

Dates for your Diary

20 Sept	Dane End village lunch
20 Sept	Roger de Clare School harvest service
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 - Burundi

Gordien walked for an hour and a half, up and down steep hills, carrying his two-year-old daughter on his back. He arrived at the temporary feeding centre in Songa to discover she was suffering from malnutrition, as is one in every six children under five in Burundi. The feeding centres are a ray of hope in a dark and turbulent time, a lifeline to thousands of vulnerable children. Tearfund is working with two partner organisations to bring much-needed food, supplies and training. There's a picture of Gordien and his daughter on the notice board at the back of St Mary's. For more information please visit www.tearfund.org/en/latest/burundi_crisis_appeal. All money collected through our Harvest Appeal will be sent to Tearfund. Envelopes will be in the pews in St Mary's Standon and in the school for SMATS from 16 September, and in the pews in All Saints Little Munden on 23 September.

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.

New Lighting for St Mary's

The lighting work at St Mary's has been halted for a short time. The chancel, north and south aisles are done (though not yet adjusted, so it's very bright!) but the contractors have encountered a hold up to the work in the central and highest part of the nave. We will let you know when the work will be resumed.

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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@r152.co.uk) with any items for the next notices sheet.

The United Benefice of Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 9th September 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome particularly Rev Janet Pratt, who will lead our communion service at St Mary's this morning. Rev Robert Thompson will lead our communion service at St Catherine's on Tuesday, and Rev Derek Hinge the one in St Mary's on Wednesday.

Our readings this morning are:

James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17 (p 1214) Mark 7:24-end (p 1010)

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, 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
Monday, 10.15 am	Sawbridgeworth U3A visiting St Mary's
Monday, 2.00 pm	Funeral of Sally Wren - St Mary's
Monday, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings - Little Munden School
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Holy communion - St Catherine's
Tuesday, 7.30 on	Men's group - ask David for venue details
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - Frogmore Lodge
Wednesday, 9.15 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Wednesday, 10.15 am	Service at Libury Hall
Wednesday, 12.00	Memorial service for Paull Borlase - St Catherine's
Wednesday, 3.00 pm	Little Munden café - All Saints
Wednesday, 6.30 pm	Young people's discipleship group - All Saints
Thursday, 11.00 am	St Albans U3A visiting St Mary's
Thursday, 2.00 pm	Knit & Natter - Village Hall
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - St Mary's
Saturday, 9.00 - 12.30	Ladies' breakfast - All Saints
Sunday, 8.00 am	Holy communion - All Saints
Sunday, 10.45 am	United worship - 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

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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Ladies' Breakfast 15th September, 9.00 until 12.30

Another breakfast will take place on Saturday, this time in All Saints. As well as breakfast, you will find a morning of worship, prayer and the sharing of God's word. The guest speaker will be Michele Grandfield from His Fragrance Ministries. Please let Cathy know if you plan to attend (07767 356368).

Knit & Natter 13th September

Come and join us for a couple of hours in the Sargent's room (at the back of the village hall) from 2pm on Thursday 13th September.

Tea & cakes will be available at 3pm. During our refreshments, Debbie Baker, who was unable to come to the meeting in June, 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 07949 665365) or Marion Timmons (01992 505513).

Monthly Discussion Group

Reluctantly, we have decided to rest this group until our new Rector takes up position with us. There won't be a monthly discussion group meeting now until further notice.

'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/

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 Gawthrope. 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 Gawthrope 07961 228317, or email churchoffice@Braughing.org.uk.

Saffron Walden Bible Focus 29th September

We all know about the Keswick Convention and how inspiring some of our own members find it each year. Now Keswick Ministries are bringing an event to Saffron Walden. It's at the URC in Abbey Lane on Saturday 29th September, 3.00 until 7.00 pm. The speaker is John Risbridger. Tickets must be pre-booked but are free. Posters are displayed in all our churches, and more information can be found at www.waldenbiblefocus.com.

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 fruits of harvest. As we gather blackberries and pick produce from our gardens, thank God for the food that the earth yields. As our schools and churches prepare for harvest services, thank God for all his provision for our needs, and, even more, for the life in all its fullness that we can experience through him.

Pray for our world

Angola was ravaged by a long, intense war which ended in 2002 but the country is still feeling the consequences. Despite living in peacetime, villagers in the east of the country do not have safety because there are landmines everywhere.

In Luchonha village there is one path to collect water and firewood that the community thought was safe until one lady died when she stepped on one of these hidden killers. Parents are worried about their children as they play, run or explore. Areas of land can't be farmed because of the landmines planted there. Please pray for the people of Angola who live in fear of landmines and give them hope that soon the areas around where they live will be cleared.

Pray also for safety for the skilled teams of MAG (Mines Advisory Group) who dedicate themselves to clearing landmines and saving lives.

Pray for our community

Pray for Lizzy's class as the children and staff go on school journey this week to Burwell. Pray for fun and safety; for learning and the opportunity to take part in new adventures and experiences.

Pray for the activities of both our church schools as the new term settles down and staff and pupils alike get used to new classes and new challenges.

Pray for our benefice

Pray for our PCCs as they meet tomorrow evening. Pray for their decision making, and for the standing committee and vacancy committee as they work to keep the benefice running during this time of waiting. Pray that we will all do whatever we can, with love and generosity, to continue the spreading of the Good News in our community.

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 Carole Findlay, who has fractured her pelvis and will be housebound for some time while it heals.

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Pray especially for the family and friends of Sally Wren and Paull Borlase.

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.