



Notices Sheet - 28th June 2026

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This weekend's Bible reading: Romans 6: 12-end (p 1133)

An update about the Vacancy: A message from Michael, who is chairing the vacancy committee:

I am sorry to have to let you know that we have been informed that our candidate selected to come to the benefice for interview has accepted a post elsewhere and is withdrawing from the interview process.

I know this will be disappointing news and I am sad that this second round of recruitment has ended in this way. We will now need to look at a timetable for the third round of recruitment.

Please pray for those who are carrying an enormous amount at this time. We know God has this but everyone needs to support each other in prayer and practical action so that our benefice can grow and continue to reach out to our communities as the next months unfold.

Michael Smith

Choral Evensong Sunday 28th June, 6pm at St Mary's: Please join us this weekend for our regular service of Choral Evensong. Our benefice choir will lead us in this reflective service of word and music.

Thank you: Thank you to everyone for your generous support over the last couple of weeks of events, with totals raised from Open Gardens £9,740, Victoria Smith's concert £371, Midsummer Revels £545 and Midweek Music with Haileybury £250. All of these events have reached out to our communities in different ways, our churches have benefited financially and we are very grateful. A huge thank you, too, to those who have worked so hard to make these events successful.

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

New Seasons 4th July: There will be a meeting of New Seasons bereavement group in All Saints on Saturday, 2 - 4pm. If you have lost your partner, recently or long ago please join us for an informal chat with tea and cake. For more information please phone Heather on 07909 065550 or just come along on the day.

Christianity Explored course: Plans are advancing for the Christianity Explored course in the autumn. This is a 7 session course 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. 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.

Streaming in St Mary's: We could still do with some more help with streaming in St Mary's. If that might be you, please speak to Marion, Angie, Michael or 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:

28 th June	10.30 am	Family worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
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

Dates & meetings coming up:

29 th June, 11.30 am	Memorial service for Ann Smith	All Saints
1 st July, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
4 th July, 2.00 pm	New Seasons group meeting	All Saints
15 th July, 5.00 pm	Roger de Clare leavers service	St Mary's
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 pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of Ann Smith as we remember her at the memorial service on Monday.
- Juliet is grateful for the support she has received from church family since her Mum's death.
- Please continue to pray for Sally. If you plan to visit, please liaise with Peter 01920 830614.
- Jacky has fallen. Nothing is broken, but she is taking it easy while she recovers. Please pray for her.
- 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:

- everyone, young and old, who is struggling due to the prolonged heat wave
- those working to keep our public spaces safe, as our infrastructure suffers damage from the excessive temperatures
- those who are on holiday or preparing to go

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- the need for more volunteers to step forward in the many areas where we need help
- our energy to keep up our ongoing outreach as we head towards the summer break for some of our groups and activities
- the recruitment process and the person God is calling, in his own good time, to serve here

Pray for our mission partners

In our cycle of prayers for our mission partners, this week we ask you to remember the work of Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick. *Catherine and Stephen are working for church growth in Burundi and Central Africa.* More information about our partners can be found on our website.

Praise God for:

- safe travels of nearly three months and over twelve thousand miles across Southern Africa, visiting South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Zambia, finally arriving home in Burundi
- work to link the branches of WEC, encountering people from different ministries and experiences
- the boys being amazingly adaptable, and opportunities for fun and leisure too

Please pray for:

- ending well their time in Burundi
- knowing the right time for their move to Tanzania for the next season

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

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