

Dates for your Diary

26 Jun	Bible Society AGM
27 Jun	MU meeting
28 Jun	Alan's installation in Upper Holloway
11 Jul	Libury Hall service
20 Jul	Little Munden School service

Thank you

Alan writes:

Our last Sunday in the Benefice proved to be an emotional rollercoaster in keeping with our time among you. Thank you everyone for coming to our farewell tea or the service earlier in the day at St. Mary's. Thank you for the many cards with heart felt messages, and your unexpected generosity. The John Terry signed Chelsea shirt sourced by David Wells and all from SMATS and Jill's signed Messy Church shirt touched our hearts. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the amazing financial gift, and all who made and brought food for our wonderful farewell tea. Most of all, thank you God who led us to be among you, no matter how short the time, for helping us flourish together, seeing Jesus at work in so many ways. We will never forget you but hope to see many of you on 28th as we start another chapter in Upper Holloway. We will be praying for wonderful next steps for 'our' special Benefice. Love Alan, Jill and Ollie

The United Benefice of Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 17th June 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome especially Rev Mandy Brown, our Rural Dean, who will lead our communion service at All Saints this morning.

Our readings this morning are:

Jeremiah 20:7-13 (p 779) Mark 4:26-34 (p 1006)

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	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	Dane End village lunch - Memorial Hall
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - St Mary's
Saturday, 10.00 am	All Saints churchyard clear up
Sunday, 9.15 am	Holy communion - All Saints
Sunday, 10.45 am	Family worship - St Mary's
Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village youth club - Community Centre
Sunday, 6.30 pm	EHCCA choral evensong - All Saints, Hockerill

Visiting Clergy

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

The Benefice Choir Sings at Hockerill 24th June

The choir will be singing Evensong with the East Herts Church Choirs Association on Sunday 24th June at 6.30pm, at All Saints, Hockerill.

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.

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

The 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 or 07949 665365 for more information or if you need a lift.

Mothers' Union 27th June

The next meeting of Braughing with Standon Mothers' Union will be on Wednesday 27 June 2018 and will start at 2.30pm in the Old Boys School Braughing. Diane Moss will be talking about her travels in 'China & Tibet.' This meeting is open to anyone who is interested.

For more information contact Diane Moss on 01920 821130 or 07949 665365 or email her on mubwsbranch@outlook.com.

Monthly Discussion Group Deferred This Month!

Please note that there will be no discussion group this month. We have decided that the timing is too tight for those who plan to go to Alan's installation service in Upper Holloway.

Next month, Rev Julie Gawthrop from Braughing will lead our discussion on walking with God while living with a non-believer. Julie will share with us her own experience of being called to ministry, and the challenges presented by her husband not being a professed Christian. This should be an interesting topic, and we will all, I suspect, know people for whom it has relevance. The date is 26th July.

Coach to Alan's Installation Service, 28th June

We have now booked the coach to Alan's Installation Service at St John's, Upper Holloway on 28th June.

Please meet at the Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre, Station Road (Playing Fields), Puckeridge, SG11 1TF by 4.15pm so we can leave promptly at 4.30pm.

Please bring a packed tea if you would like to. The service starts at 7pm and if the traffic permits us to arrive early, the church will be open for us.

The cost will be £10 each. Could you please let Marion have the money, preferably before the day.

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 our benefice choir. As they sang evensong in Southwark yesterday and will do so again with the East Herts Church Choirs Association next weekend in All Saints, Hockerill, thank God that we can make music to praise our Maker. Praise him for all the music that happens in our churches, sung and played, and all the differing styles that we use for our various worship services. Praise him that the custom of singing and playing music to God's glory dates back to the earliest Biblical times. As we make music in our benefice services, let's all raise our voices as one to sing God's praise!

Pray for our world

Pray for all who are travelling at the moment to watch world cup football matches. As we remember the troubled history of interactions between over-excited fans on all sides, pray that tempers will remain in check, and that authorities' responses will be proportionate. Pray for Christians working quietly to maintain peace and to minister to those caught up in unrest. God is present in all situations; pray that those who love him will be able to make him known through the weeks of the tournament ahead.

Pray for our community

Pray for all who visited Little Munden School yesterday for the annual fair. Thank God that All Saints people were there, a visible reminder of the close ties between church and school as they served refreshments. Thank him that both of our church primary schools teach the good news to the children who attend, and thank him for the close relationship we have with staff and children. Pray that what they learn will stay with them as they move on to less overtly Christian environments.

Pray for our benefice

Please pray for our benefice standing committee and vacancy team as they plan for the services in the next months, and all that we must do to fulfil our duties during the vacancy. Pray for Michael as he meets the Diocesan representative tomorrow to discuss matters to do with the Vicarage, and for all the work that is going on to prepare the profile to bring to PCC next month. Pray for God's guiding hand to be in everything we do, and pray that he will strengthen us all as he calls us to play our part in his plan for this place.

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, who is making good progress after his bypass surgery on Tuesday.

Pray for all who grieve at this time, especially the family and friends of Elizabeth Hodgson and Basil Bennett.

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.