



Notices Sheet - 26th July 2026

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This weekend's Bible reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (p 980)

Choral evensong 26th July: We will be welcoming Archdeacon Janet to lead and preach at Choral Evensong this Sunday 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 next weekend will be the last until 6th September. If you have items for inclusion, please let Caroline have them by 31st July.

Holiday Bible Club 24th – 27th August 'God's People and the Temple of the Rising Son': Bookings are very strong and **we are still looking for anyone who is able to help.** At the moment we are in danger of having to turn children away due to lack of adults. You don't need to lead the teaching; help with crafts and making sure the children are where they need to be is really helpful too, but we do need to have the necessary ratio of adults to children. 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.

Picnic at St Catherine's 30th August: You are invited to bring a picnic lunch to eat in the churchyard at St Catherine's after the service there on 30th August. Hot and cold drinks will be provided.

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:

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
23 rd August	10.30 am	Family worship	St Mary's
30 th August	10.30 am	Morning worship and picnic	St Catherine's

Please note that there will be no service of Choral Evensong in August.

Dates & meetings coming up:

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
28 th August, 10.00 am	Funeral of Stella Illot	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:

- Please pray for those mourning the deaths of Anna Miles, Stella Illot, Keith Smith and Lilian Millward.
- Please continue to pray for those of our church family who are unwell, undergoing treatment, waiting for tests or procedures or grieving.

Pray for our community

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

- children attending holiday activities, and parents juggling work and childcare through the holiday
- those who look after our public spaces
- our emergency services, responding to increasing numbers of call-outs

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- plans for HBC, that more helpers will step forward and that we don't have to turn children away
- leaders of our various groups as they take a break over the summer to refresh and recharge
- our visiting clergy and organists, helping us out during this continuing vacancy

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 Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick. *They face a time of transition as they prepare to take up their new ministry in Tanzania.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Stephen and Catherine ask for prayer:

In August:

- returning to UK for an Africa Support Conference
- Stephen visiting their team in Ghana
- family visits

In September:

- heading back to Burundi to empty their house, saying farewell to friends and then driving to Arusha, Tanzania

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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