

Dates for your Diary

05 Aug & 12 Aug No St Mary's at the School
24 Aug Wedding of Alexander Winship & Jessica Wall
08 Sept FOSM Film Evening

FOSM Supper and Film Evening 8th September

The Friends of St Mary's are hosting a supper in Juliet and Richard Penn-Clarke's lovely garden on 8th September. The evening will finish up with a showing of An American in Paris. Tickets are available from Caroline. The cost of the whole evening is £25, though it is possible to arrange to come for the film only at a cost of £5 - please see Caroline for details.

Bless the Lord o my soul

*Bless the Lord o my soul, o my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before o my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord o my soul o my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then for evermore

Bless the Lord o my soul o my soul...

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

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 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.*

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...

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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@f152.co.uk) with any items for the next notices sheet.

The United Benefice of Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 22nd July 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome particularly Rev Sarah Frost, who will preside at our 9.15 communion service at All Saints this morning. Gwen will speak at our family service at 10.45.

Our readings this morning are:

Ephesians 2:11-end (p 1174) Mark 6:30-34, 53-end (p 1009)

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, 3.00 pm	Choral evensong - Stansteadbury
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Holy communion - St Catherine's
Tuesday, 7.30 onwards	Men's group meeting (ask David W for venue)
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - small groups
Wednesday, 9.15 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Wednesday, 11.00 am	Funeral of Rex Pearman - St Mary's
Wednesday, 2.30 pm	MU strawberry tea - Old Boys' School, Braughing
Wednesday, 7.30 pm	Standon PCC finance committee - The Old Top Shop
Thursday, 2.00 pm	Monthly discussion group - St Mary's
Thursday, 6.30 pm	Wedding rehearsal - St Mary's
Thursday, 8.00 pm	Men's dinner - The Star
Saturday, 1.30 pm	Wedding of Thomas Brian and Kate Lunt - St Mary's
Sunday, 10.45 am	United worship - St Catherine's followed by family picnic
Sunday, 12.30 pm	Baptism of Sebastian & Olivia Fernandes - St Mary's
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare

Choral Evensong This Afternoon, 3.00 pm in Stansteadbury

The benefice choir will be singing at this service in St James' at 3pm today. 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.

Sacombe Picnic Next Sunday, 29th July

All are invited to stay for a picnic in Sacombe churchyard after next Sunday's united service. Please bring your own food; juice and wine will be provided.

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.

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 (01920 821130 or 07949 665365; email mubwsbranch@outlook.com) 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 Gawthrop, Rector at Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham, speaks of her experience as a Christian and ordained Priest married to a non-Christian husband. Rev Julie will touch on the challenges and blessings she has experienced and how we as church, might support those with non-Christian partners/spouses.

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.

July Men's Dinner

Our Men's Dinner for July will be next Thursday 26th July 8pm at The Star in Standon. This is the last one before the summer break. If you would like to join us please contact Colin Coleman on 01763 271527 or 07733456312.

Remembering the Fallen

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.

Job Vacancy at Little Munden School

Little Munden Primary School of Church Lane, Dane End, is looking for a Midday Supervisory Assistant for Mondays and Wednesdays 11.45am to 1pm, in September 2018. Duties include setting out tables and chairs, helping the children, mopping the hall floor as well as playground duties. Applicants should contact the school office for further details, a job description and application form. Telephone 01920 438271 (option 3) by Friday 27th July or email admin@littlemunden.herts.sch.uk.

Visiting Clergy

This week, we welcome Rev Dave Brown to Sacombe on Tuesday and Rev Lindsay Dew to Standon on Wednesday.

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

Thank God for our church cleaners and flower arrangers. Each week, they come in and make sure that the building is clean and welcoming for us. They work when the rest of us are elsewhere, and often unnoticed. Praise God that we have people willing to volunteer for this important ministry to us all.

Pray for our world

Please pray for this country's relationship with Europe, as our leaders meet over the recess to try to find a way through the complexities of the Brexit negotiations. Pray for constructive discussions and willingness on all sides to find a solution that takes care of everyone. Pray that high horses will not be mounted; that heels will not be dug in, and that the process will be infused with goodwill and confidence that a route will be found to a bright future for all affected.

Pray for our community

Pray for the pupils at our village schools, now on holiday for the summer. Pray for rest for the staff and for special family times for all. Pray for all who will be travelling, and for all who will stay at home. Pray, too, for all the visitors to our own village next weekend, as Standon Calling takes to the stage once more. Pray for consideration amongst the visitors, and for patience and tolerance amongst the locals for these few very busy days.

Pray for our benefice

Please pray for all our church family members as many of our activities take a break and their leaders rest and re-energise. Pray that momentum will not be lost, and that we will continue to encourage each other on our journeys of faith in this time when groups don't meet formally.

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 especially for Sally, whose knee-replacement operation is this coming Tuesday, 24th July at the Lister .

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

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.