Notices Sheet - 8th November 2026

Notices

Bible reading: Romans 12:9-21 (p 1136)

Remembrance: This Sunday, 8th November, is Remembrance Sunday.

- We will be joined at our service at 10.30 in St Mary's by representatives of the uniformed organisations in our villages.
- There will also be an act of Remembrance at Dane End War Memorial at 11.00, led by the Parish Council.
- Sacombe will welcome children of the Little Munden School choir to their service on Tuesday 10th at 9.30.

All are welcome to any of our services.

Our service in St Mary's will not be streamed this Sunday, but there is coverage of the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on BBC1, starting at 10.15.

Knit & Natter group Thursday 12th November: 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. For more information please contact Diane on 01920 821130 or Marion on 01920 745683.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal: The boxes will go on 15th November. If you would like to help and have not yet done so, please speak to Lizzy.

Christmas events: We have various coffee mornings, bazaars, Christmas markets and concerts coming up between now and mid-December. Please check the 'dates coming up' section of the notices sheet and mark the dates in your diary. We hope you will be able to support us at some or all of these events.

Advent and Christmas services: A full list of our Christmas services is available, and the dates will be included in this sheet in coming weeks. However, before that, we will hold our service of music and readings for Advent in St Mary's at the new time of 4.00 pm on Advent Sunday, 29th November. Please join us if you can for this service to mark the start of our Advent season of reflection.

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

On Tuesday 10th November, the Little Munden School choir will join us again for our Sacombe service of Remembrance at 9.30. All are welcome.

Sunday services:

8th November	10.30 am	Remembrance Sunday service	St Mary's
15th November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints
22nd November	10.30 am	Family worship	St Mary's

29th November	10.30 am	Morning worship	St Catherine's
	4.00 pm	Advent carol service	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up:

9th November, 7.30 pm	FOSM committee meeting	40 South Road
11th November, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings	All Saints
21st November, 10.30 – 12.30	Christmas coffee morning and sale	St Catherine's
27th November, 3.30 – 5 pm	Little Munden School Christmas Bazaar	Little Munden School
30th Nov, 1st & 2nd Dec, 5.00 pm	Roger de Clare Key Stage nativities	St Mary's
2nd December, 2.15 pm	Libury Hall service	Libury Hall
5th December, 11 – 2	FOSM Christmas Market	St Mary's
8th December, 5.00 pm	Cubs Carol service	St Catherine's
10th December, 7.00 pm	Christmas Crackers joint choirs concert	St Mary's
16th December, 6.30 pm	Carols round the tree	Standon High Street

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, including Steve L, who are unwell, are undergoing treatment, have had operations, or are waiting for tests or procedures.
- Please pray for those who are grieving.

Pray for our community

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

- all who have been affected personally, or whose loved ones have been affected by conflict
- those who serve to keep us safe, including armed forces, police, government departments
- all who are fleeing war or oppression of any kind
- those who are at odds with family or neighbours, that they will find a way to make peace

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- those for whom the service this weekend will be difficult, as they remember loved ones lost in conflict
- the Little Munden School Choir children as they join us once more for our service on Tuesday
- our PCCs as they meet this week
- this round of recruitment, and for the person God will send to be our Rector

Pray for our mission partners

This week we ask you to remember the work of Operation Christmas Child. *Operation Christmas Child, a branch of Samaritan's Purse, distributes shoeboxes of gifts to children across the world, who, due to conflict or natural disaster, would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas.* More information about all our mission partners can be found on our website.

Please pray:

- thank God for the thousands of individuals, families and community groups who have filled shoeboxes
- pray for the many volunteers who will co-ordinate national collection week this week
- pray for those organising and manning the warehouses where the boxes will be checked and boxed up for transit
- pray for safe journeys for those transporting them to where they will be given out

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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