



## Notices Sheet - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Notices

**This weekend's Bible readings:** Romans 4:13-25 (p 1131) Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (p 973)

**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 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 young 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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Knit & Natter group 11<sup>th</sup> June:** If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us in the Sargant 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 will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. For more information please contact Diane on 01920 821130.

**Knitting for Kisiizi:** Thank you to everyone who knits items to send to Kisiizi hospital. May we ask, please, that no more hats are knitted at the moment. Kisiizi still needs vests, especially the smaller size for prem babies. The patterns can be found in the folder by the wool basket. If you or anyone you know has some wool which you no longer need, please can you put it in this basket for our knitters. Please contact Diane on 01920821130 if you need it collecting.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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:

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	Family worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
5 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
12 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's

### Dates & meetings coming up:

13 <sup>th</sup> June, 11 – 5	Standon Open Gardens	Standon
14 <sup>th</sup> June, 3.00 pm	V Smith concert	All Saints
20 <sup>th</sup> June, 4.00 pm	Midsummer Revels concert	St Mary's
24 <sup>th</sup> June, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
29 <sup>th</sup> June, 11.30 am	Memorial service for Ann Smith	All Saints
1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall

## 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:

- Most people will have heard the sad news that Ann Smith died late last Saturday evening. Please pray for Arthur, Fiona, Richard and Claire, and for all Ann's family and friends.
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 local shops, cafés and pubs
- local businesses and those working from home in our community
- those who provide our bus and taxi services

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

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our interactions with those who will visit Standon for FOSM's Open Gardens event on Saturday
- our café team as it struggles with a shortage of volunteers
- the recruitment process, as we reach the closing date for applications this week

## Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to pray for the Place of Grace. *The Place of Grace Foundation is run by John and Gillian Robinson in the slums of Bangkok.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Praise God:

- they have created school clubs for children and teenagers followed by discipleship groups
- they run a foodbank for the hungry
- the Place of Grace Learning Centre encourages children to stay in education
- the school is a joy-filled refuge where their minds are stretched and they encounter Jesus
- a Christian curriculum is used and the students learn how to walk and talk with Jesus
- please pray for this couple as they work with all these children in the slums

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

**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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