



Notices Sheet - 8th February 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Romans 8:18-25 (p 1135) Matthew 6:25-end (p 971)

Soup and Snowdrops 21st February at Sacombe: You are warmly invited to Soup & Snowdrops at St Catherine's Church on Saturday 21st February between 12.00 and 2.00 pm. Come and enjoy some home-made soup, bread and cheese. Proceeds will be for the work of the church.

Catering for Julie's funeral: As you know, our dear friend Julie's funeral is on Friday 20th February at 1pm, and refreshments are being served in St Mary's afterwards. Sandwiches and savoury finger food are being organised by the family but if anyone would like to bake cakes, please let Marion or Jacqui P know. Please remember no nuts or nut products and if you could pre-cut larger cakes that would be very helpful. Many thanks.

Knit & Natter group: If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us in the Sargent room (at the back of Standon village hall) any time between 1pm and 3.30pm, usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Tea & cakes will be available. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th February. For more information please contact Marion on 01920 745683.

Lent devotionals: Lizzy is planning to put in an order for some Easter books for the bookstall, including some Lent devotionals. The four which she has been recommended are [Everyday Gospel Easter Devotional - Paul David Tripp](#), [The Risen King - Charles H. Spurgeon, ed J.A. Medders](#), [An Ocean of Grace - Tim Chester](#) and [Our Radiant Redeemer - Tim Chester](#). There will be a discount on the prices publicised online. If you would like her to order one for you, please let her know (lizzy@ubsms.org.uk) by Wednesday 11th February (orders after that are also fine, but won't be here in time for the start of Lent).

Help needed: In the last few weeks, we've been appealing for more help in our churches. The need is becoming even more acute as we go on in 2026; please consider what you might be able to offer to help with the running of our churches. All Saints is in need of volunteers to help with cleaning; the café really needs more volunteers; we would welcome more people willing to take part in our services and many of our teams are short on personnel. All Saints has no church warden. There is much to celebrate in our benefice, but much still to do. Please pray that God will show you where he is calling you to use your gifts and abilities, and then speak to a church warden, a PCC member or to Caroline.

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

Please note there will be no midweek service on Tuesday 17th February

Sunday services:

8 th February	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
15 th February	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
22 nd February	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
1 st March	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
8 th March	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up:

11 th February, 5.00 pm	Benefice finance committee meeting	The Old Top Shop
17 th February, 12.00	Funeral of Jim King	St Mary's
18 th February, 7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday service	St Catherine's
20 th February, 1.00 pm	Funeral of Julie Williams	St Mary's
21 st February, 12.00 noon	Soup and Snowdrops	St Catherine's
25 th February, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
4 th March, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
5 th March, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	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 (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 Barbara, in hospital, undergoing tests after experiencing chest pain.
- Pray for all who grieve, especially the family and friends of Julie Williams and Jim King.
- Some people have been wondering about Ronnie's funeral. His ashes have not yet been returned to Libury Hall, but when they are there will be a service of thanksgiving for Ronnie at All Saints.

Pray for our community

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

- the Dane End community as it comes to terms with the tragic road traffic accident last weekend
- police officers, paramedics and others who attend such incidents and care for those affected
- all who have lost loved ones in tragic circumstances

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our café team, as we offer friendship and support to the families who attend
- our children's and youth work team as we teach these young people to trust Jesus
- our links with our church schools, giving thanks for the opportunities we have to show God's love
- as ever right now, the person God is calling to come and serve him in this benefice and community

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 the Ellis family. *Andrew and Samara lead the River of Life church in Harare.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

We are delighted to pass on the joyful news of the birth of Joab to Ceanna and Taine last month. Andrew and Samara and all the Ellis Family give God thanks for the baby's safe arrival - the miracle of birth!

- please give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Joab
- pray for the continuing work of Andrew and Samara as they welcome this new grandchild

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

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.

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

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