



Notices Sheet - 4th January 2026

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A very happy New Year to you all!

This weekend's Bible readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p 746) Matthew 2:1-12 (p 966)

Clergy cover: Rev Tim Weeks hopes to be back with us in two weeks' time. Thank God for his recovery so far, and continue to pray for him as he recuperates fully. We are grateful to Archdeacon Janet, who will be with us once again at both of our services this weekend.

Regular groups and midweek services: Our regular activities will start up again over the next week or two. Our midweek services in Sacombe (Tuesday, 9.30) and Standon (Wednesday, 9.30) will be back this week, as will Little Angels. Our café will start again on 14th in Little Munden and the benefice choir will restart rehearsals on 15th. Please pray for all the teams heading up these and other groups and meetings.

Vacancy update: The advertisement for our new Rector is now live on the St Albans Diocese website. It will be in the Church Times this week. If you wish to see it and read the Parish Profile, there is a link to the information on the homepage of our website. Alternatively you can look at the St Albans Diocese Vacancies page. Please pray for the person God is calling to be our new Rector and for all of those involved in the recruitment process. If you have any questions please speak to one of our Parish Representatives: Michael, Angie, Ray, Hugh, Derek or Janet.

Christmas cards: As the decorations come down, please remember that the Sacombe folk recycle cards for next year! They can be given to any of the PCC members.

FOSM Quiz Night: It's January; it must be the FOSM Quiz Night! This year, the last Saturday falls on 31st. Doors will open at 7.00 for a 7.30 start. Tickets are £15 per head. FOSM is working hard to replenish its funds after granting most of its reserves to the tower project. Tables of up to 8 can be booked with Caroline.

Roof work at All Saints: The contract has been signed for the works to be carried out to the roof at All Saints in the spring. The start date is 2nd March, with completion due by 22nd May. There will be some disruption to our services and other activities, but details of that will follow nearer the time. For now, please pray for the smooth progress of all that needs to be put in place, and for Ray and those who will be steering the project and taking care of everything that needs to be attended to. We have a very small window for the work to take place, because of the bats living in the roof space, and little room for the dates to slip.

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:

4 th January	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
11 th January	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
18 th January	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints

25 th January	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	3.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Catherine's
1 st February	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

Please note the change of time and church for this month's choral evensong to mark the arrival of the new organ at St Catherine's.

Dates & meetings coming up:

7 th January, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
12 th January, 2.00 pm	Funeral of Maurice Debnam	St Mary's
14 th January 12.00 (tbc)	Funeral of Christopher Saggars	St Mary's
15 th January, 2.00 pm	Vacancy team meeting	The Old Top Shop
21 st January, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	All Saints
21 st January, 7.30 pm	FOSM committee meeting	40 South Road
28 th January, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
31 st January, 7.30 pm	FOSM Quiz Night	Community Centre

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 pray for all who are in pain, unwell or just a bit under the weather.
- Pray for all who grieve, especially the family and friends of Maurice Debnam and Christopher Saggars.
- We have heard that Ronnie, who has attended our service for many years from Libury Hall, has died. Please pray for all who grieve for him.

Pray for our community

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

- all who are counting the cost of Christmas and wondering how to make ends meet in January
- all who dread the cold, dark days of January, or who struggle to keep their homes warm
- the staff and pupils at our schools, returning this week

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- those who attend our midweek services and Bible studies, and those who lead them
- our Little Angels team, Cate as she returns, sharing this ministry for now with Flo, and all who attend
- all who are shouldering more work during the vacancy, and those who are covering church warden duties at All Saints; pray that a CW will step forward
- the person God has chosen to be our Rector, that he or she will see the advert and hear God's call

Pray for our mission partners

We are departing from our cycle of prayers for the work of our mission partners this week, to request prayer for Rog and Jane Senior. *Rog and Jane worked in overseas mission for many years, and have enduring links with some of the All Saints folk.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

- Rog and Jane wrote in December of an eventful year, with the safe arrival of a welcome grandson, and more good news of the rest of the family
- having several medical issues between them, they have cut back on some activities
- Rog continues to teach preaching and also to preach
- they both continue in pastoring care

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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