



Notices Sheet - 15th March 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Exodus 2:1-10 (p 58) John 19:25-27 (p 1088)

Mothering Sunday: The fourth Sunday in Lent is designated as Mothering Sunday, a time when we remember our own mothers as well as our mother church (in our case, St Albans Abbey). All are welcome at our services; daffodils will be distributed at our 10.30 communion service in All Saints.

The Crucifixion - Sunday 22nd March 6pm at St Mary's: As our Lenten journey continues, do come along to St Mary's on Passion Sunday and listen to The Crucifixion by John Stainer. The benefice choir and friends will sing this moving meditation on the passion. Soloists Hugh Legg (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.

Vacancy update: Please continue to pray for the vacancy process and for our parish representatives as they prepare for the interview day on Tuesday 17th March.

APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings) and the Electoral Roll (ER): The APCMs for our benefice churches will be held in the weeks after Easter. Each church must review and display their ER prior to their APCM. Look out for the official notices. If you are not already on the ER, now is a good time to join. Application forms are available from Hugh (All Saints), Carole (St Catherine's), Wendy (St Mary's) or at the back of each church.

APCM papers: Our secretaries and treasurers are collating reports for our annual meetings in all three churches (although we are a united benefice, each PCC is a separate legal entity and must hold its own meeting). If you are responsible for writing the report for your group, please send it to Lizzy (for benefice wide reports) or to the appropriate secretary (for the very few reports specific to only one church). 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 very generously housed the local scout group's equipment store at Knights Hill Farm. They now have to find a new home for it. If you know of anyone who has a secure site with vehicular access for a couple of 20ft shipping containers to be moved from Julie's, or a small unit or 2x 20ft shipping containers available at a community friendly rent, please pass their contact details to either Wendy or Angie. Thank you.

Lent Appeal: In Lent we focus on stewardship of our time and money, and for our Lent appeal we ask our members, if they are able, give a little extra to our churches. We invite you to look carefully at your giving of time and money to support our work in this benefice. Donations can be made in the same way as our regular giving.

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:

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

Holy Week Services:

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

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

Please note there will be no midweek services on 7th or 8th April.

Dates & meetings coming up:

25 th March, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
26 th March, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare Easter service	St Mary's
27 th March, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School Easter service	All Saints
1 st April, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
12 th April, 11.30 am	Standon APCM	St Mary's
14 th April, 10.30 am	Sacombe APCM	St Catherine's
19 th April, 11.30 am	The Mundens APCM	All Saints
22 nd April, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
30 th April, 3.00 pm	Celebration service for Ronnie's life	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 pray for all who are in pain, unwell or just a bit under the weather.
- Continue to pray for Barbara. If you would like to visit, please ring first 01920 438277.
- Pray for all who grieve, especially Evelyn Haylock's family.

Pray for our community

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

- all who remember their mothers this weekend with joy, with sadness or with grief
- adoptive and foster parents, and all who care for children who can't be with their birth families
- those who have lost a child

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our preparations for the many services which will happen over the next few weeks
- our bell ringers, who call us to worship each week, and for the preparations to ring again at Standon
- those who look after our churchyards, as the spring work begins

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember the work of John & Gillian Robinson. *John and Gillian work with children at the Place of Grace in Bangkok, Thailand.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- My Father's House which provides a safe place for girls to live. They rely on one-off donations every month to fund this
- the Robinson's vision for a new building, with a purpose built school, and one storey providing safe accommodation for boys
- the boys who live in abusive and violent situations with parents or grandparents
- wisdom about renting somewhere for these boys until the Robinson's vision is realised
- a 9 year old girl who has been studying at the school for 3 years; her grandma and boyfriend have disappeared with her and no-one knows if she is safe
- the staff at the Place of Grace who are all under pressure with so many children in crisis

Please also continue to pray for the situation in the Middle East, as the conflict spreads and many more people are fearful and in danger. Remember the Gazan people, slipped from the headlines but still suffering.

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 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.

Administrator: Rebecca Legg benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk 07976 700902

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