

Dates for your Diary

10 Oct	Libury Hall service
13 Oct	Lunchtime concert in St Mary's
18 Oct	Dane End village lunch
19 Oct	Funeral of Geoff Bray
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 St Catherine's. 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 hope to interview in December, and 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. We know that God has a plan for us and His timing is best! Please do keep praying!

Concert in All Saints, Hertford 20th October

On Saturday 20th October at 7.45pm there is a concert at All Saints Church Hertford in aid of Isabel Hospice. The Kings Men (Kings College) will be singing and Crispian Steele-Perkins will play trumpet music accompanied by Michael Smith. Tickets are available from Michael or Marion.

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 - 30th September 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome Rev Mandy Brown, who will lead our 8.00 service in St Mary's this morning and Rev Steve Bates, who will speak at St Mary's at the School this afternoon. Rev Derek Hinge will lead at St Catherine's on Tuesday, and Rev Robert Thompson in St Mary's on Wednesday.

Our readings this morning are:

8.00:	James 5:13-end (p 1216)	Mark 9:38-end (p 1013)
10.45:	Psalm 67 (p 581)	Matthew 6:25-33 (p 971)

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 - All Saints
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
Saturday, from 9.30 am	Friends of Standon Churchyard working party
Saturday, from 12.00	Lunchtime concert in St Mary's
Sunday, 8.00 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Sunday, 10.45 am	United morning worship - All Saints
Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village Youth Club - Community Centre
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare

Lighting Work at St Mary's

The last parts of the lighting installation in St Mary's are underway, and should be finished 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 a few more days. However we are able to have 8am communion in the chancel, and morning prayers and the Wednesday communion will take place as usual.

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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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.

An Opportunity to Hear from Andrew Ellis 12th October

Andrew Ellis will be in the UK during the 2nd week of October. Peter and Carol will be hosting him for part of his stay. On Friday 12th Oct, Sally and Peter are hosting an informal evening at their home in Watton at 7.30-9pm to meet with Andrew and hear his latest church and family news from Zimbabwe. All are invited, not just BGWM people. Please speak to Peter or Sally if you would like to go.

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! As we complete our cycle of harvest services, continue to thank him for his provision for our physical needs. Thank him for the skill of the farmers, and the bounty of the land and sea. Pray that fewer may go hungry and more will share of their plenty with others.

Pray for our world

At this time when many are celebrating a bounteous harvest, we remember those affected by tremendous storms and related flooding across the world, especially in

the Philippines and North Carolina. Pray that God will protect those who have lost so much: homes, crops and livelihood. Pray that the aid agencies will be able quickly to provide them with emergency supplies and shelter. Pray that those tempted to loot what remains of homes and shops will be dissuaded.

Pray for other parts of the world suffering drought and conflict, that they may have access to clean water and food and be lifted out of extreme poverty. Pray that through goodness and faithfulness we will all come to know the glory of the Lord

Pray for our community

Pray for Dane End Village Stores as it changes hands. Thank God that it continues to serve the villages so well. Pray for Pete as he concentrates now on other things, and pray for Ram as he settles in.

Pray for our benefice

Pray for the young people attending our latest group for our benefice, who meet during St Mary's at the school to learn more about following Jesus. Pray for the leaders as they help these young minds to explore what it means to be a Christian. Continue to pray for all our groups for young people, and for those who lead them.

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 Sally as she undergoes her left eye cataract operation on Friday. Thank God that her right one is so much better.

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Pray especially for Jacky and all Geoff's 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.