



## Notices Sheet - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Notices

*Please remember the clocks go forward this weekend!*

**This weekend's Bible readings:** Isaiah 50:4-9a (p 737)          Matthew 21:1-11 (p 988)

**Notices double edition next week:** Next week's notices sheet will cover two weeks (Caroline is having a few days' break) so please let her have anything that needs to be publicised before the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Vacancy update:** Following the recent interview process for our new Rector we have to let you know that we have been unsuccessful in making an appointment. This is obviously a disappointment but we have to trust in God's hand in all of this. The post will be readvertised and a new date set for interviews. Please continue to pray for our parish representatives and for all those who are carrying significant responsibility at this time to ensure that the life, mission and witness of our Benefice continues.

**APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings) and the Electoral Roll (ER):** The APCMs for our benefice churches will be held after Easter. The ER for each church is now closed until after the APCMs and the lists are posted, or will be soon, in each church. If you think your name should be there, please check that it is, and let the ER officers know if not: Hugh (All Saints), Carole (St Catherine's), Wendy (St Mary's).

**APCM papers:** If you are responsible for writing the APCM report for your group, please send it this weekend 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.

**Stan being confirmed:** Stan, whom John baptised last year, will be confirmed with a number of others in a service at Thorley on 19<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00 pm. Any who would like to support Stan are very welcome to attend.

### 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:

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
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

## 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:

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
22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's

## 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 Deborah and Bill as they move home this week
- 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:

- all who are travelling for the Easter holiday
- those who will visit or host family members, or provide child care for working parents
- those who miss family members at holiday times, or who are unable to visit loved ones

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- all of us as we walk this last week of Jesus' earthly life
- our services during Holy Week, and Bishop Jane as she visits us and takes part
- all who are finding their way to a living relationship with the risen Jesus

### Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember the work of Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick. *Catherine and Stephen are working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa.*

More information about all our mission partners can be found on our website.

- they write to thank everyone for all the prayers and good wishes
- praise God that they are now feeling healed, rested and feel ready to get on top of a lot of work
- they are now in South Africa where over the next 2 months they will travel, visiting their teams and ministering alongside members of WEC before flying to Burundi in May
- continue to pray for travelling mercies as they homeschool, and that they would see God's heart for how the ministry of WEC Africa can develop
- pray that they are able to rest and that they find some appropriate space in which to home school.

**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)

**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.

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