



## Notices Sheet - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p 868)

**The Crucifixion – this Sunday 6pm at St Mary's:** As our Lenten journey continues, do come along to St Mary's this weekend and listen to The Crucifixion by John Stainer. The benefice choir and friends will sing this moving meditation on the passion. Soloists Nathan Collins (Tenor) and Harrison Morton Deaville (Bass) will be joined by Huw Jenkins at the organ. Michael Smith will conduct. This devotional performance will last about an hour. Please feel encouraged to invite others to join us.

**Building work at All Saints:** Approximately 50% of the contracted masonry work has been completed. The roofers will now carry out limited exploratory work on the roofs, under the guidance of a representative of the Bat Conservation Trust. The tombs between the Chapel and the Chancel have been boxed in, and plastic sheeting has been erected in the Chapel, to seal it off from the rest of the building. The impact on the use of the church is minimal, with the loss of one choir pew, and a slightly shortened communion rail. Please take care and be patient with the restrictions.

**Midweek Music Wednesday 25th March:** The next Midweek Music Concert is this coming Wednesday. Refreshments will be served from 11.30am and the concert will start at 12.30. This month's is entitled 'A Concert of Song' and will be given by David Ranford, accompanied by Michael Smith. Do come and support them if you can. Entry is free and any donations are shared between all three churches of our Benefice.

**APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings) and the Electoral Roll (ER):** The APCMs for our benefice churches will be held after Easter. If you are not already on the ER, now is a good time to join. Forms are available from Hugh (All Saints), Carole (St Catherine's), Wendy (St Mary's) or at the back of each church.

**APCM papers:** If you are responsible for writing the APCM report for your group, please send it with some urgency to Lizzy (for benefice wide reports) or to the appropriate secretary.

If you're willing to save time, paper and copying by receiving the papers by email, please contact the appropriate secretary: Lizzy for Standon, Rebecca for The Mundens, Peter H for Sacombe.

**Can you help the local scouts?** For more than 15 years, Julie Williams housed the local scout group's equipment store. They now have to find a new home for it. If you know of anyone who has a secure site with vehicular access for two 20ft shipping containers, or a small unit or 2x 20ft shipping containers available at a community friendly rent, please pass their details to Wendy or Angie. Thank you.

**New Bishop of St Albans:** The Diocese of St Albans has announced the appointment of The Right Reverend Dr Andrew Paul Rumsey as the next Bishop of St Albans. The nomination was announced by 10 Downing Street on Thursday morning. Bishop Andrew is currently the Suffragan Bishop of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury. Please pray for him as he begins his service of this Diocese.

### 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 services on 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> April.*

## Sunday services:

22 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Stainer's Crucifixion	St Mary's
29 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 am	Palm Sunday morning worship	St Catherine's
5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 am	Easter Day communion service	St Mary's
12 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Mary's
19 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
26 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's

## Holy Week Services:

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30 am	Morning worship & Bible study	St Mary's
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April,	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday communion	St Catherine's
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.30 am	Service at the Cross	All Saints
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2.00 pm	Reflective Hour	St Mary's
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 am	Easter Day communion service	<b>St Mary's</b>

*Bishop Jane will join us for all of our Holy Week services.*

*There will be no 8.00 service on Easter Sunday, and our 10.30 service will be in St Mary's.*

## Dates & meetings coming up:

25 <sup>th</sup> March, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
26 <sup>th</sup> March, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare Easter service	St Mary's
26 <sup>th</sup> March, 3.00 pm	Funeral of Anthony Brown	All Saints
27 <sup>th</sup> March, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School Easter service	All Saints
1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> April, 11.30 am	Standon APCM	St Mary's
14 <sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 am	Sacombe APCM	St Catherine's
19 <sup>th</sup> April, 11.30 am	The Mundens APCM	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:

At last Bill and Deborah's move to Bassingbourn is happening! Deborah writes: 'Thank you to everyone for shared worship and fellowship over the past 26 years; you will always be part of our 'church family'. Thank you also for all the cards, plant and good wishes from everyone. We will miss you all but will be back to visit.' Please pray for them as they make final preparations for their move.

- 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 Tony Brown.

### Pray for our community

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

- walking groups, offering community and friendship as well as exercise
- our local litter-pickers, who clear up the huge amount of rubbish left by others
- our Parish Councils and local charities who take care of the public spaces we all enjoy

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- Little Munden School's RE day on Tuesday, and our members who will visit to talk about our faith
- both of our school Easter services, Roger de Clare's on Thursday and Little Munden's on Friday
- those preparing for our Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services

## 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.*

Thank God:

- that a second Overall Leader has stepped forward, to work alongside Lizzy
- for the 39 young people currently signed up

Please pray for:

- more dorm leaders to come forwards, so that we don't have to limit bookings
- the core planning team as they follow up on action points from this weekend's meeting
- relationships with the school staff as we come to the busy planning time of year!

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

**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 donate directly to any of our churches, or you can send donations to any of our treasurers. Bank details are displayed in church 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. 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. Rebecca, our administrator, works flexible hours, but 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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