



## Notices Sheet - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible readings:**

8.00	Romans 15:4-13 (p 1141)	Matthew 3:1-12 (p 967)
10.30	Malachi 3:1-4 (p 961)	Matthew 3:1-12 (p 967)

We welcome Archdeacon Janet to our 8.00 service this week. She will preach and preside.

**Christmas Crackers, 11th December, 7.00pm:** Our benefice choir will join with Standon Sing and Rib Singers on Thursday for a concert of Christmas music. Entry is free, but there will be a retiring collection for Isabel Hospice. FOSM will provide interval refreshments – proceeds from those will go to FOSM's funds.

**Sacombe coffee morning:** Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning last weekend. £1,470 was raised.

**Next Sunday:** Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our candlelit carol service in All Saints at 6.00 pm. The Little Munden School Choir will be joining us, singing on their own as well as with the benefice choir. All are welcome to this lovely service of music and readings.

**Knit & Natter group 11th December:** 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 on Thursday. Tea & cakes will be available. For more information please contact Marion on 01920 745683.

**New organ for St Catherine's:** The St Catherine's organ has gone to its new home in St Edmunds College, where it will be used both for recitals and for teaching. If all goes to plan, the new St Catherine's organ will be delivered and installed this week.

**Advent Appeal:** This year's Advent appeal is 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. Please mark your online donation 'appeal'. Thank you.

**News on the Vicarage:** The Vicarage has been let, and the new tenants have taken possession. Please pray for them as they settle in our community.

**And news from John and Basma:** We have heard that, sadly, John and Basma's fox terrier, Bob, has died. He has been unwell for some time, but the end came quickly and he was out walking with John the day before he died. Please pray for John, Basma and Jack.

### 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:

7 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's

### Christmas services:

14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm	Carol service	All Saints
21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	Christmas Day service with Holy Communion	All Saints
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	Christmas Day service	St Mary's

### Dates & meetings coming up:

9 <sup>th</sup> December, 5.30 pm	Beavers in church	St Mary's
11 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.00 pm	Christmas Crackers concert	St Mary's
16 <sup>th</sup> December, 5.30 pm	Beavers in church	St Mary's
17 <sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 pm	Carols round the tree	Standon High Street
18 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare Christmas service	St Mary's
19 <sup>th</sup> 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, and for all who grieve

#### Pray for our community

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

- the stonemasons, scaffolders and others who have worked on the St Mary's tower for the last 8 months
- our uniformed organisations, and particularly the Beavers, who will be in St Mary's on Tuesday
- all who will visit our churches this week

#### Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- Michael and our benefice choir, preparing for the carol services and concerts in the next few weeks
- the team working with our children and young people in preparation for their services
- our church wardens and officers as they shoulder the additional work that December brings

#### Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to pray for the Holy Land Institute for the deaf in Jordan. *Over 50 years this school has helped thousands of children.* More information about all of our mission partners can be found on our website.

This amazing school believes:

- that every child has talent and that the school can help them develop their talent
- that every child should know that the school is a safe place
- all the children should receive vocational training

Pray for the future of this school and for the children this Christmas.

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](mailto: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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

**7.00pm (4<sup>th</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:treasurer@ubsms.org.uk">treasurer@ubsms.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk">Treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk">Treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk</a>

### 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](mailto:benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk) 07976 700902

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