

## Dates for your Diary

22 May	Men's group
23 May	FOSM committee meeting
24 May	Roger de Clare service
24 May	Monthly discussion group
26 May	Little Munden churchyard clear up
30 May	MU meeting
09 Jun	Open Gardens
06 Jun	Libury Hall service
10 Jun	Alan & Jill leaving tea party

## Friends of St Mary's AGM

Thank you to all who supported the FOSM AGM on Friday. Mike Baker was re-elected as chairman; Mia Stone, Caroline Tarry, Janet Spelman, Vicky Hodge and Leanne Brand were all elected as committee members. The other six members are nominated by PCC and are, currently, Diana Dale, Ann Brears, Sally Crook, Caroline Franks, Alan Comfort and Stephanie Beeston.

## Open Gardens 9th June

No sooner do we finish with Mayday and the AGM than we turn our thoughts to Open Gardens, and the gap between is particularly short this year because of Mayday being the latest it can be. We have 16 people opening their gardens this year. Lunches will be served in church, and teas will be available at Oakford and in the Village Hall. There will be live music in some of the gardens.

As ever, help is needed, please. If you can provide a cake or some time to help, please speak to Stephanie or Sarah (cakes & teas); Diana (general help with selling tickets etc) or Caroline (lunches).

Please come along if you can. It's always a lovely day.

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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](mailto: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 - 13th May 2018

Welcome to our service today.

Our readings this morning are:

Jeremiah 5:1-19 (p 760)

Matthew 3:1-12 (p 967)

## 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, 7.30 pm

PCC meetings - Little Munden School

Tuesday, 9.30 am

Holy communion - St Catherine's

Tuesday, 7.45 pm

Oasis - Vicarage

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

Thursday, 12.00 noon

Dane End Village lunch

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

## Mayday Thanks

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Mayday such a success, in every way. The church was full for most of the day, not least as people sought shelter from the heat. They found much to see and hear, and it was lovely to see so many non-regulars who clearly felt at home inside our building, and greeted our welcoming team as friends. Thank you to all who continue to work so hard with our outreach projects so that the whole community knows that God and we love and value them. Thanks to all who helped with salads and teas. The increased number of volunteers made a huge difference, and FOSM raised a total of just over £1,300. Thank you to all who baked, made salads, served and washed up.

***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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### **Diocesan Thy Kingdom Come Event 19th May**

The Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Celebration will take place on Saturday 19th May, 6.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. We are delighted that Archbishop Justin Welby will be joining us. Our Beacon Celebration is one of many Thy Kingdom Come events taking place around the country and is a collaboration between Soul Survivor Watford, local and national youth organisations, ecumenical partners, the Diocese of St Albans and the Cathedral. We will welcome Christians of all denominations. Entry is free. Prayer and fun activities will run from 4 p.m. Please spread the word. Whilst the event is multi-generational we hope to encourage as many young people to attend as possible. It will be a fabulous opportunity to be inspired to pray that others may come to know Jesus Christ.

### **The Benefice Choir Sings at Southwark 16th 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.

## **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 the Friends of St Mary's. As we celebrate their success last year, pray for their fundraising events already planned for this year. Thank God that, because of their efforts, we are able to undertake work on St Mary's building that we couldn't otherwise afford.

### **Pray for our world**

Tearfund not only works on giving help in emergencies and disasters, but also to individuals in need. The story has come to our attention of a family in Uganda who were struggling. The husband Robert spent what little money they had on drink. When he came home drunk his wife would hide in a tree to avoid being beaten. A Tearfund partner came to their village and introduced them to a training course for married couples. The course deals with some of the dangerous cultural norms such as polygamy, early or forced marriages, promiscuity and drug or alcohol abuse. The course totally transformed the lives of this couple. Robert recognized that God had delivered him from being a slave to drink. The couple have since received training and skills to help them to generate an income. They have also had a church wedding and thank God for being at the heart of their marriage. Pray for all of Tearfund's work.

### **Pray for our community**

Pray for all who will attend the Dane End village lunch on Thursday. Pray for all in our community with whom we come in contact either regularly or occasionally.

Thank God for those who cook and help at the lunch and at the café. Pray, too, for our new PCCs as they meet tomorrow evening. There's much to discuss; pray for wisdom and Godliness in those discussions.

### **Pray for our benefice**

Please pray for those of our benefice who plan to attend the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship day on Tuesday. (Please note that the service at Sacombe on that day will be shortened slightly so that those going on to the DEF day can get there on time.)

### **Pray for all who will be married next weekend!**

Pray for Prince Harry and Meghan as they prepare for their wedding next Saturday, and pray for all who will organise or attend street parties to celebrate the event. But pray, too, for other couples who will be married next weekend, who may have fixed the date long before the royal couple, and whose marriages are just as important in God's eyes. Pray for all who will make vows to each other and to God, that their families will thrive and that they will grow in love as the years pass.

### **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 for all who grieve, especially all who mourn for Ivy Attwood and Sylvia Bayley.

**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.**

### **Plans for Alan and Jill's Last Day**

Alan and Jill's last service with us will be on 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.

### **Alan's Institution Service at St John's Upper Holloway**

Alan's Institution service at his new church will be at 7pm on Thursday 28th June. Because the parking there is difficult (and very expensive!) and driving is stressful, we would like to organise a coach for those who would like to go and support Alan and Jill at this exciting start to the next part of their ministry.

If you would like to come on the coach, would you please let Marion know by Sunday 27th May at the latest. She will be unable to take bookings after this date. We will then source a coach and get a quote.

We would anticipate the cost being in the region of £15 per head. Payment will be required before the day, once we have confirmed prices.

The coach will probably leave from the Community Centre in Puckeridge at 4.15pm (time to be confirmed) to allow for traffic. It is suggested that people would bring a packed tea either to eat on the coach or once we arrive in Holloway. For more information, please contact Marion (01920 821281)