

## Dates for your Diary

30 May MU meeting  
09 Jun Open Gardens  
06 Jun Libury Hall service  
10 Jun Alan & Jill leaving tea party

### Milk Bottle Tops

Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to accept milk bottle tops after the end of the month, as the person who passes them along one part of their journey to the south coast will no longer be able to do so.

So, many thanks to those who have contributed to the huge numbers that been collected so far, but now they will need to go into our re-cycling.

### Today's Worship Song

#### Holy Spirit living breath of God

Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

*Keith Getty/Stuart Townend*

Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

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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 - 20th May 2018

Welcome to our service today, Pentecost Sunday.

Our readings this morning are:

Acts 2:1-21 (p 1093)

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 (p 1083)

### 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, 7.30 pm	Men's group - Vicarage
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - small groups
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, 6.30 pm	HBC debrief meeting
Wednesday, 7.30 pm	Wedding rehearsal - St Mary's
Wednesday, 7.30 pm	FOSM committee meeting - Oakford
Thursday, 9.00 am	Roger de Clare service in St Mary's
Thursday, 2.00 pm	Monthly discussion - Vicarage
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - St Mary's
Saturday, 10.00 am	Little Munden churchyard clear up
Saturday, 3.00 pm	Wedding of Timothy Christman & Charlotte Watson - St Mary's
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

***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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### **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.

### **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.

### **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 bell ringers. Thank God for their faithful service, week by week as well as for special occasions such as weddings and landmark events in our country's history. Thank him that several have come forward to learn to ring, in response to the appeal in this sheet. Pray for them as they - literally - learn the ropes, and for Stephen as he teaches them.

### **Pray for our world**

As Prince Harry and Meghan were married yesterday, there was much speculation about what their future will hold. We know that Harry is committed to working with disadvantaged people in many geographical areas and in every walk of life, whether through the Invictus Games, in which wounded, injured or sick armed services personnel and their associated veterans take part in sports; Sentebale, which supports the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people affected by HIV in Lesotho and Botswana; the Foundation he and Prince William set up in memory of their mother, and in many other ways. We know, too, that his new wife has long been involved in trying to improve the lives of many who suffer injustice or deprivation, working particularly on issues that affect women.

Pray for all the organisations that benefit from high profile patronage, and for all which do not. Pray that others will be moved by this young couple's passion for making life better for many, and will, in turn, do whatever they can to right the many wrongs in our world.

In his address at their wedding, Bishop Michael Bruce Curry quoted Martin Luther King Jr, saying, "We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will be able to make of this old world a new world. Love is the only way." Pray for that love, God's love, to prevail across the world.

### **Pray for our community**

Pray for all who celebrated the royal wedding yesterday with street parties and other special events. Pray for the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex as they set out on married life together, and for all who were married yesterday. Thank God for times when communities come together to celebrate, and pray that understanding and mutual care and respect will grow from such occasions.

### **Pray for our benefice**

Please pray for our church schools. Pray for Roger de Clare as it comes to St Mary's on Thursday to bid farewell to Alan. Pray for all the pupils, and for the staff as they seek to teach these children that they are loved by our heavenly Father as well as their earthly families. May all connected with our schools know Jesus as their personal saviour and friend.

### **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 at this time, whether because of a recent bereavement or for a loved one who died many years ago.

**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)