



Notices Sheet - 17th May 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Acts 1:6-14 (p 1092) John 17:1-11 (p 1085)

Mayday thanks: A huge thank you to everyone who helped on Mayday in Standon. The church was busy all afternoon, and the plant stall almost sold out. In the Village Hall, Stephanie and her team used 26 pints of milk, making tea and coffee and serving home-made cake. All this is only possible because of the time and effort of many people. Thank you.

Standon Open Gardens 13th June: Now that Mayday is over, we turn our attention to Standon Open Gardens, FOSM's biggest fundraiser of the year. It will take place once again on the second Saturday in June, 11 - 5. If you would like to help, please speak to one of the FOSM committee. If you can bake for the teas in the Village Hall or at Diana's, please let Stephanie or Diana know. If you could help serve lunches in church, please speak to Caroline. Posters and fliers are available in St Mary's; please help yourself if you have somewhere to display one. They are available electronically from Caroline.

Concert in All Saints 14th June: Fund-raising is an important part of all our churches' financial health. Victoria Smith, whose whole family has contributed in the past to our 'For One Night Only' concerts in All Saints, will be performing with other local musicians in All Saints on 14th June at 3.00. This concert will count towards her Gold Arts Award. Entry will be free, with a retiring collection for the church. There will be refreshments served after the concert. Please come and support V if you can.

Holiday Bible Club 2026 'God's People and the Temple of the Rising Son': Bookings are now open for our Holiday Bible Club, which will run from 24th to 27th August. Luke and Lizzy S will lead it again, with help from Jenny and the home team. Please pass the word to any children (reception to Y6) you know, and if you would be willing to help on some or all of the days, please speak to Caroline. A link to the booking form is on our website.

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

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:

17 th May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Public worship with Communion by extension	All Saints
24 th May	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
31 st May	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Catherine's
7 th June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

14 th June	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
21 st June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints

Please note there will be no choral evensong in May.

Dates & meetings coming up:

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
3 rd June, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
6 th June, 1.00 pm	Wedding of Mary Williams & Ben Jepps	All Saints
13 th June, 11 – 5	Standon Open Gardens	Standon
14 th June, 3.00 pm	V Smith concert	All Saints

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:

- Sally is now in Herts & Essex Rehabilitation Unit. She would welcome visitors, and the distance and his own health challenges make it difficult for Peter to get there every day. If you would like to visit, please liaise with Peter 01920 830614. Please continue to pray for Sally and Peter.
- 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 concerned about possible consequences of the current political turmoil
- our farmers, hoping for more helpful weather for their crops
- the couples planning to be married in our churches in the next few weeks and months

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our plans for growth during the vacancy
- those who are being drawn to our churches, seeking something and finding it in Jesus
- all of us, that we will hear the calling of the Holy Spirit and have courage to respond

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to pray for the work of Andrew and Samara Ellis. *Andrew and Samara lead the River of Life church in Harare.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for their work, but they have also requested prayer for their family:

- their married daughter and her husband as they run a business and look after their small baby, and also lead the youth and a home group at the church in Harare where Andrew is a leader
- their elder son who has a temporary job at a game park but is applying for universities (including in the UK) and seeking funding
- their younger son who is praying he will get a visa to go to the US to take up a college place he has been offered

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 (dates vary – please ask), 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

M&Ms is taking a break in May, back in June

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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