



Notices Sheet - 5th October 2025

Notices

This weekend, we welcome Rev Tim Weeks, who will conduct our baptism service in All Saints and preach and preside at 8.00.

At 10.30, we also welcome Felix, who will be baptised, and his family and friends. Please pray for Felix and his parents and God-parents and sponsors as they make this important commitment.

This weekend's Bible readings: 8.00: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (p 1195) Luke 17:5-10 (p 1051)
10.30: Luke 9:18-25 (p 1039)

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.

Knit & Natter group: If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us in the Sargant room (at the back of Standon village hall) any time between 1pm and 3.30pm, usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Tea & cakes will be available. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th October. For more information please contact Marion on 01920 745683.

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.

Autumn Leaves concert 11th October, 7.00 pm: Our local community choir, Standon Sing, 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.

Feel the Spirit Concert 1st November, 6.30 pm: On 1st November there will be a concert organised by Michael and involving our benefice choir to celebrate John Rutter's 80th birthday and Bob Chilcott's 70th. There is no charge, but a retiring collection will go to Youth Music.

Recent fund raising: Thank you again to all who have supported recent events. The Quiz Night raised just over £1,300 and the candlelit supper just over £1,000.

A parting note from John and Basma: Dear friends, We are overwhelmed with your generosity and love! Thank you so much for your gifts, and, just as much, for the beautiful final service on Sunday. Thank you also to those who sent cards and those who gave lovely, personal little gifts.

It has been a joy being here and we will miss you all greatly. Our contact details are available from Caroline and have been emailed out. It would be lovely to see you.

May God bless you richly. John and Basma

John and Basma's address: Those of you who receive this sheet by email will have received John and Basma's new address last week. If anyone else would like it, Caroline has it.

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:

5 th October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship & baptism	All Saints
12 th October	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
19 th October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Public worship with Communion by extension	All Saints
26 th October	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
2 nd November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

Dates & meetings coming up:

11 th October, 7.00 pm	Autumn Leaves concert	St Mary's
15 th October, 7.30 pm	Meeting of PCCs, Patrons and Bishop Jane	All Saints
22 nd October, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
29 th October, 5.00 pm	Benefice Finance Committee meeting	The Old Top Shop
1 st November, 6.30 pm	Feel the Spirit concert	St Mary's
2 nd November, 3.00 pm	Service of memories	St Mary's
14 th 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).

Church family news:

- Please pray for Felix and for his parents, God-parents and sponsors as they embark on their journey as members of God's family.
- On Tuesday Sue (Rita's daughter) had an operation for a knee replacement. She is struggling with the physio due to the pain and asks for prayer. Andrew is staying at his sister's. Please pray for the whole family.
- Continue to pray for Ann, and for Arthur as he looks after her.
- We have heard that Derek Hinge's wife, Pauline, has been diagnosed with dementia. Derek has helped us out with services in the last three vacancies. Please pray for them both.
- Pray for all who are unwell 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 been baptised in our churches, or whose parents plan to bring them for baptism
- the little ones who come to our Little Angels baby and toddler group on Fridays
- the children who take part in our Wednesday afternoon activities

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our café helpers; pray for more people to step forward to help
- give thanks for the many clergy who have agreed to help out with services in coming months
- our new schools collective worship team, as they meet both schools this week

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember missionaries who follow God's call overseas and have to part from dear ones at home.

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

- This week please pray for John and Gillian Robinson, working with children in the Bangkok slums. John recently visited his mum in the UK and spent her birthday with her. She is 'incredibly sick' with end stage Parkinson's and it was 'so very painful' to say goodbye.

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.

Contacts:

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

Administrator: Rebecca Legg benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk 07976 700902

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