



Notices Sheet - 4th October 2026

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Bible readings: Philippians 3:4b-14 (p 1180) Matthew 21:33-end (p 990)

FOSM Thank you: Thank you to all who supported the candlelit supper in St Mary's on Friday evening. The sums are yet to be finalised, but it's looking as if we raised around £1,400. It was a lovely occasion, with excellent entertainment between courses from David Ranford and Jane Goldstraw.

Encouragements in the benefice: Our PCCs met this week and spent some time reflecting on the many blessings in our benefice in this time of vacancy. Amongst other things we heard about the cafe, the Christianity Explored course, the development of the Little Munden School Choir which meets weekly in All Saints, the new Wednesday morning bible study at St Mary's and the recent success of the Holiday Club. Please pray for all involved in the life and witness of our churches and for the next round of recruitment for a new Rector to lead us.

Floodlights at St Mary's: The floodlights at St Mary's are awaiting a repair and currently they aren't operating. Please take great care if you're accessing or leaving the church in the dark. Some of the fluorescent tubes in the vestries are also awaiting replacement, so please bear with us if you're affected.

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:

4 th October	8.00 am	Communion by extension	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
11 th October	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
18 th October	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
	10.30 am	Family worship	St Mary's
25 th October	6.00 pm	Choral evensong	St Mary's
	8.00 am	Communion by extension	St Mary's
1 st November	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
	3.00 pm	Service of Memories	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up:

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
20 th October, 12.00	Funeral of Pamela Harwood	All Saints
28 th October, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
28 th October, 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 continue to pray for those of our church family who are unwell, are undergoing treatment, have had operations, are waiting for tests or procedures or are grieving.
- We heard last weekend that Audrey Morton died last Saturday evening. Her funeral will be in All Saints, but we don't yet have a date. Please pray for Bert and the family.
- Please pray particularly for those who are grieving for baby Ryder Duggan-Carr, Terry Thrussell, Pamela Harwood and Audrey Morton.

Pray for our community

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

- as the temperature is forecast to drop this week, those who find the onset of winter difficult
- all those affected by the prisoners' early release scheme, and all victims of crime
- those who find it hard to make good choices, and those who are stuck in a cycle of criminality
- probation services and all who work to rehabilitate offenders

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our friends at Libury Hall as our team visits this week
- those who work in our churchyards, including Daniel who prepares the ground for burials
- our home groups as they meet, study and pray together

Pray for our mission partners

We round off our harvest series of prayer requests for our partners, John & Gillian Robinson, the recipients of our harvest appeal, with their latest news. *John and Gillian run the Place of Grace in Bangkok, Thailand.* More information about all our mission partners can be found on our website.

- they give thanks for our messages, prayers and support
- the two brothers mentioned 2 weeks ago are now safe in a cheap flat, and the difference in them has already been startling. Praise God, and continue to pray for them, and for John and Joel as they look after them until the new member of staff can start
- please pray about the flooding in Bangkok; the Place of Grace buildings are surrounded by flooded roads; water has been coming through the ceilings, and the kitchen roof has collapsed
- there are also now food shortages caused by the continual rain

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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