



Notices Sheet - 2nd November 2025

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This Sunday we welcome Rev Tim Weeks, who will preside at our 8.00 communion service in St Mary's.

This weekend's Bible readings: Hebrews 12:18-24 (p 1211) Matthew 4:1-12 (p 967)

Service of Memories, Sunday at 3: This service will be held on 2nd 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: There will only be one service on 9th November. However, we will be holding a special service at St Catherine's on Tuesday 11th at 10.00 am 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 9th November in St Mary's at 3.00 pm. The concert is free, with a retiring collection. All are welcome.

Caroline has volunteered to provide tea and cake; if you would like to help, please speak to her.

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.

Across Britain: On Tuesday, Rev Tim Hall preached at Sacombe. He has drawn our attention to 'Across Britain'. It says: 'We are asking Christians to go for a walk – and as they walk to pray and re-dedicate the land to God – right Across Britain. Home by home, farm by farm, street by street, declaring this land is God's land – seeking his blessing on the place we live in.' More information is available from across-britain.org.uk.

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:

2 nd November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
9 th November	10.30 am	Remembrance service	St Mary's
11 th November	10.00 am	Remembrance service	St Catherine's
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

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.

Dates & meetings coming up:

2 nd November, 3.00 pm	Service of memories	St Mary's
6 th November, 2.00 pm	Vacancy team meeting	The Old Top Shop
8 th November, 2.00 pm	Remembrance colour party rehearsal	St Mary's
9 th November, 3.00 pm	Concert for Remembrance	St Mary's
12 th November, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
12 th November, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	All Saints
14 th November, 12.00	Funeral of Jean Aldridge	St Mary's
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

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 Barbara. She suffered a heart attack while staying with her son and is in hospital in Worcester, where she has received treatment for the underlying cause. There is a slight delay in her discharge, due to a damaged vein but she is in good spirits.
- Please pray for Alison, recovering from her surgery on Thursday, which went well.
- Ann is continuing to progress; please pray for her complete recovery.
- Please continue to pray for those who have been listed in this sheet in recent weeks.
- Please pray for all who are feeling 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 will attend our service of memories this weekend, and all who are living with grief
- those who live with life-limiting or life-restricting conditions, and those who care for them
- social services personnel, doing their best with stretched resources to meet ever increasing need

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our vacancy team as it meets this week to discuss service cover and other vacancy matters
- our café team as it struggles to cover Wednesday afternoons; pray that more will volunteer
- our various teams working on the profile and recruitment plans and processes
- our continuing outreach and ministry, despite all the necessary admin going on as well

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you again to remember the work of Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick. *Catherine and Stephen are working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa.* More information about all of our mission partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- the 45 people attending the gathering to receive blessings from the retreat and the training
- all the speakers to clearly hear and share God's message
- good communication between people from different countries
- Stephen not to have a flare up of his PMR (Polymyalgia rheumatica)

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 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.

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