

Dates for your Diary

09 Jul	Funeral of Sandra Jones
11 Jul	Libury Hall service
14 Jul	Wedding of Terry Mordecai & Victoria Ludlow
16 Jul	PCC meetings
18 Jul	FOSM committee meeting
20 Jul	Little Munden School service
25 Jul	MU strawberry tea
25 Jul	Standon PCC finance committee meeting
26 Jul	Monthly discussion group

How deep the father's love for us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Stuart Townend

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**Please take this notice sheet home with you. If you know of someone who is
unable to be here today, please take a spare one for him or her.**

Please contact Caroline Franks (telephone 01920 822723 or e-mail
caroline.franks@rf152.co.uk) with any items for the next notices sheet.

The United Benefice of Standon and The Munders with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 1st July 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome especially Rev Mandy Brown, who will
preside at our 8.00 communion service at St Mary's this morning.

Our readings this morning are:

8.00: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (p 1163) Mark 5:21-43 (p 1007)
10.45: Jeremiah 26:1-19 (p 786) Luke 4:14-28, 80 (p 1031)

Notices for the coming week

Prayers are said in St. Mary's at 9.15 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and in All
Saints on Thursdays. You are very welcome to join us. All of our churches are open
for private prayer during daylight hours.

Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village Youth Club - Community Centre
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare
Monday, 10.00 am	Vacancy team meeting - The Old Top Shop
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Morning prayer - St Catherine's
Tuesday, 1.00 pm	Funeral of Joyce Hutchins - All Saints
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - St Mary's
Wednesday, 9.15 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Wednesday, 3.00 pm	Little Munden café - All Saints
Wednesday, 6.30 pm	Young people's discipleship group - All Saints
Wednesday, 6.30 pm	Wedding rehearsal - St Mary's
Wednesday, 7.30 pm	Alpha + group - St Mary's (see separate note)
Thursday, 2.00 pm	Knit & Natter - Village Hall
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - St Mary's
Saturday, 4.00 pm	Wedding of David Meginnis & Sharon Joyce - St Mary's
Sunday, 10.45 am	United holy communion - St Mary's
Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village Youth Club - Community Centre
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School

Visiting Clergy

This week, we welcome Rev Nick Sharp to Standon on Wednesday.

Wednesday Young People's Discipleship Group Fundraiser Today!

The young people from the Wednesday group are hosting tea (or coffee) and cakes
straight after the united service in All Saints this morning.

***Please note that we ask you not to take photographs or video recordings, whether
on cameras or phones, during any of our benefice services.***

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Church Cleaners and Churchyard Clear-up Volunteers Needed

We need more volunteers for the cleaning rota at St Mary's, and for the team who clear up the All Saints churchyard. This latter is down to 3 members, which is not enough to keep the churchyard mown! If you can offer even an hour or two, please let us know: Rita for the St Mary's cleaners; Debi for the All Saints churchyard.

Knit & Natter group

Please note that our meeting in July will be on the first Thursday in the month ie Thursday 5th in the Sargent's room (at the back of Standon village hall) from 2pm until 4pm. For more information or if you would like a lift please contact Diane Moss (01920 821130 or 07949 665365) or Marion Timmons (01992 505513).

Alpha + group

There will be another meeting in St Mary's church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th July for any ladies who have recently finished the Alpha course and want to carry on meeting. It is also for anyone who cannot make the Oasis meetings on Tuesdays. Please come and join us. For more information contact Diane Moss on dimoss21@hotmail.com or 07949 665365

Hospital Transport Scheme - Drivers Needed

The hospital transport system offers a much needed service for those with mobility issues who need help to reach medical appointments. The volunteer drivers do as much or as little as they can manage, and is a way to support the community in which we live in a very practical way. Expenses are paid. The local team is very stretched, with ever increasing demand and a decreasing pool of drivers. If you could give some time to this, or know someone who might be able to help, please contact Wendy Smith tel: 07922 519174 or email: wendysmith_puckeridge@hotmail.com for more information. Thank you.

For your Prayers

As a church family, we pray regularly for each other and for our world. On this sheet, we suggest focus points for prayer for each week.

These suggestions are not exclusive. Please continue to pray for the work of our churches and for those who have been listed on previous sheets.

Praise God

Praise God for Alan and Jill's welcome to St John's, Upper Holloway on Thursday. Thank him that so many of our benefice were able to go and support them as Alan was instituted and installed. Pray for the Comfort family as they pick up this new role as God's servants.

Pray for our world

We have a recent update from our friends in Zimbabwe, Andrew and Samara Ellis and their children, Ceanna, Asher, and Toby. The family are all well, having had 3 weeks' break in April. The children are all busy at school, with midyear exams for which they ask our prayers. Ceanna and Asher are now very involved in the church group and growing in their faith. Toby enjoys school and is doing well. They see God's grace in their work, with many testimonies to His goodness. The church is growing well in Sunday attendance with over a thousand across five

services, and they ask prayer for growth also in small midweek groups. In current restructuring, Andrew is taking on the leadership of 3 services, praying for more effectiveness in pastoring and growth strategy.

In the Zambesi Youth Holiday Camps, they had a successful mixed youth camp for teenagers in April. They are now preparing for two weeks of camps in August, and developing their campsite further. They will be running a Pastors training camp in Bulawayo in mid-July, and pray for great fruit in these ministries.

Finally they mention some concern for their HealthCare subscriptions, due at the end of July this year. With two of their UK supporters ending their support this year, they are running on half their previous support. They would appreciate prayer here, as they have much appreciated this provision over the past 15 years. They thank everyone for wonderful friendship, prayers and support, with their prayers for God's blessing on us all.

Pray for our community

Pray for all whose paths cross with our church families at key moments of life. Pray for all who come to our churches to get married. Pray this week for David and Shannon, whose wedding is on Saturday. Pray, too, for those who ask us to be involved as they lay their loved ones to rest, and pray for those whose first experience of us is when they make enquiries about baptism. Pray that all who reach out to us, for whatever reason, will find love, support and friendship, whatever their circumstances.

Pray for our benefice

Please pray for the young people's discipleship group, which meets on Wednesday evenings in All Saints. Pray for a deeper understanding of the nature of God, as revealed in the Bible, and that they will grow in knowledge and maturity as they follow Jesus more and more closely. Encourage them as they undertake their service to charity this morning, serving us cakes with our coffee.

Pray for those in pain of mind or body

Please pray for all in our community who are sick or sad, including those who have been listed recently. Pray especially for Ian Baker and for Jim King.

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Pray for the family and friends of Joyce Hutchins and Sandra Jones; for Derek Wheeler and all who grieve for Jo; and for Derek Goodall and his brother and wider family. Derek's Mum, Lillie, died last week.

If you are aware of anyone who would like our prayers, or would like the church family to share in some news, good or bad, please let Caroline know. Please pass on any news, too, about those for whom we are praying.