

Dates for your Diary

10 Sept	Sawbridgeworth U3A visiting St Mary's
10 Sept	Funeral of Sally Wren
10 Sept	PCC meetings
12 Sept	Libury Hall service
12 Sept	Memorial service for Paull Borlase
12 Sept	Young people's discipleship group resumes
13 Sept	St Albans U3A in St Mary's
13 Sept	Choir practices resume
15 Sept	Ladies' breakfast
20 Sept	Dane End village lunch
20 Sept	Little Munden School harvest service
22 Sept	Churchyard clear up at All Saints
23 Sept	Choral evensong in St Mary's
26 Sept	Mothers' Union meeting
26 Sept	FOSM committee meeting

Concert in St Mary's, 9th September, 3.00 pm 'AN ENGLISH IDYLL'

Robin Pegna and Richard Prince, singers,
with Ros Holbrow, clarinet, and Huw Jenkins, piano.

This concert of music for a Sunday afternoon will last about 50 minutes and will be followed by tea and cake. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the church organ fund. Further details from Michael Smith 01920 821281.

Harvest Appeal - Tearfund

Tearfund is marking 50 years of restoring lives, speaking out against injustice and empowering churches to lead their communities out of poverty. Extreme poverty has halved in this time, but there is more to do. We won't stop until poverty stops. Tony Beames will be coming to the 10.45am United Worship service in St Mary's Standon on Sunday 16 September to speak about Tearfund's work to alleviate poverty. All money collected through our Harvest Appeal will be sent to Tearfund to help them lift millions of people out of poverty. More details of how to donate to the appeal will follow in this sheet in the coming weeks.

Diocesan Pilgrimages

In the pew sheet for 29 July 2018 there was information about an Open morning on Saturday 15 September regarding Diocesan pilgrimages in 2019 & 2020. Diane Moss went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2017, led by The Venerable Paul Hughes and Canon Liz Hughes. Diane will put her photo album of this trip at the back of Standon church on Tuesday 11 September. Diane has booked to go on the pilgrimage to Oberammergau in August 2020 which is led by The Rt. Revd Dr Michael Beasley and would be pleased if someone else would join her. Please contact her on dimoss21@hotmail.com.

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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 Mundens with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 2nd September 2018

Welcome to our service today.

We welcome particularly Rev Mark Dunston, who will lead our communion service at St Mary's this morning and Rev Julie Gawthorpe, who will speak at St Mary's at the School this afternoon. Canon Richard Pyke will lead our communion service at St Catherine's on Tuesday.

Our readings this morning are:

8.00: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (p 182) Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (p 1010)
10.45: James 1:17-end (p 1213) Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (p 1010)

Notices for the coming week

Our midweek prayers and communion service at St Mary's won't start this week, because of the lighting work, but prayers will be said in All Saints on Thursday at 9.15 am.

Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare
Monday, 9.30 am	Vacancy team meeting - The Old Top Shop
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Holy communion - St Catherine's
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - All Saints
Wednesday, 2.30 pm	Visiting team meeting - 1 The Moat
Wednesday, 3.00 pm	Little Munden café - All Saints
Saturday, all day	Beds & Herts Annual Bike & Hike
Sunday, 10.45 am	United communion - St Mary's
Sunday, 3.00 pm	Concert in St Mary's
Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village Youth Club - Community Centre
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare

New Lighting for St Mary's

The lighting work at St Mary's is under way. The church will be closed at least for this week (apart from for the 8am service this morning), but the 10.45 service will take place as planned next Sunday. There will be no 9.15am communion this Wednesday.

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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FOSM Supper and Film Evening 8th September - cancelled

Unfortunately, this event has had to be cancelled, because we didn't sell enough tickets in time. Several people have asked in the last week, but the decision had to be made in time to undo the permissions and hire of resources before we entered the various penalty periods. We are always sorry to have to cancel events, but reiterate our constant plea to those who hope to attend events, please to book tickets earlier!

'Would you Adam and Eve it?'

Bible Society is partnering with Searchlight Theatre Company to tour a show called 'Would you Adam and Eve it?' which presents the first 90 chapters of the Bible in 90 minutes. There is a performance at Cineworld in Harlow at 7.15pm on Monday 17 September, organised by GodCentral Church. The address is The Queensgate Centre, Edinburgh Way, CM20 2DA. The details are available online at www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/would-you-adam-and-eve-it/

Lunchtime Concert 3rd September, St Mary's, Ware

Marion and Michael are giving a lunchtime concert of piano and organ music at St Mary's Church in Ware at 12.30pm on Monday 3rd September. All are welcome.

Roger de Clare School Community Lunches

Local residents are invited to join the pupils for lunch at 12 noon on the following dates: 13th, 19th, 25th September and 3rd, 10th, 17th October. To book a place phone 01920 821363.

Men's Alpha Starts in Braughing 10th September

A Men's Alpha will start in September in Braughing, led by Ben Gawthrop. It is open to any men from our parishes, in the absence of Alpha in our own benefice during the vacancy. It will take place at the Vicarage in Braughing on Monday evenings at 7.45 pm from 10th September. For more information, contact Steve Bate 01279 842609 or Ben Gawthrop 07961 228317, or email churchoffice@braughing.org.uk.

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 the summer holidays. Thank him for rest and recovery for all those who have taken time out of their jobs to go on holiday, and for all those who work in schools and colleges who have had a chance to rest over the summer break. Thank him for safe travelling, for happy times spent with families and friends, and particularly for the choir trip to Chichester earlier this week. Praise God for the generally lovely weather we have enjoyed in this country over the last few months.

Pray for our world

Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick value our prayers for their work in Africa in Burundi and DR Congo. They write, "The last few months have seen the emergence of a new area of ministry for us in Burundi. We can see that God is moving at this time,

with Burundians becoming more interested in and committed to mission." Pray for Stephen and Cath as they teach and preach on mission and for safety for Stephen as he travels between Burundi and DR Congo by bus, boat and plane.

Pray for our community

As our schools go back this week, and many regular activities start again after the summer break, pray for our community. Pray for children starting in new schools and for those returning to the same one, but perhaps with different teachers. Pray for young people whose school education is finished now, and who are moving on to the next stage of life. Pray for adults starting out anew with familiar activities, or with new ones.

Pray for our benefice

Continue to pray for our recruitment process, as prospective candidates read our profile and consider whether God is calling them here. Pray, too, for our church family as we continue the work of God's church in the vacancy. Pray for all in positions of leadership, and remember that that means all of us; we are all called to lead others to Christ. Pray that we will do that in every aspect of our lives.

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. Please pray especially for Geoff Bray. He didn't get home on Friday because of concerns about his diabetes. He was put on a new insulin, which needs monitoring for 24 hours, but all being well he was hoping to come home on Saturday evening. Once he is home, Geoff and Jacky are looking forward to having visitors (afternoons are probably best).

We are pleased to report that Natalie is making a good recovery from her surgery, and all is well with the biopsy.

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Pray especially for the family and friends of Kathleen Twigden, Ralph Hibberd, Ian Baker, Winifred Sharp, Sally Wren, Paul Borlase, Dorothy Warner, Jean Brenner and Peter Bennion.

Sally would like to thank all her family and friends for their wonderful support and prayers, especially during the recent challenging 2 ½ years. She is delighted to say that her right knee operation, like her other joints surgery, is very successful; her right eye has now also healed well. We thank God also for the splendid and overworked NHS!

Derek W writes: Thank you to every one who came to Jo's funeral on 20th July and especially those who helped with the catering. The day was very well attended and went just as Jo had wanted. I thought you would like to know that I took a cheque up to the Lister Macmillan Cancer Unit for £5,500. It will be put towards the purchase of new MRI scanner to save patients having to travel to Mount Vernon.

Celia, Andrew and all the Baker family would like to express their sincere thanks for the loving support received during Ian's illness and since his death. Celia tells us our prayers have made such a difference.

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.