



Notices Sheet - 12th July 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Romans 8:1-11 (p 1134) Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p 979)

Service on 19th July: Next Sunday, our benefice choir will be joined by the Little Munden School choir at our communion service at 10.30. Please join us if you can, to welcome the children and their families. Owing to logistical challenges, the service that day will not be streamed.

Choral evensong 26th July: We will be welcoming Archdeacon Janet to lead and preach at Choral Evensong on Sunday 26th July at St Mary's at 6pm. All are invited to join us for worship at this special service of music, reflection and prayer.

Bike 'n' Hike: This year's sponsored Bike 'n' Hike, organised by the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust, will take place on Saturday 12th September. This is an important fundraiser for BHHCT, who, among other things, support churches (including ours) with grants for capital work. If you would like to cycle, walk or drive around the area visiting churches, please see the poster at the back of our churches for sign up details. If you are able to offer an hour or two to welcome participants to our churches, please speak to the appropriate church warden.

Reading challenge: '10ofthose' (a Christian publishing company) is running a summer reading challenge, entitled Go All In, to recognise the current National Year of Reading. The challenge is to read 4 Christian books from their extensive collection, and for those who want to enter officially, there's a chance to win book vouchers. More information is at <https://uk.10ofthose.com/go-all-in> Lizzy is happy to order any books that you are interested in - just speak to her or email lizzy@ubsms.org.uk

Christianity Explored course: This 7 session course will run in the autumn on Sunday afternoons. It is suitable for anyone interested in finding out more or refreshing their knowledge of what our Christian faith is about. 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. There are leaflets at the back of each of our churches.

Holiday Bible Club 24th – 27th August 'God's People and the Temple of the Rising Son': Bookings are strong and Caroline is collecting names of any who would like to help. The club runs from 10 – 3 each day; we meet for briefing and prayer at 9.30 each morning. In addition to the all-day volunteers, we need a few chaperones to help accompany the children to Burrs Meadow to eat their packed lunches. If you could spare an hour at lunchtime on any of the days to help, 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

Please note there will be no Wednesday morning service in August.

Sunday services:

12 th July	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
19 th July	8.00 am	Public worship with Communion by extension	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
26 th July	10.30 am	Family worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
2 nd August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
9 th August	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up:

15 th July, 5.00 pm	Roger de Clare leavers service	St Mary's
16 th July, 2.00 pm	Vacancy team meeting	The Old Top Shop
22 nd July, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
22 nd July, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School leavers service	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:

- Audrey, the wife of Bert, a former Rector of The Mundens & Sacombe, has had a period of ill health, and plans are in hand to return her from hospital with suitable help at home. Anyone wanting more information should contact Carole or Peter. Please pray for Audrey and Bert.
- Jacky is still incapacitated by her recent fall. Please pray for her.
- Lizzy hopes to be well enough to return to school this week. Please continue to pray for her.
- Others of our church family members are unwell, undergoing treatment, waiting for tests or procedures or grieving. Please pray for them.

Pray for our community

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

- those who are finding it difficult to keep hydrated in this prolonged heatwave
- our emergency services personnel, responding to numerous calls to heat-related incidents
- those finding their tempers shortened by lack of sleep and excess of heat

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- both of our schools, as the end of term approaches, and the leavers as they move on
- those who can't get to church at the moment, and our pastoral team as they maintain contact
- the vacancy team as it meets this week

Pray for our mission partners

Please continue to pray for all our mission partners. More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- Catherine and Stephen McGoldrick, working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa
- Andrew and Samara Ellis, part of a church leadership team in Harare, Zimbabwe
- David and Marlene Fry, working with media in Austria reaching out to unreached peoples
- John and Gillian Robinson, working with the poorest in Bangkok, Thailand
- Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda, working for health and Christian outreach
- The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan, working with deaf children throughout the country

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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