

Dates for your Diary

13 Aug	Funeral of Ian Baker
24 Aug	Wedding of Alexander Winship & Jessica Wall
03 Sept	Vacancy committee meeting
05 Sept	Little Munden café resumes
08 Sept	BHHCT Bike & Hike
08 Sept	FOSM Film Evening
09 Sept	Afternoon concert in St Mary's
10 Sept	Sawbridgeworth U3A visiting St Mary's
10 Sept	PCC meetings
12 Sept	Libury Hall service

All Saints Churchyard Clear-up

There will be no churchyard clear up at All Saints in August, but will be back on the 4th Saturday in September.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped over the last months.

The Dreaded C Word Already!

It seems ridiculous in these temperatures, but Lizzy's thoughts are turning towards Operation Christmas Child! Summer is a good time to find bargains as stationery and toys are sold off in supermarkets and elsewhere. Please let her have any contributions, or leave them at the back of St Mary's. Shoeboxes are equally welcome, and if they're wrapped that's even better! Thank you.

Concert in St Mary's, 9th September, 3.00 pm 'AN ENGLISH IDYLL'

Robin Pegna and Richard Prince, singers,
with Ros Holbrow, clarinet and Huw Jenkins, piano.

This concert of music for a Sunday afternoon will last about 50 minutes and will be followed by tea and cake. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the church organ fund. Further details from Michael Smith 01920 821281.

New Lighting for St Mary's

The lighting work at St Mary's will start on Tuesday 28th August. The church will be closed until Friday 7th September (apart from for the 8am service on 2nd September). There will be no 9.15am communion on Wednesday 5th September.

Kisiizi Hospital parcels

Thank you to everyone who knits for Kisiizi hospital. We have just packed 9 boxes with knitted items and sent them to Kisiizi. However we have run out of boxes. If you can help, please can you leave suitable boxes (such as the ones that contain 5 reams of computer paper) in the church.

Contact Diane Moss on 01920 821130 if you need more information.

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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@r152.co.uk) with any items for the next notices sheet.

The United Benefice of Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe Notices Sheet - August 2018

This notices sheet covers the whole of August. The next one will be produced for Sunday 2nd September. We offer a warm welcome to all our visiting clergy this month. Archdeacon Janet will preside at communion on 12th and Rev Nigel Bennett will be with us on 26th. Gwen will lead our worship on 19th. St Mary's at the School will welcome Rev Julie Gawthrope on 19th.

Notices for the coming month

Our midweek prayers and communion services have been suspended for the month of August. (That doesn't mean we'll stop praying; just we won't meet to do so!)

Tuesday 7th, 7.45 pm	Oasis - All Saints
Thursday 9th, 2.00 pm	Knit & Natter - Village Hall
Sunday 12th, 10.45 am	United communion - St Mary's
Monday 13th, 2.00 pm	Funeral of Ian Baker - St Mary's
Tuesday 14th, 4.15 pm	Funeral of Ralph Hibberd - Harwood Park
Tuesday 14th, 7.30 on	Men's group - please contact David W for venue
Tuesday 14th, 7.45 pm	Oasis - please check for venue
Sunday 19th, 10.45 am	United worship - St Mary's
Sunday 19th, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare
Tuesday 21st, 7.45 pm	Oasis - All Saints
Wednesday 22nd, 6.30	Wedding rehearsal - St Mary's
Friday 24th, 12.30 pm	Wedding of Jessica Wall & Alexander Winship - St Mary's
Sunday, 26th, 10.45 am	United communion - All Saints
27th to 29th	Benefice choir visiting Chichester
Tuesday 28th, 7.30 on	Men's group - please contact David W for venue
Tuesday 28th, 7.45 pm	Oasis - small groups
Wednesday 29th, 2.30	MU meeting - Braughing Old Boys' Rooms
Sunday, 2nd, 8.00 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Sunday 2nd, 10.45 am	United worship - All Saints

St Mary's at the School

St Mary's at the School will not meet this week or next, but will be back as usual on 19th.

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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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.

PCC Training

PCCs are Charities and PCC members are Charity Trustees. Find out more about your role and responsibilities from a charity expert. Wednesday 19 September 2018 7.00pm at Holywell Lodge, St Albans AL1 1HE (Board Room); Saturday 6th October 2018 10.00am at All Saints Kempston, MK43 8RH (Parish Hall). Amanda Francis, Managing Partner of Buzzacott Chartered Accountants and a Charity Specialist will guide you through your responsibilities including:

- Charity Trustees - what you should know
- Financial controls
- Risk Management
- Conflicts of Interest

This event is free of charge and open to all. To book: go to <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/parish-officers/>

Knit & Natter group 9th August

If you like knitting or crocheting, come and join us for a couple of hours in the Sargent's room (at the back of Standon village hall) at 2pm usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Tea & cakes will be available.

Our meeting in August will be on Thursday 9th. If you would like a lift please contact Marion Timmons (01992 505513).

Mothers' Union 29th August

The next meeting of Braughing with Standon Mothers' Union will be on Wednesday 29th August at 2.30pm in the Old Boys School Braughing and our speaker will be Tara Wright on 'Kachere - Update on SAFE-UK (a charity working in rural Malawi). For more information please contact Diane Moss on 01920 821130 or 07949 665365 or email her on mubwsbranch@outlook.com.

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 all who support our churches financially. As we look forward to the lighting work in St Mary's; as we plan the new boiler in All Saints and the provision of running water and a toilet and kitchen facilities in St Catherine's; as our young people enjoy Christian holidays, funded at least in part by our churches; as we are able to provide toilet facilities in our churches that are open to visitors, thank God for all who give so that these things are possible. Pray for continued generosity to ensure that these benefits continue to be available to the generations that come

after us. We are aware that our funds are limited, and that we need to plan in order to meet our obligations in the coming year. As we begin to think about our budgeting for 2019, pray that our financial supporters will continue to give, and that more will step forward to help fund the work of our churches in this benefice.

Pray for our world

In this extremely hot dry summer, let us pray for protection from further devastating and destructive wild fires which have been causing so much distress and loss around the world.

Pray that God will prompt each one of us to be much more thoughtful and to take much more care of our beautiful but fragile planet.

Pray for our community

Pray for all who are struggling with the current weather. As we read about people with underlying health issues having them made worse by the unrelenting heat and humidity, and as we all have difficulty sleeping in these conditions, please pray for those who are finding it hard to cope with the extreme temperatures. Pray for hospital staff, seeing unprecedented numbers of admissions as a result of the heat, and for those whose loved ones are ill from the effects of the continued heatwave.

Pray for Christian summer camps

Please pray for Lizzy and her fellow leaders on this year's Venture camp, with its new name, Hayward's Heath. Pray for all the young people, including five from this benefice, as they have fun and also study Paul's letter to the Romans. Pray, too, for Brambletye 2, the nearby camp for the next age group, where Hannah and Sophie will spend a week. Pray for all who are involved with Christian holidays, and for all the young lives that will be touched this summer by the witness of the volunteers who run them.

Pray for our benefice

The advert for our new Rector has been approved by CPAS. It will be in the Church Times on 17th, 24th and 31st August and 7th and 14th September. It should be online from 13th August on the CPAS pathways site. Please continue to pray for the process and for all those involved.

Pray for our benefice choir as it visits Chichester to sing services in the cathedral on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 27th to 29th August. Pray, too, for Michael as he directs them and for all whose worship will be enhanced by their singing.

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 Natalie and for Sally, who has been readmitted this week, and would welcome visitors. Please check her whereabouts with Peter if you plan to see her. Pray, too, for Geoff Bray, who is also in hospital as this sheet is produced.

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Pray especially for the family and friends of Ian Baker, Paull Borlase and Ralph Hibberd.

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.