bonnie and Reign:** Thirdly, and very importantly, this weekend we will celebrate with Bonnie and Reign and their family as they are baptised during our family service. Please pray for Bonnie and Reign, and their parents and God-parents as they take this important step.

**FOSM Candlelit Dinner 26<sup>th</sup> September:** Thank you to all who supported the Friends' candlelit dinner in St Mary's on Friday. We raised just over £1,000.

**Good news (we hope and pray):** It is looking as if we may have found a new youth partner. Various formalities need to be completed, but it's possible that a member of the Kick organisation may be working in our benefice from after half term. Kick works with schools and churches across the country, teaching children and young people about Jesus. Praise God for this, and pray that everything that needs to dovetail together will do so with ease.

**Appeal from Church Café:** The café runs every Wednesday in term time from 3pm - 4.30 pm in All Saints Church. The team who are on the rota arrive at 2.30pm to set up the cafe area with cakes and drinks, and also set the tables in the church with activities, toys etc. The team is very short of volunteers this term. Please consider giving up an occasional Wednesday afternoon to help with this "Blessing of Outreach" we have been given from God. If you can help in anyway at all (including making cakes occasionally) please speak to Carole H, Lizzie B or Deborah O. It really is a wonderful place to be, with time to mix with the children, parents & carers from the school. The atmosphere is amazing and relationships are growing.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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:** On 1<sup>st</sup> November there will be a concert organised by Michael and involving our benefice choir to celebrate John Rutter's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was this week. 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:

28 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30 am	Harvest All age worship	St Mary's
	4.00 pm	Songs of Praise	St Mary's
5 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship & baptism	All Saints
12 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
19 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
26 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's

### Dates & meetings coming up:

1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 pm	Autumn Leaves concert	St Mary's
15 <sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm	Meeting of PCCs, Patrons and Bishop Jane	All Saints
22 <sup>nd</sup> October, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7825/page/77358/view)).

### Church family news:

- Please pray for Bonnie and Reign and for their parents and God-parents as they embark on their journey as members of God's family.
- Continue to pray for Ann, and for Arthur as he looks after her.
- Please pray for those who are still suffering from or recovering from the current bout of Covid which is affecting so many.
- 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 in our villages who don't necessarily come to church regularly but who will nevertheless miss John and Basma's presence in our community
- our farmers, already preparing fields for next year's crops and making plans for the seasons to come
- our village events and activities, as autumn comes, evenings darken and people can feel isolated or lonely

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our hopes for a new youth partner, that all will fall into place to make is possible
- our café helpers; pray for more people to step forward to help
- all our mission and ministry, as we embark from Monday on a time of vacancy
- the Libury Hall team, as our first service there without John takes place on Wednesday

## Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember the work of Andrew and Samara Ellis and of Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick . *Andrew and Samara lead the River of Life church in Harare. Catherine and Stephen are working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa.*

More information about our partners can be found on our website.

- Catherine and Stephen ask for prayer for wisdom, peace and heart to listen to God as they teach and speak for World Evangelization for Christ mission over much of East Africa and care for their 2 young sons
- Andrew and Samara need prayer as they serve churches and ministries in Harare and beyond, facilitating leadership strengthening, counselling and camps
- please pray for good health and strength for these two families

Good news from the Robinsons! The fund raising is complete and they have taken delivery of the minibus we contributed to through our harvest appeal last year. Praise God, and continue to pray for the Place of Grace and for John and Gillian.

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](mailto: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 (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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Contacts:

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