



Notices Sheet - 19th July 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Psalm 8 (p 546) Matthew 6:25-34 (p 971)

Service on 19th July: This week, our benefice choir is joined by the Little Munden School choir at our communion service at 10.30. Owing to logistical challenges, this service will not be streamed.

Midweek Music in St Mary's 22nd July: Our lunchtime concert this month will be given by The Wild Rose Trio with Catherine Wild, Jane Rose and Michael Smith. There will be a beautiful mix of music for oboe, flute, recorder and piano. As usual, light refreshments are served from 11.30 until the concert at 12.30. There is no charge but any donations will be gratefully received. Come and escape the heat and enjoy some live music.

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.

Streaming services in August: We will not be streaming any of our services August. This will allow our team to do some much needed technical maintenance work on the equipment.

Wednesday services from September: Our informal service in St Mary's on Wednesday mornings will take a slightly different format from September. Instead of a conventional sermon, we will be using a Good Book Company study guide to reflect on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. All are welcome. Please speak to Caroline if you would like more information.

Notices in August: As usual, we will produce a single notices sheet covering the whole of August. The sheet produced the weekend of 2nd will be the last until 6th September. If you have items for inclusion, please let Caroline have them by 31st July.

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.

Christianity Explored course: This 7 session course 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, 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:

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
16 th August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints

Dates & meetings coming up:

22 nd July, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
22 nd July, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School leavers service	All Saints
27 th July, 2.30 pm	Funeral of Keith Smith	All Saints
10 th August, 11.00 am	Funeral of Anna Miles	St Mary's
22 nd August, 3.00 pm	Wedding of Kelsey Botten and Shane Gambin	St Mary's
24 th – 27 th August, 10 – 3	Holiday Bible Club	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 Audrey, the wife of Bert, a former Rector of The Mundens & Sacombe.
- Jacky is still incapacitated. Please continue to pray for her.
- Sally has been discharged from the Westgate, and is now at home. She sends her grateful thanks for the prayers and visits of her church friends over these ten weeks that she has been hospitalised.
- Please pray for those mourning the deaths of Anna Miles, Stella Illot and Keith Smith.
- 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 will be travelling during the school holidays, for safe and peaceful journeys
- those walking or picnicking in the countryside, that nothing will be left that could start a fire
- those whose businesses will struggle due to the hosepipe ban now in force in our area

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our benefice choir and the choir of Little Munden School, as they support our worship this weekend
- those considering taking part in the Christianity Explored course we plan to run in the autumn
- the café helpers as they rest for the next few weeks

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:

- preparations for the Mediaworks team retreat in September
- financial support for all team members
- the plans to join a charitable trust to support projects in challenging areas
- discernment in assessing potential candidates to join the Mediaworks team
- the process of appointing the next leader of Mediaworks to replace David when he retires next year
- the completion of updates to a Bible translation following an official change to the writing system of the language
- their church's Space themed kid's week from 20th July

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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