

Dates for your Diary

31 Oct MU meeting
25 Nov Choral evensong
27 Nov BGWM meeting

Operation Christmas Child

Lizzy's living room is steadily filling up with wrapped and packed shoeboxes! There are several ways in which you can be involved, if you would like to.

1. Pack a whole box. Leaflets detailing how to pack a box, what to put in and what is not allowed, and details of how to pay for transport costs, are available at the back of our churches.
2. Donate items for Lizzy to pack. These can be given to any member of the Franks family, and a box for donations of gifts is at the back of St Mary's.
3. Donate towards transport costs. Each box costs £5 to transport. Please give any donations to Lizzy. Extra cash given to her will be used to buy more things for boxes! Thank you as always for your support.

Lunchtime Concert Series

Thank you to all who supported this year's lunchtime concert series in St Mary's. We have raised £1,261 from the series. This will go towards the overhaul of the organ.

The Lord's my Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters.
His goodness restores my soul.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will fear not the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and
staff

Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone.

And I will trust in You alone,

*For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And I will trust in You alone...

Stuart Townend

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And he anoints my head with oil.
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone...

Giving to St Mary's by text message

It is now possible to give to St Mary's by text message! More and more churches are using this as a method of receiving donations and we hope and pray that it will allow more people who would like to give, but don't have cash, to contribute to the life of our church. To give, text SMCS01 £2/£5/£10 to 70070.

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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 Mundens with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 21st October 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome Rev Richard Pyke, who will lead our 8.00 service in All Saints. Rev Julie Gawthrope will speak at St Mary's at the School this afternoon. Richard will also lead our communion service at St Catherine's on Tuesday, and Rev Canon Lindsay Dew in St Mary's on Wednesday.

Our readings this morning are:

Hebrews 5:1-10 (p 1204) Mark 10:35-45 (p 1015)

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, from 7.30 pm	Men's group - please ask about venue
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
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - 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
Sunday, 3.00 pm	Service of memories - St Mary's

Service of Memories, 3pm, Sunday 28th October in St Mary's

If you would like to have a name(s) read out at this service and you are able to be there, would you add your name and the name(s) you wish to be read to the list at the back of each of our churches.

This is a special occasion to remember loved ones no longer with us and there will be a chance to light a candle, if you wish.

It is our prayer that this will bring you strength and comfort.

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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New Lighting in St Mary's

The new lighting is now operational via an illuminated push button pad above the old light switches panel at the back of church. The pad is not yet labelled so for now you will just need to push the top left button once for all the lights to come on. Push it again for the lights to go off. Please note that lights over the altar are set to be on permanently. There are no chancel light switches now in the choir vestry. The porch light is on a sensor and stays on for about 20 minutes when activated. You will notice a visitor's light switch in the porch. This not set up as yet but when it is will allow for a few lights to be switched on from the porch for those who come to visit the church. If you have any questions, please ask!

Congratulations to Ken!

Last Sunday, Gwen and Ken weren't with us in church, in body at least. Instead, they were at a ceremony to celebrate Hertford Tourist Office's 2019 calendar. Once again, one of Ken's photographs has been chosen to feature in the calendar, which comprises local scenes and views. Congratulations to Ken, or, as we might call you now, Mr March!

St Mary's Banking Arrangements

Standon PCC has changed its bankers. All our standing order donors and weekly envelope users should receive a letter in the near future. If you need the new account details and haven't got a letter, please ask Caroline, Robin or Jim.

Riding Lights come to Bishop's Stortford 10th November

Riding Lights Theatre Company is bringing its production of Gospel Street to the Charis Centre on 10th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available from 01904 613000 or 07852 287631, or online at ridinglights.org.gospel.

Little Munden Calendars

All Saints members are selling 2019 calendars with photos taken locally. They're priced £5 each and are available in All Saints or from any member of The Mundens PCC.

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 completed lighting work in St Mary's! As we delight in being able to see easily the words in our Bibles and hymn books, thank him for the dedication of those who have raised funds, for the generosity of those who have given and bequeathed sums, for the patient and persevering work of those who have managed the project and for the skill of the developers and installers of the system.

Pray for our world

We have received news from Kate and Steve Machell, who returned home from Kenya in July. They will be living in Bath for a year whilst awaiting their next posting. In the meantime Steve is busy in a temporary position with MAF as special projects manager

preparing reports, meeting people and skyping colleagues all over the world. Kate is working as a teaching assistant in a local primary school. Recently Steve and Kate spent a weekend at ANCC helping at a recruitment event. Eldest son Jack was not accepted as a trainee pilot with BA, but has now started a course of criminology at Durham university. Toby did well in his GCSEs and has started his A level studies and playing rugby in his schools 2nd eleven, but unfortunately has cracked his ankle again. Ethen is also playing rugby but nursing an injury. The family are very grateful to God and the many people who have supported and prayed for them since they left ANCC in 1999.

Pray for our community

As Halloween approaches and a psychic evening is advertised in one of our villages, pray for those who are caught up in influences that are dark or dangerous. Pray that we will all shine a light into the dark places we encounter, and pray that our local children will be able to have fun without harm, and know that the Light of the World loves them and watches over them.

Pray for our benefice

Pray for those in our church family who are involved with other charities as well as our church. In particular, as Children in Need approaches, and Philip is selling national duck race tickets and preparing to bring cakes for us to buy, thank God for his enthusiasm and passion for helping others wherever he can. Pray that we will all learn from his commitment and energy.

A Prayer to use During our Vacancy

Please use this prayer in your personal prayer time and in any groups you attend.
Heavenly Father, we thank you for the ministry of Alan, our previous Rector, and we pray your presence and blessing upon him.

We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others and welcome newcomers.

Lord Jesus, guard and grow this benefice as we serve you together in this period without a Rector.

Please guide those who are seeking the right minister for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen.

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.

Please pray for Peter Aknai as he receives pioneering treatment for his cancer. Continue to pray for Stephen Coley, who will see the specialist next week.

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Pray especially for Jacky and all Geoff's family and friends, for Jenny and all who mourn John Scrope, and for family and friends of Doris Spearman and Tony Savile.

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.