

Dates for your Diary

11 Jun	Standing committee meeting
12 Jun	BGWM meeting
14 Jun	Knit & Natter (Cupcake Day)
15 Jun	Funeral of Elizabeth Hodgson
16 Jun	Oasis breakfast
16 Jun	Choir singing evensong at Southwark
21 Jun	Dane End village lunch
24 Jun	EHCCA evensong at Hockerill
26 Jun	Bible Society AGM

Open Gardens 9th June and Preview 8th June

We have 16 gardens opening this year. Lunches will be available in church from 12.00, and teas at Oakford and in the Village Hall. There will be live music in some of the gardens. Please come along if you can. It's always a lovely day. This year, there is a preview event on Friday evening, between 6 and 9 pm. Wine and canapes will be served in the garden of the Old Windmill, where there will be live music, and a small number of the gardens will be open so that we can appreciate them in the evening sun (we hope!) Tickets for the preview, priced £20, are available from Diana Dale. A preview ticket covers admission on Saturday too.

Alan's Installation 28th June

There are a few seats left on the coach to Alan's installation on Thursday 28th June. Please contact Marion Smith if you would like to come. Payment will be collected nearer the time.

Today's Worship Song

Yes and Amen

Father of kindness	Beautiful Saviour
You have poured out of grace	You have brought me near
You brought me out of darkness	You pulled me from the ashes
You have filled me with peace	You have broken every curse
Giver of mercy	Blessed redeemer
You're my help in time of need	You have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing	Lord I can't help but sing

Faithful you are
Faithful forever you will be
Faithful you are
All your promises are yes and Amen
All your promises are yes and Amen

Faithful you are...

Chris Tomlin

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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 - 3rd June 2018

Welcome to our service today.

Our readings this morning are:

Galatians 5:16-end (p 1172) Luke 15:11-24 (p 1049)

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
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Holy communion - St Catherine's
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - St Mary's
Wednesday, 9.15 am	Public worship with communion by extension - St Mary's
Wednesday, 10.15 am	Libury Hall service
Wednesday, 12.00	Organ tuners in St Mary's
Wednesday, 3.00 pm	Little Munden café - All Saints
Wednesday, 6.30 pm	Young people's discipleship group - All Saints
Thursday, 7.00 pm	No choir practice this week
Saturday, 11 - 6	Open Gardens - Standon High Street
Sunday, 10.45 am	United holy communion - St Mary's
Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village youth club - Community Centre
Sunday, 4.45 pm	Alan and Jill's leaving tea party - Roger de Clare

As we Move into Vacancy ...

Alan and Jill will say goodbye next Sunday afternoon, but Alan's time working as our Rector ends officially today. He'll return to lead our communion service next week, but we are, from tomorrow, in our period of vacancy.

Every effort is being made to continue all our activities as usual, and we have various clergy helping us with communion services as we move forward. Our intention is to keep to our usual service pattern throughout the time until our new incumbent is in post.

This coming week, we have one visitor. Rev Dave Brown, Rector of St Nicholas, Stevenage, and Graveley, will be leading our Tuesday communion service at Sacombe. Caroline will take our service in Standon on Wednesday, which will be the slightly different 'public worship with communion by extension'.

If you have any questions as we move into this next phase of the mission and outreach of our benefice please do speak with one of the churchwardens.

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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	The Mundens - Jeremy 01920 438575
	Sacombe - Peter 01920 438379 and Derek 01920 438875

The Benefice Choir Sings at Southwark 16th June and Hockerill 24th June

The choir will be singing Evensong at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 16th June at 3pm. There will be a coach travelling to London leaving from the Community Centre in Puckeridge at 10.30am and returning by 6.30pm. It would be lovely if some of the congregation would join us for the trip. It is always an enjoyable day. Please let Marion Smith know if you would like a seat on the coach. The cost is likely to be about £15 per head.

The choir will also sing evensong with the East Herts Church Choirs Association on Sunday 24th June at 6.30pm, at All Saints, Hockerill.

Making Worship Accessible - Can You Help?

We have a small number of our church family who would love to come to Sunday services, but don't have the means to get here. Some of our members already bring others as they come. If you would be able to offer someone a lift, preferably on a fairly regular basis, please speak to Rita. Even if you can't do it every week, it may be possible for a small team to share the lift-giving. Please help make our services accessible to everyone.

Bible Society AGM

Working in over 200 countries, Bible Society is a charity on a global mission to give every man, woman and child access to the Bible.

The Braughing, Puckeridge & Standon Action group was set up many years ago to support the work of Bible Society. This has been done in a variety of ways over the years. Now the main fundraising activity is the stall at Standon May Day.

The group's AGM will be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 3.30pm at Eleanor Cottage, Stortford Road, Standon SG11 1ND and is open to everyone. So if you value the importance of the Bible and want to know about the work of Bible Society, please come and join us.

Contact Diane Moss on 01920 821130 for more information or if you need a lift.

Knit & Natter group (Cupcake Day)

Our meeting in June will be on Thursday 14th in the Sargent's room (at the back of the village hall) from 2pm until 4pm. As it is also the Alzheimer's Society's Cupcake Day there will be a selection of cupcakes (including gluten free) for sale.

At 3pm during our refreshments, Debbie Baker will provide a Dementia Friends information session. This will help us get an idea of what problems a person living with dementia may face in everyday life and how we can help them.

This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to come. You don't have to be a knitter.

For more information or if you would like a lift please contact Diane Moss (01920 821130) or Marion Timmons (01992 505513).

Plans for Alan and Jill's Last Day

Alan and Jill's last service with us will be next Sunday, 10th June, at 10.45. This will be a united communion service in St Mary's as usual. At 4.45 pm the whole benefice will meet at Roger de Clare School for tea, hosted by St Mary's at the School, at which we will say goodbye to the Comfort family.

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 work of our local doctors. The surgeons at St Mary's, Paddington were very complimentary about Ian Baker's speedy diagnosis and referral for the appropriate treatment. Thank God for our dedicated health professionals; for their skill and commitment.

Pray for our world

Steve and Katie Machell, working with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), ask us to pray as they take on a new role with MAF and will be returning to the UK soon. After leading the team in Kenya for 3 years they feel it is right for Steve to get back to flying. They plan to spend a year in the UK, working on various projects for MAF, before moving overseas again in 2019. Ethan will join his brother Toby at Monkton Combe school. Please pray for them and for eldest son, Jack, who has applied for pilot training with British Airways.

Pray for our community

Pray for our work with the young people of our community. As we meet with our Red Balloon Foundation partners to plan our joint youth work and outreach projects for the next academic year, please pray for all associated with our youth work. Pray too for the dedicated team who lead our Sunday morning teaching and our Messy Church activities, which take part during St Mary's at the School services.

Pray for our benefice

Please pray for our benefice as we move into the period of vacancy. Pray for all who will take on more responsibility, and for all the visiting clergy who will be helping us out. Pray for any who are made anxious by this change, and pray that we will all be able to reassure them and carry on showing God's love in our community. Pray, too, for Alan, Jill and the family, as they prepare to move on to the next task God has for them.

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, who underwent surgery on Thursday for an aneurism in his stomach. Pray, too, for his family as they watch and wait for his recovery. Pray for all who grieve at this time, especially the family and friends of Elizabeth Hodgson.

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.