



Notices Sheet - 13th September 2026

Notices

Bible readings: Ezekiel 36:24-28 (p 868) Mark 10:13-16 (p 1014)

An update from the Parish Representatives about our recruitment process: Following the closing date this week for applications for the post of Rector, I am disappointed to say we haven't received any applications for the post this time. We will soon be setting dates for the next round of recruitment. Please continue to pray for Caroline and everyone involved in the ongoing life and witness of our Benefice. Please pray for how God might be calling you, in any small way, to support the work of our churches. Please also pray for the person God is even now calling to be with us when the time is right. Do ask if you have any questions.

Michael Smith

Harvest appeal: Our harvest services this year will be on 20th, 22nd and 27th September. 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.

Christianity Explored: Our Christianity Explored course will run from this weekend. We will meet on Sunday afternoons, from 2.00 until around 3.30. The dates will be:

September 13th, 20th; October 4th, 11th, 18th; November 15th, 22nd.

There will also be one longer session, between the two November meetings, but we will fix a time for that when we have everyone together. Please speak to Caroline if you would like to know more.

Candlelit Supper in St Mary's, 2nd October: Tickets, at £30 per head, are on sale for FOSM's candlelit supper in St Mary's on 2nd October. A three course meal will be served by candlelight, with musical and dramatic entertainment between courses. A licensed bar will be available. To book, please speak to Diana 07718 734897.

Banking scams awareness: Both Little Munden and Sacombe have experienced fraudulent activity on their bank accounts in recent months. The funds have been returned in full, but we are reminded to check our statements regularly and report any strange activity. In both cases, bogus direct debits were set up; please check your list of active direct debits for any that you haven't authorised.

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:

13 th September	10.30 am	Holy communion & baptism	St Mary's
20 th September	8.00 am	Communion by extension	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion for harvest	All Saints

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

Dates & meetings coming up:

13 th September, 2.00 pm	Christianity Explored (1 st session)	1 Sargents
18 th September, 12.00	Meeting of St Mary's cleaning teams	St Mary's
23 rd September, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
24 th September, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare harvest service	St Mary's
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

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:

- John has contacted us to say: Dear friends, it is getting on for a year since we left the benefice. We wanted to write simply to say that you are not forgotten, deeply missed and in our hearts and prayers. With much love, John and Basma
- Please continue to pray for those of our church family who are unwell, undergoing treatment, waiting for tests or procedures or grieving.
- Pray particularly for the family of Deryl Harden, whose funeral was on Friday.

Pray for our community

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

- all who have visited local churches this weekend through taking part in the annual Bike and Hike
- walkers and cyclists who visit or simply pass our churches as they walk or cycle
- the community choir and others who use our buildings, regularly or occasionally

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our cleaning teams; the Standon teams will meet on Friday; Little Munden needs more volunteers
- those who are carrying extra responsibility while we wait for our new Rector
- the person God is even now calling to join us as our Rector, in his good time

Pray for our mission partners

This week 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.

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

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