



Notices Sheet - 15th February 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: 2 Peter 1:16-end (p 1222) Matthew 17:1-9 (p 984)

Ash Wednesday service in St Catherine's, Wednesday 7.30 pm: In the middle of this coming week, we will enter the season of Lent. Please join us as we mark its start at our Ash Wednesday service in Sacombe church on Wednesday at 7.30 pm.

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 this week's funerals: As you know, Julie's funeral is on Friday 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. We'll also be serving refreshments after Jim's funeral on Tuesday, but the family is providing all the catering for that.

Next Sunday's evensong: The Mundens & Sacombe newsletter wrongly states that Choral evensong will be at Sacombe next Sunday. It will, in fact, be in St Mary's. Please let anyone know who might be planning to come.

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) as soon as possible.

Help still needed: This appeal has been running for several weeks now, but the need is still acute. Our thoughts are turning to our coming annual meetings, so there's also the opportunity to stand for PCC and contribute to the strategic planning for our benefice. Please consider what you might be able to offer to help with the mission and ministry of our churches. 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 or Wednesday this week

Sunday services:

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 & baptism	St Mary's
15 th February	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints

Dates & meetings coming up:

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, home from hospital. If you would like to visit, please ring first 01920 438277.
- Pray for all who grieve, especially the family and friends of Julie Williams, Jim King and Evelyn Haylock.

Pray for our community

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

- staff and pupils in our local schools, as the half term break offers a period of rest and recuperation
- our local councillors, and our MP, serving our community amid all the political turmoil
- magistrates and all who volunteer for public service

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our officers, church wardens and PCC as we start to prepare for our annual meetings in April
- those hearing God's call to service in our benefice, that they will respond
- all who work quietly behind the scenes, in service to our churches
- as ever right now, the person God is calling to come and serve him in this benefice and community

Pray for our mission partners

This week, we ask for your prayers for CPAS Ventures holidays. *CPAS Ventures run just over 50 Christian holidays for children aged 8-18. Orwell 3 is the 11-14 holiday which Lizzy F helps to lead, and which our young people attend.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Praise God for:

- 28 young people already signed up, many of whom are coming for the first time
- Several new leaders willing to serve as dorm leaders, assistant leaders and cooks

Please pray for:

- More dorm leaders, particularly female ones
- The core team as some new members join, and as they plan the teaching programme over the next few weeks

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.

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