



Notices Sheet - 16th November 2025

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This weekend's Bible readings: 8.00: 2 Thessalonians 3:6 - 13 (p 1190) Luke 21:5 – 19 (p 1056)
10.30: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (p 1195)

Special visitor this weekend: On Sunday, we welcome Jon Scamman from CPAS who will preside and preach at our 10.30am Communion service in All Saints. Jon is already known to members of our PCCs who met with him and the other patrons at the recent Vacancy meeting. Jon will be involved in the recruitment process for our new Rector, including the interviews. We do encourage as many as possible to come along to All Saints this week and listen to Jon speak, to pray for him and chat with him after the service.

Vacancy Update: Our PCCs met last Wednesday. At their meetings they approved the Profile document which has been prepared by a team with input from all PCC members, one of our patrons, our Archdeacon and members of our church family. This is the document that will be available to prospective applicants for the job of Rector in our benefice. Do speak to Marion if you wish to know more about this.

The PCCs also agreed that the following members would be our Parish Representatives who will be involved in the recruitment process, including the interviews:

- Derek and Janet (St Catherine's)
- Hugh and Ray (All Saints)
- Angie and Michael (St Mary's)

We expect to advertise in January with interviews taking place in March. Please pray for all those called to serve at this time that they may have strength and wisdom to discern God's plans for us. Please also pray for the person God is even now preparing to be our new Rector.

Children's and youth work update: A group of our church family have taken on the provision of outreach to our young people while we decide what to do about finding a youth worker. Jane, Derek, Margaret, Rob, Lizzy and Caroline, assisted by Lorraine and Emma, will cover the work at café and in Roger de Clare, and will lead the services on Christmas Eve. Please pray for them as they undertake this important work.

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. Please note that Rebecca, our administrator, works flexible hours, but she will respond to emails as soon as she can.

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:

16 th November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
23 rd November	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
30 th November	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Catherine's
	6.00 pm	Advent service	St Mary's
7 th December	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
14 th December	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's

Please note there will be no service of Choral evensong on 23rd November, but our Advent service of music and readings will take place at 6.00 pm on 30th November in St Mary's.

The schedule of Christmas services will appear in next week's notices sheet.

Dates & meetings coming up:

17 th November, 12.30 pm	Funeral of Walter King	St Mary's
26 th November, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
29 th November, 10.30 – 12.30	Coffee morning & sale	St Catherine's
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd December, 5.00 pm	Roger de Clare Christmas concerts	St Mary's
6 th December, 10 – 12	FOSM Christmas Fair	St Mary's
9 th December, 5.30 pm	Beavers in church	St Mary's
11 th December, 7.00 pm	Christmas Crackers concert	St Mary's
16 th December, 5.30 pm	Beavers in church	St Mary's
17 th December, 6.30 pm	Carols round the tree	Standon High Street
18 th December, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare Christmas service	St Mary's
19 th December, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School Christmas service	All Saints

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 (details on our website).

Church family news:

- Please continue to pray for those who have been listed in this sheet in recent weeks.
- Please pray for all who are in pain, unwell or just a bit under the weather.
- Please pray for those who grieve, particularly the families of Jean Aldridge and Walter King.

Pray for our community

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

- those who have chosen a path in life that harms others, that they will find a new way to live
- those who live with any kind of abuse, that they will find the help and support they need
- those who live with poverty that makes impossible much that most people take for granted

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- pray for our new youth work team, and for the children, who are hungry to hear the gospel
- pray for our parish reps as they prepare to play an important part in the recruitment process
- pray for our Patrons, and for all involved in the process of finding and appointing our new Rector
- pray for that person, as God prepares him or her to serve here

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to pray for Operation Christmas Child. More information about all of our mission partners can be found on our website.

Just over 100 shoeboxes will be collected this Sunday afternoon, ready to head to the children who will receive them as a Christmas gift.

Please pray for:

- the volunteers who will check them at the warehouses before packaging them into crates
- the lorry, boat and plane personnel who will transport them to countries such as Liberia, Malawi and Ukraine
- the local volunteers who will distribute them to those who most need them
- the children themselves, that they would know this Christmas that someone cares enough to pack a present for them

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 Jane

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 Lizzie B.

3.15 pm Primary aged children

5.30 pm Young people in school years 5-9 (not meeting this term)

Thursday (2nd of each month), 1.00 – 3.30 pm: Knit & Natter: contact Diane M

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.

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