



Notices Sheet - 31st May 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end (p 724) Matthew 28:16-end (p 1001)

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.

Standon Open Gardens 13th June: Standon Open Gardens, FOSM's biggest fundraiser of the year, will take place on 13th 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 young 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.

Midsummer Revels concert in St Mary's 20th June: Standon Sing, Rib Singers and Imperial Male Voice Choir will perform a picnic concert in St Mary's on Saturday 20th June at 4.00 pm. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for FOSM. Come along if you can, and bring a picnic to enjoy in the garden of Knight's Court during an extended interval.

Christianity Explored course: We are planning to run a Christianity Explored course in the autumn. This is a 7 session course, consisting of video clips, Bible study and discussion and is suitable for anyone interested in finding out more or refreshing their knowledge of what our Christian faith is about. It will take place on Sunday afternoons (apart from 4th Sundays) in September and October. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking part, or if you would like to help support the group, please speak to Caroline.

Holiday Bible Club 24th – 27th August: Caroline is collecting names of any who would like to help with the 2026 Holiday Bible Club, 'God's People and the Temple of the Rising Son'. The club runs from 10 – 3 on each of the four days; we meet for briefing and prayer at 9.30 each morning. If you can help on some or all of the days, please speak to Caroline.

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:

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
28 th June	10.30 am	Family worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
5 th July	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

Dates & meetings coming up:

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
20 th June, 4.00 pm	Midsummer Revels concert	St Mary's
24 th June, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary'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:

- Please continue to pray for Sally, in Herts & Essex Rehabilitation Unit. If you plan to visit, please liaise with Peter 01920 830614.
- Juliet's Mum, Elizabeth's funeral will be held on 19th June at 10.00am, at The Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph' church, Hertford, and then 12.00pm Harwood Park Crematorium, followed by refreshments at Brockholds. Juliet would appreciate support from any of the church family who knew her Mum and would like to be there.
- Some of our church family members are undergoing treatment, or 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:

- our farmers and food producers as the shops start to fill with summer fruits and vegetables
- manufacturers and all those who work to supply other requirements of our modern life
- distributors and couriers as they try to satisfy the 'fast delivery' demands of society

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our PCC meetings this week, and our officers and PCC members as they serve our benefice
- our ongoing work and new initiatives as we work for God in our community
- the recruitment process, as the closing date for applications gets closer

Pray for God's world

Each week, we prompt you to pray for our mission partners around the world, but please continue to pray, too, for those places where we don't have such direct links with people working on the ground. Continue to hold Basma's people in your prayers, and all victims and perpetrators of the various conflicts in the Middle East, and the many other places where war and disease are causing immense suffering.

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 Samaritan's Purse. *Samaritan's Purse is the charity behind Operation Christmas Child, which we take part in each year, sending gift-filled shoeboxes to children who otherwise wouldn't receive a present. Samaritan's Purse also works year-round and is currently supporting the response to the ebola outbreak in Central Africa.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray:

- praise God that Samaritan's Purse is being allowed to work with Ministry of Health in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- for the ebola treatment centre that Samaritan's Purse airlifted to the DRC earlier this month
- for the outbreak specialist; the infection, prevention and control specialist; and the medical personnel working at the centre

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

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.

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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