



## Notices Sheet - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible reading:** Acts :1-21 (p 1093)

Please remember that there's no choral evensong this weekend. It will be back on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June.

**Midweek Music at St Mary's:** This Wednesday's concert (27<sup>th</sup> May) is called Wild about Recorders. This group is directed by Catherine Wild, who has played for us before, and there will be a variety of different types of recorder. As it's half term, we are hoping that people who usually can't come might be able to join us. Children will be very welcome. As usual refreshments will be available from 11.30 until the concert at 12.30 which will last about 40 minutes. There will be a retiring collection to support the work of our Benefice churches.

**Streaming in St Mary's:** If you might be interested in supporting our services by learning how to use the (very simple) streaming system in St Mary's, please speak to Marion, Angie, Michael or Caroline. It would be good to have another name or two on the rota.

**Kisiizi parcels:** The average cost of sending parcels containing knitted items to Kisiizi hospital has increased from £16 at the beginning of 2025 to £36. Any help that you might be able to give in meeting the cost of postage would be gratefully received. Please contact Diane on 01920 821130 or speak to Caroline.

**Standon Open Gardens 13th June:** Standon Open Gardens, FOSM's biggest fundraiser of the year, will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**What IS happening with God and Gen Z?** This study morning for everyone with a passion for youth ministry will run on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 10am - 1pm at St Barnabas Centre, Thorley. The Revd Dr Dan Drew will share his expertise in leading Young People in faith, and Josh Dean MP will share his personal experience of a transformative Youth Worker. Refreshments will be served from 10am, with an opportunity to browse stands from local and national providers. More information and tickets (£5) are available from <https://www.stjamesthorley.church/youthleadersconference>.

## 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:

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
7 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
14 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
21 <sup>st</sup> June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
28 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 am	All age worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's

### Dates & meetings coming up:

24 <sup>th</sup> May, 3.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal	St Mary's
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
2 <sup>nd</sup> June, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	St Catherine's
3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.00 pm	Wedding of Mary Williams & Ben Jepps	All Saints
13 <sup>th</sup> June, 11 – 5	Standon Open Gardens	Standon
14 <sup>th</sup> 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 recovering slowly in Herts & Essex Rehabilitation Unit and sends thanks for our prayers. If you plan 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, or who are grieving.

### Pray for our community

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

- all who are travelling over half term
- all victims of any kind of abuse, and those who perpetrate such acts
- addicts of all kinds, and organisations that do their best to help

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our plans for personal growth, the work of our benefice and the spread of the Good News
- those of us who are hearing the call of the Holy Spirit to serve Christ in new ways
- the recruitment process, and the person God is calling to lead us here

## 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 Stephen & Catherine McGoldrick. *As leaders of WEC Africa, they are responsible for over 50 workers who are mission mobilisers for African missionaries in 19 countries. Since mid March they have been travelling around Southern Africa, visiting their teams and ministering alongside members of WEC.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- the family as they fly to Burundi on 24<sup>th</sup> May and settle back into life there
- Catherine as she home schools J & A
- the family as they pack up their house after 10 years and prepare to move to Tanzania
- Stephen not to have a flare up of his PMR (Polymyalgia rheumatica) or any more problems with his eyes

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 (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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

**7.00pm (4<sup>th</sup> 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 (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 babies & 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.

**Administrator:** Rebecca Legg [benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk](mailto:benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk) 07976 700902

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