



Notices Sheet - 30th November 2025

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This weekend's Bible readings: Romans 13:11 - end (p 1140) Matthew 24:36 - 44 (p 994)

Our service this Sunday morning is at St Catherine's, so there will be no live stream.

Advent carol service this Sunday: Our choir-led service of music and readings for Advent will take place this Sunday, 30th November, at 6.00 in St Mary's. Come and join us as we reflect on what the period of Advent is really about.

FOSM Christmas Fair 6th December, 10.00 – 12.00: Please come and support the annual FOSM Christmas Fair next Saturday. There will be more stalls than ever, as well as books and bric-a-brac, cakes and refreshments. Flute Cocktail will provide live Christmas music.

Advent Appeal: This year's Advent appeal will, once again, be for the Buntingford and Villages Food Hub and Community Support. Our cash collections at all three carol services will go to the appeal. If you would like to give at other times, there are appeal envelopes in our churches, or you can give directly using the usual church bank details. For ease of reference, these bank details are included at the end of this sheet. Please mark your online donation 'appeal'. Thank you.

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:

30 th November	10.30 am	Morning worship for Advent	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

Christmas services:

14 th December	6.00 pm	Carol service	All Saints
21 st December	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion (said service)	All Saints
	6.00 pm	Nine lessons and carols	St Mary's
24 th December	3.00 pm	Crib service	All Saints
	5.00 pm	Crib service	St Mary's
	7.30 pm	Candlelit carol service	St Catherine's
	11.30 pm	Midnight communion	St Mary's
25 th December	10.30 am	Christmas Day service with Holy Communion	All Saints
25 th December	10.30 am	Christmas Day service	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up:

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.
- We have heard that Michael Penn (Juliet's Dad) has died. Please pray for his family and for all who grieve.

Pray for our community

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

- Roger de Clare School pupils, who will hold their Christmas concerts in St Mary's this week
- Standon Sing, our community choir, as it prepares for the concert on 11th
- our various local community cafes and village lunches, providing a chance for people to get together

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- those who give time and effort to raise funds to keep our churches solvent
- our pastoral team, looking out for those who are lonely or vulnerable
- our outreach events and services during the Advent season

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to pray for the work of David & Marlene Fry in Austria. *David works for Mediaworks, part of OM East, and Marlene volunteers at Oasis where she teaches German to refugees.* More information about all of our mission partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- healing & protection for members of the Mediaworks team
- printing of five new Roma language versions of My First Bible storybooks in Ukraine
- those who receive copies of the books to develop a spiritual thirst and come to know Jesus
- donors who will cover the costs, trusting that God will provide for the expenses of these projects
- Marlene who is currently receiving low-radiation X-ray treatment for her Achilles tendons

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.

Gift aid forms are available from any of our treasurers.

	Standon	Little Munden	Sacombe
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd	NatWest Bank plc	Barclays Bank plc
Account Name	Standon PCC	The Mundens PCC	Sacombe Church PCC B Maintenance account
Account Number	00032168	28599551	90773689
Sort Code	40 52 40	60 10 39	20 20 37
email	treasurer@ubsms.org.uk	Treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk	Treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk

Contacts:

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.

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

Safeguarding: Lizzy Franks safeguarding@ubsms.org.uk 01920 822723

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