



Notices Sheet - 3rd May 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Acts 7:55 – 8:1 (p 1100) John 14:1-14 (p 1082)

Thank you: Thank you to all who took part in or attended the memorial service on Thursday for Ronnie. Jo has written from Libury Hall: 'I wanted to personally say a huge heartfelt thank you for the most beautiful service that was held yesterday for Ronnie. The service was a huge testament as to how much Ronnie impacted all our lives. The contributions from all the church members was lovely. Please pass on my utmost thanks.'

Mayday in Standon: Mayday is this Monday, and we are still welcoming offers of help. 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 signup sheet in the back of St Mary's, or you can speak to Marion to volunteer to help in church, or to Stephanie if you can bake for or help in the Village Hall.

M&Ms take a break: The M&Ms home group will be taking a break during May and will resume in June.

Concert in St Mary's, Ware, Monday 12.30 pm: Hugh Legg will be singing Vaughan Williams' song cycle, On Wenlock Edge, with the Ambrose Quartet and Paul Guinery (piano) at this concert on Monday.

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:

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
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
17 th May	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
24 th May	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Catherine's
31 st May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

Please note there will be no choral evensong in May.

Dates & meetings coming up:

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
24 th May, 3.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal	St Mary's
26 th May, 12.30 pm	Wedding of Elizabeth Whomsley & Sam Brown	St Mary's
27 th May, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
2 nd June, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	St Catherine'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:

- Some of our church family members are waiting for tests or procedures. They don't always choose to be listed here, but please pray for them; God knows who they are.
- 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 will be enjoying a day out on Bank Holiday Monday
- those who will be working, in order to facilitate the safe enjoyment of Mayday activities
- those in our society who are discriminated against or who suffer from others' prejudice

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- all who will visit St Mary's on Monday, and for the team who will welcome them
- our tea room at Standon's Mayday celebrations; our Wednesday café and all our hospitality
- the recruitment process as it continues, and the person God is preparing to lead us

Pray for our mission partners

This week we ask you to remember the work of all our mission partners, spreading the good news of Jesus across the world. More information about all our mission 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, 3.15 pm (term time only): Café & Children's Bible clubs at All Saints: contact Lizzie B.

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 babies & 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, but are listed below as a reminder.

Gift aid forms are available from any of our treasurers.

The bank details and contacts for our treasurers are as follows:

	Standon	Little Munden	Sacombe
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd	NatWest Bank plc	Barclays Bank plc
Account Name	Standon PCC	The Mundens PCC	Sacombe Church PCC B Maintenance account
Account Number	00032168	28599551	90773689
Sort Code	40 52 40	60 10 39	20 20 37
email	treasurer@ubsms.org.uk	treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk	treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk

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.

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

Safeguarding: Lizzy Franks safeguarding@ubsms.org.uk 01920 822723

Our website: <https://ubsms.org.uk/>

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