



Notices Sheet - 23rd November 2025

Notices

This weekend's Bible reading: Luke 23:33 - 43 (p 1060)

Midweek Music at St Mary's: On Wednesday 26th November, the Amici Cantate choir will be coming to give a concert directed by James Davey and accompanied by Michael Smith. This will be the last one this year in our series of Wednesday lunchtime concerts. There is no concert in December as there are so many other events that month. The concert will start at 12.30 and light refreshments will be served from 11.30am.

Advent carol service next Sunday: Our choir-led service of music and readings for Advent will take place next Sunday, 30th November, at 6.00 in St Mary's. In the midst of the highly commercialised run up to Christmas, come and join us as we reflect on what the period of Advent is really about.

Sacombe Advent coffee morning and sale 29th November, 10.30 – 12.30: Please come and support the annual Sacombe coffee morning and Bring and Buy sale next Saturday. There will be gifts, books, jigsaws, cakes and much more, and this is one of Sacombe's main fund-raisers.

Our service next Sunday morning is at St Catherine's; if you can spare a little time to help clear things away after the coffee morning, please speak to one of the Sacombe folk, who will be very grateful!

Little Munden School Christmas Fair: Due to a change of the school date, this is also next Saturday, between 2 and 5 in the afternoon. If you still have the energy, you would be welcome there too!

FOSM Christmas Fair 6th December, 10 - 12: The following Saturday, FOSM will be holding its annual Christmas Fair in St Mary's. We have more stalls than ever, as well as books and brick-a-brac, cakes and refreshments. Flute Cocktail will provide live Christmas music.

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:

23 rd November	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
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

Please note there will be no service of Choral evensong this weekend, but our Advent service of music and readings will take place at 6.00 pm on 30th November in 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:

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.

Pray for our community

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

- the work of our local food bank, and all who rely on its food parcels
- in this Scam Awareness Week, all those who have lost money or mental well-being to fraudsters
- those who work to find and prosecute those who prey on vulnerable people

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- all who are making preparations for outreach events over the next month
- Michael and the benefice choir, as they prepare to lead our carol services
- the youth work team, as they prepare children from our schools to take part in Christmas services
- our visiting clergy, and Caroline as she leads our other services

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to pray for the Ellis family. *Andrew and Samara lead the River of Life church in Harare.* More information about all of our mission partners can be found on our website.

- thank God for His grace and goodness in blessing and sustaining them in Zimbabwe
- Ceanna and Taine are expecting their first baby in January - pray for safe pregnancy and delivery
- Asher had a good Horizon camp; please pray for God's guidance as he considers his next steps
- Toby is to have a few months initial training at a golf academy in South Africa and requests prayer

The 16 Days of Activism campaign: Mothers' Union will participate in the 16 Days of Activism campaign from 25th November to 10th December, focusing on raising awareness about gender-based violence and supporting affected communities.

Please pray for:

- healing for those who have suffered gender based violence
- strength & courage for those who face gender based violence to speak out
- the creation of safe environments where everyone can live without fear
- men & boys throughout the world to learn to honour & respect women

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:

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.

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