



## Notices Sheet - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible readings:** Acts 17:22-31 (p 1113) John 14:15-21 (p 1082)

**Roof work completed at All Saints:** Praise God, the work on the roof at All Saints has been completed successfully, without significant complications, and on time. The protection inside the church has been removed and the scaffolding will come down as soon as the architect has inspected the work. Our thanks go to Ray, who has overseen the work and taken care of the team of roofers during the project.

**Knit & Natter group:** If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us in the Sargent room (at the back of Standon Village Hall) any time between 1pm and 3.30pm, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Tea & cakes will be available. Our next meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. For more information please contact Diane on 01920 821130.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Standon Open Gardens 13th June:** FOSM's biggest fundraiser of the year, Standon Open Gardens will take place once again on the second Saturday in June. 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.

**Concert in All Saints 14th June:** V 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.

### 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:

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
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

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

## Dates & meetings coming up:

20 <sup>th</sup> May, 5.00 pm	Benefice finance committee meeting	The Old Top Shop
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

## 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 has had a fall and broken her right wrist, and is in the Lister. She and will need a period of rehabilitation before she can go home. Please pray for Sally and Peter.
- Audrey Morton (her husband, Bert, was Rector at All Saints & St Catherine's) is in hospital, disabled by arthritic pain. She hopes to receive physio to enable her to return home. They ask for prayer.
- We have heard that Juliet P-C's Mum, Elizabeth, died last weekend. Please pray for Juliet, Richard and all the family.
- 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:

- our local and national politicians as they seek to serve their constituencies
- all who are moving on from jobs, or starting new ones
- our young people, approaching exams whose results will open or close doors for them

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- praise God that all the recent building work on all three churches is now complete
- pray for our CWs and PCCs, because we know that the next repair challenge will not be far away!
- pray for us all, as we balance the demands of our ancient buildings with our living worship and outreach

### 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 David & Marlene Fry in Austria. *David works for Mediaworks, part of OM East. Marlene volunteers at Oasis where she teaches German to refugees.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- The translation of "The Gracious Father" booklets into Arabic & Farsi, and the production of a wordless version & an animation
- Discernment from the Board of MediaWorks about whether to acquire a suitable new building or renovate the current office
- Clear confirmation for a potential bookkeeper that MediaWorks is where God wants him to serve
- The refugees who go to Oasis, especially a Ukrainian lady who has asked Marlene to pray for her
- Calmness, peace, clarity & no blackouts for J as she takes her A levels
- Preparations for S&E's civil wedding on 26<sup>th</sup> May & church wedding on 30<sup>th</sup>; may God bless & grow their new life together

**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 (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](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, 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	<a href="mailto:treasurer@ubsms.org.uk">treasurer@ubsms.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk">treasurer.lm@ubsms.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk">treasurer.sac@ubsms.org.uk</a>

## 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

**Safeguarding:** Lizzy Franks [safeguarding@ubsms.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ubsms.org.uk) 01920 822723

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