



Notices Sheet - August 2026

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Bible readings: As this notices sheet covers the whole month, please refer to the service lists posted in our churches to check what the readings will be for each week.

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.

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 people to join the team of helpers. 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. 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.

While the Holiday Bible Club is running, the church will be locked when we're not in there. If you need access, 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:

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
7 th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints

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

Dates & meetings coming up:

5 th August, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
7 th August, 10.30 am	Funeral of Lilian Millward	St Mary's
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
2 nd September, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
2 nd September, 5.00 pm	Benefice finance committee meeting	The Old Top Shop

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 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:

- everyone affected, directly or indirectly, by the wildfires and grass fires occurring at the moment
- our farmers and growers, and those whose livelihood depends on our temperate climate
- our emergency services, responding to increasing call-outs and water companies looking for solutions to our lack of water

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- all our church family, away or at home in this traditional holiday month
- Caroline, our lay chairs and church wardens as they prepare for the autumn services and events
- our visiting clergy and organists, and the person God has chosen to join us as our Rector

Pray for our mission partners

This month we ask you to remember the work of all our mission partners, spreading the good news of Jesus across the world. More information about all our mission partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for:

- Catherine and Stephen McGoldrick, working for church growth in 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
- Ventures as the holidays, including the Pathfinder camp our young people attend, take place

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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