



Notices Sheet - 1st March 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (p 1131) John 3:1-17 (p 1065)

The Real Easter Egg: Marion has a few Real Easter Eggs available for purchase for £5 each. This year there is a new booklet included with the Easter story. Please see Marion if you're interested.

Building work at All Saints: The erection of scaffolding will begin on Monday, 2nd March from 8.00 am. The pathways round the church from the North door to the Vestry will be exclusion zones for pedestrians. There will be parking issues, due to the scaffolding lorries and works vans. Please take care and observe the signs!

World Day of Prayer: Margaret is not organising a WDP service this year but there will be a service in Ware, at the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph, on the corner of New Road and King Edward Road Ware. The service is on Thursday 5th March at 2pm. The service this year has been devised by the Christian women of Nigeria. This is a beautiful ecumenical service and all are welcome. If anyone is interested in coming to the service or would like a lift please talk to Margaret and Derek.

Zachary's baptism: Please join us next week, if you can, for our 10.30 communion service in St Mary's, where Rich and Cate will bring Zachary for baptism.

Soup and Snowdrops: Thank you to all who supported Soup and Snowdrops last weekend at Sacombe. £933 was raised at this extremely enjoyable event.

APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings) and the Electoral Roll (ER): The APCMs for our benefice churches are scheduled for the weeks after Easter. Each church must review and display their ER prior to their APCM; the process starts approximately 5 weeks before the meeting. 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. The dates of the APCMs are 12th April (Standon), 14th April (Sacombe), 19th April (The Mundens).

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.

Lent Appeal: For the last few years, in Lent we have focussed on stewardship of our time and money, and for our Lent appeal we have asked our members, if they are able, to add an extra amount of giving to our churches. With visiting clergy covering many of our services, this focus in our preaching is more difficult, but we are still inviting you to look carefully at your giving of time and money to support our work in this benefice and among these villages. 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:

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 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

Dates & meetings coming up:

4 th March, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
5 th March, 10.30 am	National Trust visit	St Mary's
5 th March, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	St Mary's
11 th March, 4.00 pm	Funeral of Evelyn Haylock	Woollensbrook Crematorium
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

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:

Julie's family writes: [We write to thank you all for such a beautiful service for our dear sister and aunt last Friday. We, the family, were blown away by the effort and love you showered on Julie's finale. We are extremely grateful to you all. With the online contributions as well as the cash in church, we expect the figure collected for the Cinnamon Charity to be around £1,000.00](#)

- Pray for Zachary, and for Rich and Cate as they bring him for baptism next week.
- 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 those for whom we've held funerals recently.

Pray for our community

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

- the hospital transport volunteers, who offer friendship as well as lifts
- all who organise opportunities for people to get together, to sing, to knit, to walk, to socialise
- local businesses, offering much appreciated services in our villages

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- the scaffolders who will be working this week at All Saints
- our parish representatives as they work on the recruitment process
- our PCC members, serving our churches, as they meet this week
- 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 remember the work of John & Gillian Robinson. *John and Gillian run the Place of Grace in Bangkok, Thailand.* Information about all our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for the Place of Grace, the organisation set up by our mission partners, John and Gillian Robinson, in the slums of Bangkok. Pray for:

- children's and teenagers' clubs where they can play safely and learn about God.
- the foodbank where they pray for and share their faith with the people who come to receive supplies.

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 (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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