



## Notices Sheet - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible reading:** John 10:1-10 (p 1076)

**Choral Evensong Sunday 26th April, 6pm at St Mary's:** Please join us at St Mary's this Sunday for our regular service of Choral Evensong. Our benefice choir will lead us in this reflective service of word and music.

**Service to celebrate Ronnie's life, Thursday 3.00 pm in All Saints:** Many of us remember Ronnie Scales, who attended our services faithfully over many years. Ronnie was cremated privately, but we will celebrate his life with a short service on Thursday afternoon. Ronnie doesn't have any family who can attend, and only a few Libury Hall residents are able to be there, but his friends in the benefice family or in the village are all welcome to attend. There will, of course, be tea and biscuits (and possibly cake) afterwards!

**Mayday in Standon:** Mayday is next weekend, and we are signing up helpers. As usual, there will be various displays and live music in St Mary's. We will need welcomers in church, and FOSM will be serving teas in the Village Hall. There is a sign up sheet in the back of St Mary's, or you can speak to Marion or Angie to volunteer to help in church, or to Stephanie if you can bake for or help in the Village Hall.

**Thank you to Keith:** At St Mary's APCM, Keith Plummer stepped down as Churchwarden after two six year periods as warden. Keith was publicly thanked for his wonderful service to God and the people of our Benefice through his work. Particularly valued during his terms of office are the attention to detail of health and safety matters, the comprehensive research and records of burials in Standon Churchyard and his unstinting oversight of various building works, notably the recent extensive work on the tower. We are indebted to Keith and Jacqui for all they have given and will continue to give to us. They are a blessing. We wish Keith a well deserved restful retirement. A presentation was made to Keith on behalf of us all.

**APCM appointments:** All annual meetings have been held now, and our new officers and PCC members have been elected. They are:

**Sacombe:** Church Wardens Janet Armstrong & Lizzie Bacon; Secretary Peter Hudson; Treasurer Ralph Paddock; Deanery Synod representative Lizzie Bacon; elected PCC members Hilary Andrews, Diane Gale, Carole & Peter Hudson, Angela McMullen, Ralph Paddock.

**The Mundens:** Church Warden Derek Wheeler; Secretary Rebecca Legg; Treasurer Ray Salmons; Deanery Synod representatives Hugh & Rebecca Legg; elected PCC members Jackie Bray, Chris Brown, Heather Jackson, Colin & Gaby Jenkinson, Hugh & Rebecca Legg, Ray Salmons.

**Standon:** Church Wardens Marion Smith & Angie Adamson; Secretary Lizzy Franks; Treasurer Caroline Franks; Deanery Synod representatives Diane Moss & Angie Adamson; elected PCC members Cliff & Stephanie Beeston, Sue Geddes, Derek & Margaret Goodall, Jan Price, Wendy Rogers, Michael Smith.

Derek has moved from Sacombe PCC to take on the church warden role for The Mundens. He has done this to support All Saints, but that doesn't mean we can relax now. We are still one CW down. Please continue to ask God to show you where he is calling you to serve, whether in an official role or in some other way.

Please pray for all our officers and PCC members.

**Feedback from Bishop Jane:** Bishop Jane has written to thank us for welcoming her to our Holy Week and Easter services. She commented on how well we work together as a benefice, and that has been underlined in Derek's stepping across from Sacombe to act as church warden for The Mundens.

## 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:

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
10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
17 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
24 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
31 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Catherine's

*Please note there will be no choral evensong in May.*

## Dates & meetings coming up:

29 <sup>th</sup> April, 12.45 pm	Renewal of wedding vows of John & Sarah Jane Yates	St Mary's
30 <sup>th</sup> April, 3.00 pm	Service to celebrate the life of Ronnie Scales	All Saints
4 <sup>th</sup> May, all day	Mayday celebrations	Standon High Street
6 <sup>th</sup> May, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> May, 2.00 pm	Vacancy team meeting	The Old Top Shop
20 <sup>th</sup> May, 5.00 pm	Benefice finance committee meeting	The Old Top Shop
26 <sup>th</sup> May, 12.30 pm	Wedding of Elizabeth Whomsley & Sam Brown	St Mary's
27 <sup>th</sup> May, 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 all who are unwell or in pain of any kind.
- Pray for all who grieve.

### Pray for our community

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

- local environmental groups, monitoring and caring for natural habitats
- local walkers and cyclists, as they enjoy this Spring weather and the beauty of nature
- our farmers and gardeners, hoping for rain

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our new PCC members and officers, and that more will step forward to help in our benefice
- our outreach work, and especially that helpers will come forward for cafe
- the recruitment process as it continues, and the person God is preparing to lead us

## Pray for our mission partners

This week, we ask for your prayers for CPAS Ventures holidays. *CPAS Ventures run just over 50 Christian holidays for children aged 8-18. Orwell 3 is the 11-14 holiday which Lizzy F helps to lead, and which our young people attend.*

Please pray especially for:

- answers to prayer for more leaders to come forward and sign up – things are looking healthier than a month ago!
- all the young people and their families who are looking forward to the week's holiday in the summer
- more leaders to complete applications – we are still considerably lower on leaders than we'd like
- the core team as they ensure everything is in place for planning day on 20<sup>th</sup> June

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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