



Notices Sheet - 6th September 2026

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Bible readings: Romans 13:8-14 (p 1140) Matthew 18:15-20 (p 985)

Wednesday services from September: Our informal service in St Mary's on Wednesday mornings are taking a slightly different format from this month. 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.

Christianity Explored: Our Christianity Explored course will run from next Sunday. 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. It's not too late to sign up; please speak to Caroline if you would like to know more, or pick up a leaflet in one of our churches.

Knit & Natter 10th September: 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 10th September. For more information please contact Diane on 01920 821130 or Marion on 01920 745683.

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.

Holiday Bible Club 24th – 27th August 'God's People and the Temple of the Rising Son': We had an amazing four days, welcoming 69 children across the four days, with between 50 and 55 children attending each day. We looked at all the places God can be found, starting with the tabernacle at the time of the Exodus and progressing right through to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was granted to every believer. Thankyou to everyone who helped make it possible.

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:

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

Dates & meetings coming up:

9 th September, 7.30 pm	Friends of St Mary's committee meeting	40 South Road
11 th September, 1.00 pm	Funeral of Deryl Harden	All Saints
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
28 th September, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	St Mary's
29 th September, 2.00 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:

- We have conducted a number of funerals over the summer. Please pray for all those who are mourning the deaths of loved ones.
- We have been asked to pray for Jaimee Sharp, whose family lives in Sacombe, and her 4 year old son. Jaimee has a brain tumour which has received all possible surgery and is resisting other treatments.
- 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:

- students and staff returning to schools, universities and colleges, and those starting new jobs
- our MPs and councillors, debating plans that will affect our communities and us individually
- community groups and events launching their autumn programmes

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our benefice choir, including the youngsters from Little Munden School choir due to join this month
- our groups and outreach as they start up again after the summer break
- as the deadline approaches for applications, the person God is calling to join us as our Rector

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 F helps to lead, and which our young people attend.* More information about all our mission partners can be found on our website.

Praise God for:

- a successful week at Orwell 3 early in August, for safety and fun and lots of great teaching
- all the young people aged 8-18 who attended Venture holidays this summer

Please pray for:

- youth groups continuing the teaching of these young people
- leaders and young people as they return to school, jobs, and 'normal life'
- the core team of Orwell 3, meeting in a few weeks to review this year and begin to plan for next

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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