



Notices Sheet - 27th September 2026

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Bible reading: Luke 10:1-12 (p 1041)

Harvest appeal: This weekend completes our series of harvest services for this year. Our appeal this year is to support the work of John and Gillian, who work in the slums of Bangkok. They are fundraising to set up a safe house for boys, to add to their safe house for girls, offering support for children who live in abusive families. Donations can be made to any of our churches' bank accounts, or given to one of our treasurers. There are special envelopes in St Mary's for any donations in the service.

Harvest Choral Evensong Sunday, 6.00 pm in St Mary's: Our monthly choral evensong service, this month with a harvest theme, will be back this weekend, after a break in August. Please join us for this centuries old contemplative service, with music led by our benefice choir.

Safety reminders: Many have commented how friendly our churches are and how good they always look. That is in large part due to our committed cleaning teams. We are reminded of our Safe Working procedures:

- if you find yourself working alone in the church, always phone or tell someone where you are
- always welcome visitors and show them the leaflets and information at the back of the church

Making St Mary's Sparkle: The cleaning groups do a wonderful job but at a recent meeting of the St Mary's cleaning teams, we felt a Spring Clean would add that extra sparkle. All the equipment needed will be available, and all are welcome! It will be on Saturday 24th October, 10.00 - 11.00 followed by refreshments. If you are able to join one of the teams in any of our churches, please speak to the church wardens.

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

Sunday services:

27 th September	10.30 am	Family worship for harvest	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
4 th October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
11 th October	10.30 am	Holy communion	St Mary's
18 th October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
25 th October	10.30 am	Family worship	St Mary's
	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up:

27 th September, 12.30 pm	Baptism of Brody McLean	St Mary's
28 th September, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	St Mary's
29 th September, 2.30 pm	Little Munden School harvest service	All Saints
2 nd October, 7.30 pm	Candlelit supper in St Mary's	St Mary's
7 th October, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
8 th October, 10.30 am	Funeral of Ryder Duggan-Carr	St Mary's
15 th October, 12.00	Funeral of Terry Thrussell	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 those of our church family who are unwell, undergoing treatment, waiting for tests or procedures or grieving.
- Please pray for Audrey Morton. Although she has now returned home, she has since suffered a serious stroke. Christine and Phillip are with Bert.
- Please pray for those who are grieving for baby Ryder Duggan-Carr, and for Terry Thrussell.

Pray for our community

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

- our village cafes and lunches, and all who offer opportunities for people to gather together
- Standon Sing and other groups organising community activities in our churches and elsewhere
- Social Services and others caring for those who feel marginalised or isolated

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- those who give time and effort to raise funds for our benefice churches, and for those who will attend the supper on Friday evening
- our cleaning teams and all who care for our churches
- our PCCs as they meet on Monday evening

Pray for our mission partners

This week we ask you, once again, to remember the work of John & Gillian Robinson, the recipients of our harvest appeal. *John and Gillian run the Place of Grace in Bangkok, Thailand.* More information about all our mission partners can be found on our website.

In addition to last week's prayer points, please pray for:

- our Harvest Appeal to help them provide a safe house for boys to escape from abusive and violent family members
- sponsors for 10 new students
- 4 high school students, graduating this year, who are looking for scholarships to universities
- the staff at the Place of Grace who are always under pressure

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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