



Notices Sheet - 5th July 2026

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This weekend's Bible readings: Romans 7:15-25a (p 1134) Matthew 11:16-end (p 976)

Service on 19th July: On 19th July, 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.

Knit & Natter group 9th July: If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us in the Sargent room (at the back of Standon Village Hall) any time between 1pm and 3.30pm, usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Tea & cakes will be available. Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th July. For more information please contact Diane on 01920 821130 or Marion on 01920 745683.

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.

Holiday Bible Club 24th – 27th August: Bookings are going well and 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. The larger the team, the easier it is for everyone. Please consider whether you can help on some or all of the days, and, if so, 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:

5 th July	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
12 th July	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
19 th July	8.00 am	Holy Communion	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

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:

- Please continue to pray for Sally. If you plan to visit, please liaise with Peter 01920 830614.
- Jacky is still incapacitated by her recent fall, and in some pain. Please pray for her.
- Lizzy has been unwell this week as her body has reacted to the prolonged heat. Please 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:

- at the end of 'Anti-social Behaviour Week', all those who are tempted to behave this way, the victims harmed by it, the police as they respond and all those who work to address the underlying issues
- Inspector Karen Hutchinson, our newly appointed Herts Constabulary Neighbourhood Inspector
- Social workers, probation officers and all who work in crime prevention and helping offenders to make better choices

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- Roger de Clare School, which has its SIAMS inspection of Church schools on Wednesday
- those considering taking part in the Christianity Explored course, and those who will lead it
- the plans for Holiday Bible Club, and that more volunteers will come forward

Pray for our mission partners

This week, we ask for your prayers for CPAS Ventures holidays. *CPAS Ventures run just over 50 Christian holidays for children aged 8-18. Orwell 3 is the 11-14 holiday which Lizzy helps to lead, and which our young people attend.*

More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Praise God:

- that we are full! 60 young people are signed up to join us in a few weeks
- for a helpful leaders' planning day a couple of weeks ago

Please pray:

- that the last few DBS checks and references for leaders would come through on time
- for the young people, particularly those who will be staying away from home for the first time
- for those preparing talks and sessions, this year from Romans 1-8

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.

Administrator: Rebecca Legg benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk 07976 700902

Safeguarding: Lizzy Franks safeguarding@ubsms.org.uk 01920 822723

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