

Dates for your Diary

16 Jul	PCC meetings
18 Jul	FOSM committee meeting
20 Jul	Little Munden School service
20 Jul	Funeral of Jo Wheeler
22 Jul	Benefice choir sings evensong with EHCCA at Stansteadbury
25 Jul	MU strawberry tea
25 Jul	Standon PCC finance committee meeting
26 Jul	Monthly discussion group
28 Jul	Wedding of Thomas Brian & Kate Lunt

Wednesday Young People's Discipleship Group Fundraiser Last Week

The young people from the Wednesday group raised £169.02 from their tea, coffee and cakes after the service in All Saints last Sunday. Congratulations and well done! I'm sure that if you missed the opportunity to support our young people last week, they will be willing to accept late donations today!

PCC Papers

If you are a PCC member in our benefice, please remember to collect your papers for the PCC meeting. They are available from Rich at the Standon service or from Marion at St Mary's at the School.

The United Benefice of Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 8th July 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome back Rev Lindsay Dew, who will preside at our 10.45 communion service at St Mary's this morning.

Our readings this morning are:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (p 1165) Mark 6:1-13 (p 1008)

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, 12.00 noon	Funeral of Sandra Jones - St Mary's
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Holy communion - St Catherine's
Tuesday, 7.30 pm on	Men's group - please ask David W about venue
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - 14 Aston Road
Wednesday, 9.15 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Wednesday, 10.15 am	Libury Hall service
Wednesday, 3.00 pm	Little Munden café - All Saints
Wednesday, 6.30 pm	Young people's discipleship group - All Saints
Wednesday, 6.45 pm	Wedding rehearsal - All Saints
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - St Mary's
Saturday, 12.30 pm	Wedding of Terry Mordecai & Victoria Ludlow - All Saints
Sunday, 8.00 am	Holy communion - All Saints
Sunday, 10.45 am	United worship - St Mary's
Sunday, 12.30 pm	Baptism in 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 Richard Pyke to Sacombe on Tuesday and Rev Robert Thompson to Standon on 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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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.

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.

The Vicarage

The Diocese will be letting the vicarage during the vacancy. We are expecting the new tenants to move in towards the end of July.

St Mary's Visiting Team

There is some helpful Visiting taking place in our villages. Would a visit be helpful for you or do you know someone who would like a visit? If so, please do ring Jacqui Plummer 01763 272634 to arrange or if you prefer contact Marion Smith, benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk We look forward to hearing from you. Please pray for those involved in visiting other people.

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 all the clergy who are helping us out by providing cover for our communion services, SMatS services and baptisms. As Lindsay Dew visits us again this morning, thank God for his willingness and that of the many others to lead us on Sundays and at our mid-week services through the months ahead. Pray for them all, as they fulfil their other duties too, and pray for their home churches as well as our own church family.

Pray for our world

Every week brings new stories of Christians in Pakistan being targeted for their faith. Pakistani converts from Islam are in desperate need; they are a despised and persecuted minority, rejected by their relatives and facing harassment and violence from the community. Some have been imprisoned under Pakistan's blasphemy laws, often after false accusations by Muslims.

Many Pakistani Christian parents are uneducated and remain trapped in a cycle of poverty and illiteracy, made worse by discrimination. They are often too poor to send their children to school

Some Christian brick-kiln workers are bonded labourers, unable to leave their jobs, because of loans from the brick-kiln owners, taken long ago in times of sickness or other family crisis.

In some villages Christians dare not send their daughters out to work in the fields because kidnapping, rape or violence may await them.

Pray for Christians in Pakistan who are victimised for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray for justice, freedom and safety. Pray that they will stand firm in their faith, be courageous and strong (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Praise God for the freeing of 80 families of brick-kiln workers. Their loans have been paid by Christian charities and they are now receiving their full wages.

Pray that their faith will continue strong, even as their economic situation improves.

Pray for our community

Pray for our schools in these last two weeks of term. Pray for all the students who will be visiting their new schools or classes on Thursday for 'Move Up Day'. Pray for our teachers as they organise plays, concerts and other end of term activities. Pray for all who serve as governors of our schools, that their discussions will be fruitful and their decisions will be wise.

Pray for our benefice

Please pray for our PCCs as they meet on 16th July to approve the arrangements for the recruitment process for our new Rector. The post will be advertised in September. Continue to pray for all involved in the process, and for the person God has already chosen to be our next Rector.

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, grieving for Derek's Mum, Lillie.

Jo Wheeler's funeral 20th July

Derek writes:

Jo's send off will be in our field at 3pm on Friday 20th July followed by a hog roast, beer and music (live I hope!) until we drop.

Bring a tent to stay in (or not) and wear something purple. It will be different to any funeral I've ever been to but that's what she wants.

The only way I'll know if I've done a good job is if the marquee is stuffed to the gunnels with friends. Do marquees have gunnels - I suspect not?

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.