



## Notices Sheet - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Notices

This weekend, we welcome Rev Robert Riley-Braley, who will preside at our 10.30 service in St Mary's. We also welcome Richard Prince, who will play for our service.

**This weekend's Bible readings:** 2 Timothy 2:8-15 (p 1196) Luke 17:11-19 (p 1051)

**Contacts during the vacancy:** While we have no Rector, if you have any queries or concerns, please speak to any of our church wardens (it doesn't matter of which church). If you know of someone who needs a visit, please liaise with Jacqui. We do have access to clergy who will help if needed, so please don't be put off raising a concern.

**Feel the Spirit 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 and the Harmonaires Choir to celebrate John Rutter's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and Bob Chilcott's 70<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge, but a retiring collection will go to Youth Music.

**Service of Memories 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** This service will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.00 pm in St Mary's. There will be an opportunity to remember loved ones, and to light a candle if you would like to do that. All are welcome, so please tell friends and neighbours.

**Remembrance services this year:** We haven't been able to find cover for our Little Munden service this Remembrance Sunday, so there will only be one service on 9<sup>th</sup> November. However, we will be holding a special service at St Catherine's on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, with participation from the Little Munden School Choir. This service will include an Act of Remembrance by the war memorial at 11.00. As with all our services, all are welcome.

**Concert for Remembrance 9th November, 3.00 pm in St Mary's:** The Priory Singers will perform a concert of music and readings for Remembrance on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November in St Mary's at 3.00 pm. The concert is free, with a retiring collection. All are welcome.

**Bag to school at Little Munden:** There will be a 'Bag to School' collection from Little Munden School on Tuesday morning, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Clothes, paired shoes, hats, bags, jewellery and belts are accepted. Please leave any donations under the covered way at school before 8.00 on Tuesday morning. The school is grateful for our support in the past for this fund-raising initiative, as well as recycling items we don't need.

**Diocesan vacancy:** The Diocese is currently advertising for a new PA for the Archdeacon of St Albans. Details can be found on the Diocesan website.

### 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:

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	Public worship with Communion by extension	All Saints
26 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
9 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 am	Remembrance service	St Mary's
16 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints

### Dates & meetings coming up:

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
29 <sup>th</sup> October, 5.00 pm	Benefice Finance Committee meeting	The Old Top Shop
1 <sup>st</sup> November, 6.30 pm	Feel the Spirit concert	St Mary's
2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 3.00 pm	Service of memories	St Mary's
5 <sup>th</sup> November, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> November, 3.00 pm	Concert for Remembrance	St Mary's
12 <sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	All Saints
14 <sup>th</sup> November, 12.00	Funeral of Jean Aldridge	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:

- Several of our church family members have been listed in this sheet in recent weeks. Please continue to pray for them.
- There are several bugs and viruses doing the rounds at the moment, including the latest Covid variant. Please pray for all who are feeling unwell or just a bit under the weather.
- Pray for all who are in pain in any way.
- Please pray for those who grieve, particularly remembering the family of Jean Aldridge

#### Pray for our community

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

- all who have attended or will attend the various concerts and events in our churches, that they will find a warm welcome from us and an opening to explore who Jesus is
- all who turn to us in times of joy or distress, that we will act to them as Jesus would
- all who provide community activities to draw in the isolated and lonely

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- the meeting of PCCs on Wednesday with our Patrons and the Bishop, to start the process of preparing for the recruitment for our next Rector
- the person God has chosen and is now preparing to serve him here
- those who are taking on more work during the vacancy to maintain our mission and ministry in this benefice

## Pray for our mission partners

This week, we ask for your prayers for Operation Christmas Child. *OCC is the branch of Samaritan's Purse which distributes shoeboxes full of gifts to children in areas of the world affected by war, natural disaster, or other challenges.* More information about all of our mission partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- everyone in the UK who is getting ready to fill shoeboxes ready for the drop off week in November
- the group of children at Little Munden who have decided to form a committee organising collections there
- all the OCC staff who are setting up processing centres and organising transport from there
- the children who will receive the gifts; that God would be working in their lives already

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:

**Rector:** Until a new Rector is appointed, please direct any enquiries to our benefice administrator.

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