



Notices Sheet - 22nd February 2026

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This weekend's Bible reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (p 967)

Choral Evensong Sunday, 6.00 pm in St Mary's: As we set out on our Lenten journey, please join us for this centuries old contemplative service, with music led by our benefice choir.

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

Midweek Music in St Mary's 25th February: Please join us for Midweek Music this coming Wednesday (25th) when we shall be entertained by students from St Edmunds College. As usual refreshments will be served from 11.30 and the concert starts at 12.30.

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) and the Electoral Roll (ER): The APCMs for each church in the Benefice are scheduled for the weeks after Easter, rather earlier than in recent years. Each church must review and display their ER prior to their APCM, a process that 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).

Help still needed: This is the last week we will run this appeal for now, but that's not because all the vacant posts have been filled! Please consider what you might be able to offer to help with the mission and ministry of our churches. 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

Sunday services:

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 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

Dates & meetings coming up:

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
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:

Shirley writes: Shirley, Michael, Alison and all the family would like to thank all who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy following the sudden death of Jim and for their prayers, hugs and loving support. Thank you too for coming to the funeral and making it a joyful occasion. Many thanks indeed to Michael and the choir for the beautiful music and singing and to Caroline for leading the service. It was all a great comfort to us to know you cared. Thank you.

Julie's family also wanted us to pass on their thanks for all who helped on Friday. They, too, praised the choir – and the cakes!

- 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 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:

- our local undertakers and bereavement services, as they offer support at a difficult time
- our health care professionals, our local surgery and hospitals, health visitors, counsellors and carers
- local social services staff, under immense pressure with escalating need

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- the builders who will start the preliminary work soon for the roof repairs at All Saints
- our teams who provide a warm welcome and plentiful refreshments whenever they're called for
- all who work quietly behind the scenes, in service to our churches, and others whom God is calling
- with the closing date for applications coming this week, continue to pray for the person God is calling to come and serve him in this benefice and community

Pray for our mission partners

Information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- Catherine and Stephen McGoldrick, working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa
- Andrew and Samara Ellis, part of a church leadership team in Harare, Zimbabwe
- David and Marlene Fry, working with media in Austria reaching out to unreached peoples
- John and Gillian Robinson, working with the poorest in Bangkok, Thailand
- Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda, working for health and Christian outreach
- The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan, working with deaf children throughout the country

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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