

Dates for your Diary

06 Oct	Lunchtime concert in St Mary's
10 Oct	Libury Hall service
13 Oct	Lunchtime concert in St Mary's
18 Oct	Dane End village lunch
20 Oct	Lunchtime concert in St Mary's
28 Oct	Service of memories

Harvest Appeal - Tearfund - Burundi

In Burundi, it's estimated that one in every six children under five years of age is now suffering from chronic malnutrition. Feeding centres run by Tearfund's partner organisation are a lifeline to thousands of children. All money collected through our Harvest Appeal will be sent to Tearfund for their emergency appeal for Burundi. Please put your donations in the Tearfund envelopes in the pews in St Mary's Standon or in the collection this morning at All Saints. For more information please visit https://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/burundi_crisis_appeal.

Harvest Gifts

Harvest thanksgiving is a time when, traditionally, produce has been brought to church as an act symbolising our gratitude to God, who provides for us, and our wish to give something back. All the non-perishable gifts which are brought will be taken to the Harlow foodbank, which we support all year round through the boxes always present in all our churches.

Vacancy Update

Thank you to all those who are continuing to pray for the recruitment of a new Rector for our Benefice. Based on the very limited response received to our first round of advertising we have taken the decision to readvertise the post. The timetable for this is not clear at the moment but we will update you when we have more information. Please keep your Parish Representatives (Angie, David, Derek, Jeremy, Peter and Michael) in your prayers as they work through the process on behalf of us all. Whilst it is frustrating not to have more information to share with you at this stage, we know that God has a plan for us and His timing is best! Please do keep praying!

Mothers' Union Wednesday, 2.30 pm

The next meeting of Braughing with Standon Mothers' Union will be on Wednesday 26 September at 2.30pm in the Old Boys School, Braughing and our speaker will be Patricia Yates on 'Airport Chaplaincy at London Luton Airport' For more information please contact Ann Brears on 01920 821674.

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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 - 23rd September 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome Rev Derek Hinge, who will lead our 9.15 service in All Saints this morning. Rev Robert Thompson will lead at St Catherine's on Tuesday, and Rev Canon Lindsay Dew in St Mary's on Wednesday.

Our readings this morning are:

9.45: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (p 203) John 6:25-35 (p 1070)

10.45: Joel 2:21-27 (p 913)

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
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Holy communion - St Catherine's
Tuesday, from 7.30 pm	Men's group - ask David for venue
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - small groups
Wednesday, 9.15 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Wednesday, 2.30 pm	Mothers' Union - Braughing Old Boys School
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 committee meeting - Oakford
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - St Mary's
Sunday, 8.00 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Sunday, 10.45 am	Harvest Praise - St Catherine's
Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village Youth Club - Community Centre
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare

Lighting Work ad St Mary's

The scaffolding will go up tomorrow and be removed by Friday 5th October. By that time all the new lighting fittings will be installed although the system may not be programmed at that stage. This will mean that the church will effectively be closed for the next two weeks. However we will still be able to have 8am communion in the chancel on Sunday 30th September, and the two Wednesday communions this week and next. These may need to take place in the chancel, entering the church via the vestry door - please look for a note on the west door.

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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Roger de Clare School Community Lunches

Local residents are invited to join the pupils for lunch at 12 noon on the following dates: 3rd, 10th, 17th October. To book a place phone 01920 821363.

Lunchtime Concerts 2018 - Saturdays at 12.30 - St Marys Church

This season's concerts are fast approaching. They are:

- October 6 THE ORGANIST ENTERTAINS - Music for organ played by Michael Smith
- October 13 BELLA CORA - female vocal group, directed by Ros Savournin
- October 20 'MISSING PEACE' - a jazz cantata for children composed by Jonathan Smith with lyrics by Marion Smith, performed by pupils from Roger de Clare, Little Munden and Edwinstree Schools.

Concerts last approximately 45 minutes. Lunch (soup, bread and cheese) available from 12.00. Suggested donation £4 to cover costs of lunch, plus retiring collection.

Service of Memories

Sunday 28th October at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church, Standon

For several years we have held a Service of Memories, a special occasion to remember and give thanks for loved ones no longer with us. We offer the service not just as an opportunity to remember, but also to bring comfort and strength to those who have been bereaved, and to assure them of our continuing prayers. The service will include some well-known hymns, poems and prayers and a chance to take part in a simple act of personal remembrance by lighting a candle, if you wish.

If you would like to have the name of a loved one who has died, no matter how long ago that was, to be read out, and are able to come to the service, please complete one of the slips which will be at the back of our churches and hand to Marion Smith, or email your reply to benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk.

Tea and biscuits will be served after the service. We very much hope that you will be able to join us, and that you will find this an occasion which brings strength and comfort.

Pope Francis: a Man of his Word

This documentary film is showing at Hertford Cinema on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.45. It has been highly recommended by one of our members, who has seen it this week. A review states: 'At the core of the film is a series of face-to-face interviews in which Francis speaks informally and frankly about everything from the "obscurity" of child poverty to climate change.'

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 harvest! Thank him for his provision for our physical needs. Pray for all who seek to distribute God's bounty more fairly among his people. Pray that fewer may go hungry and more will share of their plenty with others.

Pray for our world

Flooding across the Carolinas has been worse than anticipated in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, and major waterways are expected to crest over this weekend. So far the death toll is 36.

Typhoon Mangkhut, the world's strongest storm this year, has left a trail of destruction from the Philippines to China, with millions evacuated and dozens dead.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by these recent violent storms in Asia and America.

Pray for our community

Pray for our farmers as they work the land. Pray for all who grow crops and care for animals. Pray for those in the supply chain that converts what grows in our fields and grazes our pastures into well-stocked shelves in our local shops and supermarkets. Pray for our local businesses, providing convenient and comprehensive opportunities to buy what we need here in our villages.

Pray for our benefice

Pray for our churchwardens as they work with the Archdeacon and our Patrons to determine the next steps in the search for a new Rector. Pray for all involved in the process, that God's will may be done.

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. Pray for Stephen Coley, who was taken ill on the underground on Wednesday and is now awaiting tests to try to find out what caused it.

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Sadly, we bring news that Geoff Bray died early on Friday morning. Pray especially for Jacky and all their family and friends.

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.