

Dates for your Diary

25 Jul	Funeral of Rex Pearman
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

Visiting Clergy

This week, we welcome Rev Sarah Forest to Sacombe on Tuesday and Rev Robert Thompson to Standon on Wednesday.

Choral Evensong Next Sunday, 3.00 pm in Stansteadbury

The benefice choir will be singing at this service in St James' at 3pm on 22nd July. Do come if you possibly can. It is always a lovely occasion. Singers from the EHCCA will also join us. Michael will be conducting for the service.

Remembering the Fallen

This weekend, we remember Albert Taylor, a private in the 1st Battalion, the Bedfordshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 20th July 1918 at the age of 33. He is buried in Tannay British Cemetery, Thiennes, France.

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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 Munders with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 15th July 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome particularly Rev Mark Dunstan, who will preside at our 8.00 communion service at All Saints this morning, and Mandy Brown, who will baptise Olivia Medley at 12.30. We welcome, too, Olivia and all her family and friends. Please pray for her as she begins her new life in our family, the Church. In the afternoon we welcome Chris Carr, who will speak at St Mary's at the School.

Our readings this morning are:

8.00:	1 Corinthians 15:12-34 (p 1155)	Mark 6:14-29 (p 1008)
10.45:	Jeremiah 27:1-7, 28:1-17 (p 787)	Matthew 7:15-23 (p 972)

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, 12.30 pm	Baptism of Olivia Medley - St Mary's
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare
Monday, 7.30 pm	PCC meetings - Roger de Clare
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Holy communion - St Catherine's
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - St Mary's
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
Wednesday, 7.30 pm	FOSM meeting - Oakford
Thursday, 12.00 noon	Dane End village lunch - Memorial Hall
Thursday, 3.00 pm	Funeral of John Frost - St Mary's
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - St Mary's
Friday, 1.15 pm	Little Munden School service - All Saints
Friday, 3.00 pm	Funeral of Jo Wheeler - Right Field, Haultwick
Sunday, 9.15 am	Holy communion - All Saints
Sunday, 10.45 am	Family worship - St Mary's
Sunday, 3.00 pm	Choral evensong - Stansteadbury

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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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.

Braughing with Standon Mothers' Union.

You are invited to a Strawberry Tea at 2.30pm on Wednesday 25 July in the Old Boys School Braughing. This is for everyone, not just members of the Mothers' Union. There will be a charge of £1 to cover costs and a Bring & Buy stall. Please contact Diane Moss on 01920 821130 or 07949 665365 or email her on mubwsbranch@outlook.com by Sunday 22 July if you would like to come, to ensure we have enough strawberries & scones.

Monthly Discussion Group 26th July

How is it answering God's call on our lives whilst living with a non-church-goer? How do we walk with God and share our lives with a non-believer?

Rev Julie Gawthorpe, vicar at St Mary's, Braughing, will lead our discussion on 26th. Julie found herself in exactly that position when she felt God's call to ordained ministry. Come and hear how God worked in her life, and what she learned along the way.

This will be of interest to many of us; please come and hear what Julie has to say, and share your own experience. Let's learn together how we can find encouragement for ourselves and offer it to others in this situation.

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

We give thanks for the amazing rescue operation to free the 12 boys and their football coach from the underground cave in Thailand. Praise God for the skill and expertise gathered from around the world, given freely in the efforts to save these young lives. Pray for the boys and their loved ones; for all who were involved in the rescue and for the family of the diver who lost his life working to save others'.

Pray for our world

With Thailand in the news, we remember our mission partners, John and Gillian Robinson, working with needy children and young people in Bangkok, Thailand. They

ask for our prayers for all the precious children and teenagers at The Place of Grace and that there will be enough staff to cover the work there while they are on home leave. They write, "Please pray for the young girls who are not living in our communities but formerly came to The Place of Grace and for whom the huge sex trade in Thailand seems an attractive option against poverty. Pray for us and our staff as we try to keep mentoring these girls, some of whom have little or no family support and are not in school even at 13 or 14 and are incredibly vulnerable. Visit www.placeofgracebangkok.org for more information.

Pray for our community

Pray for all who are turning their thoughts to summer holidays. Pray that journeys will be completed safely; that families will enjoy times of rest, relaxation and deepening of relationships. Pray, too, for those who will not be travelling this holiday, whether from choice or through lack of opportunity. Pray that they, too, will find rest in the change of routine.

Pray for our benefice

Please pray for all our activities which are winding down for the summer break. Pray for their teams as they take a rest. Thank God for all the dedication and time that is given freely to run the many groups and ministries that go on from week to week, and pray for all who find them helpful.

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.

Continue to pray for Geoff Bray. Last weekend, Jacky wrote:

'We saw the Oncologist on Friday with Julia and he was pleased that the CT Scan showed that the many metastases were either smaller or had disappeared so Geoff is to continue on the new targeted Tagrisso 80 medication for another month.

We have to adjust some medication prescribed by the GP so will be trying to do that this week.

Meanwhile, Geoff is not tolerating this extremely hot weather very well so we are just taking each day as it comes. I'm trying to get as much fluid into him as possible and he is staying in-doors with a breeze flowing through the house! Thank goodness for Magnum ices!'

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Pray especially for the family and friends of Sandra Jones, Jo Wheeler, Rex Pearman and John Frost.

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.