



Notices Sheet - 19th April 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (p 1093) Luke 24:13-35 (p 1061)

APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings): Our last APCM (for The Mundens) will be held this weekend, after the 10.30 service. Please try to attend if you can, as we review last year and look forward to the next one. If you feel called to do more in our benefice, please speak to one of the PCC or to Caroline.

Midweek Music at St Mary's 22nd April: This coming Wednesday, we welcome music scholars from Heath Mount School. Refreshments will be served from 11.30 and the concert starts at 12.30. There is no charge but any donations will be shared between all three of the churches in our United Benefice.

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

Lindsey Moss licensing: We have also received an invitation from Lindsey Moss, who was curate here some years ago, to her licensing on Monday 20th at St Andrew's Church, Slip End, Bedfordshire. If you would like to go, please speak to Carole, Peter, Derek or Margaret, who will give Lindsey an idea of numbers.

Wednesday café: We are still appealing for help with the café, which runs in All Saints on Wednesday afternoons during term times. Sadly, we have lost some key members of the team in recent months, and we are starting to worry that we might not be able to carry on this important and effective outreach. If you could spare a couple of hours every now and again, or provide cake from time to time, please speak urgently to Carole or Lizzie B.

Mayday in Standon: Mayday is fast approaching, 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.

Free fraud and cybercrime advice sessions in Ware: Herts Constabulary is offering residents free fraud and cybercrime advice sessions at Ware Library. The event, organised and delivered by specialist Cyber Protect officers from the Serious Fraud and Cyber Unit, is scheduled for Monday 20th April between 11am and 2.15pm. These sessions are free and provide practical tips for avoiding the most common types of fraud and cybercrime. Tea and biscuits are also provided.

11:00-12:00 - Rogue Traders & Scams - Trading Standards

12:00-12:15 - Fraud against the Council - HCC SAFS

12:15-13:15 - Cyber crime & Fraud Prevention - Herts Police

13:15-14:15 - Scams & Victim Support - Beacon/Victim Care

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:

19 th April	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
26 th April	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
3 rd May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
10 th May	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
17 th May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
24 th May	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's

Please note there will be no choral evensong in May.

Dates & meetings coming up:

19 th April, 11.30 am	The Mundens APCM	All Saints
20 th April	Licensing of Lindsey Moss at Slip End	St Andrews Slip End
22 nd April, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
24 th April, 7.30 pm	FOSM AGM	St Mary's
30 th April, 3.00 pm	Service to celebrate the life of Ronnie	All Saints
4 th May, all day	Mayday celebrations	Standon High Street
6 th May, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
7 th May, 2.00 pm	Vacancy team meeting	The Old Top Shop
20 th May, 5.00 pm	Benefice finance committee meeting	The Old Top Shop

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 Stan, as he is confirmed at the service at 4pm this afternoon at Thorley.
- 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:

- those who are facing long waits to access specialist help for physical or mental ill health
- those who are struggling with rising prices, particularly fuel costs
- local businesses affected by the reduction in disposable income in our community

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

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.

Catherine and Stephen, at present in Southern Africa, are asking for prayer for the people of Bujumbura in Burundi where they lived for a considerable time. The town has been hit by a series of explosions at an army munitions base near to their house. They ask for prayer for:

- families who have lost loved ones
- those whose homes have been destroyed
- those who can't get to hospital because of the fuel crisis

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. 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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