



Notices Sheet - 8th March 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Romans 5:1-11 (p 1132) Matthew 4:18-24 (p 968)

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.

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 scaffolding is up now. There is restricted access to some areas of the churchyard, and there will be parking issues, due to the works vans. Please take care and observe the signs!

St Mary's tower: The work on the tower is finished! The project has taken 50 weeks, longer than anticipated, but the site is being cleared and a team will be going in on Friday 27th March, to check the bells and clean the belfry, the ringing room and stairs. We are hopeful that the bells will ring for Easter!

Knit & Natter group: If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us in the Sargant room (at the back of Standon village hall) any time between 1pm and 3.30pm, usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Tea & cakes will be available. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th March. For more information please contact Marion on 01920 745683.

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:

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
12 th April	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Mary's

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:

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
1 st April, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall

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:

- Pray for Zachary, who will be baptised in our communion service, and for Rich and Cate.
- 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 have family members in our armed forces, as areas of conflict widen across the world
- all who live with disability or additional needs
- local builders, including those who are working or have worked recently on our churches

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our parish representatives as they prepare for interview day
- our PCC officers, preparing for our annual meetings
- 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 David and Marlene Fry. *David and Marlene work in Austria for OM.* Information about all our partners can be found on our website.

Give thanks for:

- the recent OM Board retreat
- improvement in Marlene's health, and the coming wedding of daughter Susanne

Please pray for:

- David's upcoming trip to Cyprus for an international conference
- an intensive time of meetings, including conversations on key media projects and necessary funding
- the production of an Arabic version of booklets for Easter outreaches in Berlin
- key organisational changes across OM, with impact on Media Works
- preparation for their church's July children's camp with a 'space' theme

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.

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

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