Notices Sheet - 15th November 2026

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Bible readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p 1186) Matthew 25:14-30 (p 994)

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.

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.

New Seasons Christmas event 2nd December: There will not be a meeting of New Seasons in November and our December meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 1pm when we will be having a Christmas afternoon tea at Whitehill golf club. If you are a member of New Seasons and would like to join us, please let Heather know on 07909 065550 or leave a message on the WhatsApp group.

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:

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
6th December	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
13th December	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	4.00 pm	Carol service	All Saints
20th December	10.30 am	Morning worship	All Saints
	4.00 pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Mary's

Dates & meetings coming up:

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
25th November, 12.30 pm	Midweek Music	St Mary's
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
17th December, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare Christmas service	St Mary's
18th December, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School Christmas service	All Saints

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:

- Sally and Peter have asked for prayer. Sally is in the Lister, following two TIAs and Peter is suffering severe pain in his hip and leg.
- Please continue to pray for others of our church family who are unwell, are undergoing treatment, have had operations, or are waiting for tests or procedures.
- Please pray for those who are grieving, including the family and friends of Steve Lawton, who died on Friday.

Pray for our community

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

- those worrying about how they will afford to meet their needs over the winter months
- those who are drawn in by the intense marketing we encounter everywhere at this time
- those facing uncertainty in their futures in their business or personal lives
- those who have asked us to pray for them

Pray for our outreach, our service and our churches

This week we ask you to include in your prayers:

- our volunteers involved in children's work, as we prepare for our Advent and Christmas outreach
- those who support our other outreach work as we seek to show God's love in our community
- our churchwardens, lay chairs, safeguarding officer, secretaries and treasurers as they serve God and us
- 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 David and Marlene Fry. *David & Marlene Fry live in Austria where David is the MediaWorks Leader for OM. David plans to retire in June 2027. Marlene volunteers at Oasis with refugees from other countries.* More information about all our mission partners can be found on our website.

Please pray for

- the Lord's leading and for the right person to apply for the post of MediaWorks leader
- wisdom as they prepare the 2027 budgets amid significant changes
- David as he prepares to lead an online AI seminar for colleagues in Muslim ministry on 18th November and that it will help them use technology wisely and responsibly
- 3 remote staff who joined this month will settle well and that God blesses their work in the team
- that Marlene's relationships with the people coming to Oasis will continue to bear fruit
- for Marlene & David's health issues

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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