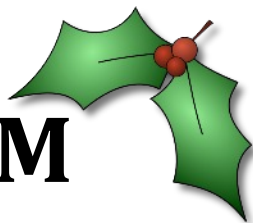


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Editorial

Welcome to the December issue. Whatever the weather there is still plenty to see on a walk around the parish. Just pull on the woollen hat and gloves and step out. There is nothing more welcome than a warm house to return to afterwards! If this idea is a mite too extreme then a browse through the newsletter will reveal all the many social opportunities brought to you by clubs and other gatherings throughout the month.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2018.
Gemma

Mendlesham Walking Group



Saturday 9 December 2017

Meet at Community Centre Car Park 10.30am
Car-share travel to Eye, parking behind The Queen's Head Pub

A circular walk to Braiseworth returning for a Christmas Lunch at The Queen's Head – non walkers welcome to join friends/partners

YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK YOUR LUNCH!

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Judith on 07770 746619 or email mendleshamwalks@gmail.com

BEFORE 30 November

Dogs on leads welcome

Diary Dates for 2018 will be the 2nd Saturday of each calendar month

How to access Mid Suffolk District Council services?

You will probably be aware Mid Suffolk District Council are changing both where they are based and also how as members of the public you will be able to contact them.

Whilst you are able to telephone them tel 0300 123 4000 and access services through their web site <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk> we have now been advised that their " Access Point" in Stowmarket is now open for visits, no appointments required.

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On Saturday 27th January 2018 at 4.45pm (for 5pm)
At the Community Centre, Mendlesham

A delightful three course meal followed by Coffee will be served
along with entertainment and time to chat with friends.

You may wish to bring a cushion as the chairs can feel a bit hard after
some time.

For safety reasons, you are asked to sit no more than 6 to a table.

There is no need to confirm your booking once names have been taken
but if an invitation was left through your door without you speaking to
a committee member, please could you confirm your attendance by

Monday 8th January 2018

If you are unable to attend the event before or on the actual day, please
contact Rachel on 07881816622, many thanks.

SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Clerk: Sharon Jones, Honeysuckle, Hockey Hill,
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Email: parishclerk@mendleshampc.org

Web site: www.mendlesham.onesuffolk.net to 31st October then
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Your Councillors are:

- Andy Davey 07550011831
- Mike Exley tel 766246 (Chairperson) (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Denise Foster tel 768978
- Norman Foster tel 768978
- David Nunn (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham Green, Tan Office and outlying properties) tel 767158
- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562
- Madeline Watson 766910
- Sabrina Webb

Meetings:

Wednesday 6th December 2017

7.30pm Old School Room Mendlesham, Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Please note 2018 meetings are in the process of being finalised. Details will be available on our new parish website <http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud> and parish noticeboards (outside Old School Room, Mendlesham, Bus shelter Mendlesham Green).

FIREWORK DISPLAY TO MUSIC

Thank you to everyone who supported the Community Council Fireworks to Music on November 5th. It was so great to see so many people attending and happy to pay to watch the event. It costs around £2,000 for the Fireworks, Music, Insurance, Advertising and Food and last year we lost money on this event. But this year we had perfect weather and with 1,000 attending I am pleased to report the Community Council made a profit of £1600. A huge thank you must go to everyone who helped setting up, cooking, selling tickets. Thank you to the Footballers for letting us borrow their floodlights. A magnificent amount which will go to Council funds which can help village organisations when they need it.

Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre (incorporating Bacton Surgery)



CHRISTMAS FAYRE
FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER
8.30 – Midday



Can you help out with a donation for any of the following stalls for this year's Fayre at Mendlesham Health Centre?

*Tombola Prize Draw Books Jigsaws Preserves
Cakes Crafts*

Contributions to any of the above would be greatly appreciated and may be left at either surgery, from 24th November (cakes on the day).

Unfortunately, bric-a-brac cannot be accepted



New Year's Eve Party

At

Mendlesham Community Centre

31st December 2017

Disco, cash draw and licensed bar.

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Mendlesham Football Club Club News & Update – December 2017

A challenging start to the season has been met by a new young management team who are focused and enthusiastic and have the will and desire to succeed. This season the squad has been depleted with the loss of a few senior players who have either retired or are now playing with the new Mendlesham vets (over 35's) team. New players have been recruited and the teams are starting to gel and we look forward to success for the remainder of the season.

Off the field we have also been busy. We are currently running our Grand Christmas Draw which will be drawn in the Kings Head on Saturday 9th December @ 6pm – tickets are available from all players and committee plus the Kings Head and the Post Office - for a £1.00 ticket (£5.00 a book) you have the opportunity to win a £500 1st prize, £200 2nd prize, £100 3rd prize and a Seasonal Local Food Hamper as the 4th prize.

In October in partnership with the Kings Head we held a raffle to win a Food Hamper with all the proceeds donated to St. Elizabeths Hospice – we raised £ 145.00. The draw held on Saturday 4th November was won by Andrew Cullum.

We were delighted to again provide our battery powered portable lighting for use at the Village Fireworks Night and to supply the sauces and ketchups for the BBQ.

Our Racenight with Chicken & Chip Supper will be held in 2018 – dates to be advised.

We hope to be playing soon on the new pitch and are in the process of moving the dugouts – we are extremely grateful to Lovell Homes who have laid new concrete bases and are to move and refurb. our current dugouts which are showing their age – new similar dugouts cost £ 1,500 each so to have Lovell Homes do this for us is fantastic.



Management Committee:

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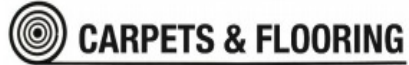
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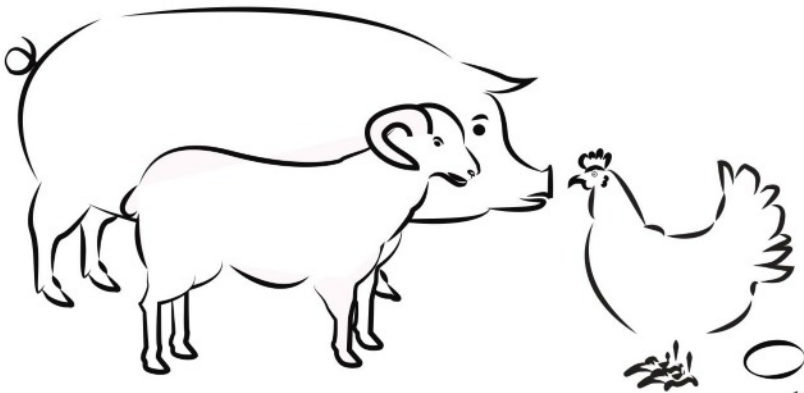
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Mrs Liz Palfrey	£12	Mrs Jill Boon	£12
Mrs Helen Orton	£8	Mr Norman Foster	£8
Mrs Doris Briggs	£4	Mr Michael Flynn	£4
21st October		28th October	
Drawn at Mother & Toddlers		Drawn at 50/50 Shop	
Mr Barry Briggs	£20	Mrs Brenda Salisbury	£20
Mr Roger Burrows	£12	Mrs Lois Cotton	£12
Mr Jimmy Pipe	£8	Mrs Sylvia Lummis	£8
Mrs Alison Williams	£4	Mr John Gilmour	£4

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Please note that you are also now able to view Community Centre availability online. We hope that you enjoy using the new site.

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Friday - 8th December 2017

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Knit and Natter

Monday - 11th December 2017

2-4pm



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The Camera Club will meet again on Tuesday, December 5th at 7.30pm in the Old School Room. Our photo challenge will be 'fireworks', which we will view on the screen and discuss, followed by a cup of coffee and a chat about something photography related. We are a small group of mixed photography ability and new members are always welcome. We pay just £1.50 at each meeting. Come and give us a look! Check the club out on the website: <http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk>.

MENDLESHAM OVER 60s – October 25th 2017

Tina Pipe welcomed 45 members to the meeting. We had several apologies from members and birthday greetings were given to 5 members with November birthdays. We now have full membership, with 5 on our waiting list. Jenny Mayes invited members to her open house on November 1st in aid of First Responders and Suffolk Accident Rescue Services. Marjorie Rosseau told us that the Masai Warriors were a great success and raised a good amount for St. Mary's.

Mrs Linda Sexton was our speaker and her subject was "The Baron, The Policeman and The Major – an Ipswich riot". She has studied the history of Ipswich and this was just one of her talks. In 1862 the population of Ipswich had risen from 11,000 to 18,000, with lots of young people moving to the area. At the time only business men were allowed to vote. The Baron had come to Ipswich to give a lecture but the Mayor banned it. The population had always been predominantly Catholic but with the reformation this was no longer so. There were now 5 different denominations in 23 places of worship. The community did not take kindly to this meeting being banned so they rioted. There was a police force of 20 men to control the 1,000 strong crowd, so the Mayor swore in 200 specials. They had no training but were mostly ex-service men. One policeman was stabbed and lots of windows were broken. Five magistrates and a jury of voters found the offenders not guilty. The Baron who was the cause of this riot was later found to be an imposter who presumed the title and was a witness in a murder trial in 1854.

The competition was a glass ornament and the winners were as follows:
First: Peggy Orwell Second: Ray Maye Third: George Taylor

Next Meeting: December 13th – Mrs Margaret Knights
"Christmas Decorations".

Competition: A Christmas table arrangement.

Marcel brought the meeting to a close leading us in the National Anthem.

Parish Council:

New Parish Councillor:

Mendlesham Parish Councillors were delighted to co opt Noel Fletcher as a Parish Councillor at our November meeting. Welcome Noel and thank you for volunteering. This means we now have ten Parish Councillors with a vacancy for another. If you are interested, please speak to any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

October 2017

President Anita welcomed thirty-four members and two visitors to our meeting on Tuesday 17th October. Five birthday posies were given to members. A plant stall was run by Linda Cole.

Details of various events were discussed. Several members went to the Group Meeting at Eye on the 28th September. The speaker was excellent and we got first prize and a shield for our 'room in a shoe box' entry for the competition! Some members went to the Museum of East Anglian Life on the 24th October to see 'Fabric, Field and French Knots' - celebrating East Anglia in stitch, featuring work by members of the Local Embroiderers Guild in Suffolk and Essex. The Christmas Workshop is on the 25th November in the Old School Room. In the New Year the Birthday Evening Meal is on Tuesday 16th January at Alder Carr Barn. The Suffolk WI Annual Meeting is on the 6th of March at Trinity Park Ipswich. Four hundred and eighty-one pounds has now been raised for the 'Denman Appeal' out of our five hundred pound target. Congratulations to all our members for achieving this by individual and group efforts.

Our speaker for the evening Wendy Smith has been part of Wimbledon for 35 years as a line judge and umpire. She has also umpired at the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics as well as national and international tournaments. She told us lots of little known and fascinating things about her experiences at Wimbledon and brought mementoes and trophies to show us. She said that you are constantly assessed and only the most proficient people get to Wimbledon but younger people are being encouraged into umpiring. It is very intense on court and umpires do one hour on court then one hour off. Technology and constant scrutiny by the television makes umpiring more challenging and mistakes need to be avoided as the press invariably make a big thing of them. Hawkeye has reduced outburst by players but gamesmanship like grunting is still used. Some players are better than others at making correct challenges - Andy Murray is not as good as Roger Federer when it comes to line judgements. The uniform is designed by Ralph Lauren and provided at a cost of £3,500 each. Guidelines for wearing the uniform are very strict and you have to follow a 'style guide.' Players are tested for drugs at the end of each match but betting is becoming a problem in tennis. Wimbledon is a VERY clean and tidy place with a big staff to keep it that way. Despite being routinely hit by tennis balls Wendy is planning to achieve 40 years at Wimbledon.

Ruth Orchard won the competition with her decorated tennis ball.

Our next meeting will be on 12th December in the small hall in the Community Centre. Our speaker Robert Halliday will be telling us about 'Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings' and the competition will be a 'ghostly rhyme'!

Mendlesham Community Centre – Small Hall



FILM NIGHT



Friday 8 December
7pm

Christmas Special

A variety of short, local films

Bring a cushion! Coffee/Tea/Wine and Mince Pies
Raffle Prizes and a bit of fun!

Here is a list of Films we have enjoyed in 2017! Tells us what you would like to see in 2018!

Akenfield

Florence Foster-Jenkins

A Street Cat Named Bob

Imitation Game

Viceroy's House

Woman in Gold

The Woman in Black

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Dad's Army

Mama Mia

Proceeds raised have gone to cover all our expenses including the purchasing of film showing equipment that can be used by other organisations associated with Mendlesham Community Council. Anything 'left over' funds has contributed to other community support activities.

Thank you to all our regulars!

We welcome any newcomers!

Contact Judith on 01449 766327 or Geoff and Meg on 01449 766447

Parish Council:

Future Growth of Mendlesham:

Thank you to all of those who attended our consultation events. Over both events, 111 of you attended, providing really valuable comments which support our representations to MSDC regarding the Joint Local Plan consultation and our forthcoming amendments to our Neighbourhood Plan. We have also received 49 responses from you regarding your thoughts/priorities regarding how to spend any developer community infrastructure contribution. These are yet to be reviewed, but again will be extremely useful and will help the Parish Council to make informed decisions.



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Mendlesham Green Telephone Box.

Another reminder that we need your thoughts regarding the future use of the Red Telephone Box at Mendlesham Green by 31st December 2017. Thank you to those of you who have already responded but responses received are very few to date and informed decisions do need to be made.

You may recall that the red box at Mendlesham Green was acquired from BT under their

“ Adopt a Box scheme for £1. At the time we asked and received many ideas from yourself regarding use of the box. As many of the ideas involved paper or items that would be damaged as the box is not water tight, it was agreed that the first objective would be for a group of volunteers to research and then commence a programme to repair and repaint the box.

Thank you to all of those involved. The box has been cleaned and options investigated regarding the best way to refurbish the box. The paint is lead based, the box has a slight tilt and we believe is still connected to an electricity supply, so this work is not as simple as it may seem.

Indications are that even with volunteer support, if the existing paint is to be removed by sandblasting, (not safe because of the lead paint for this to be done in situ or by volunteers), glass replaced and box tilt to be corrected, the cost of refurbishing the box will come to approximately £2k.

Once this is completed, there is also a proposal for the box to be used to house a Parish owned defibrillator. The acquisition costs of this are not known, but it is anticipated either grants would be available or a defibrillator may be donated free. There would be unknown ongoing maintenance costs, including the question of what happens if the defibrillator is not returned after use. Our defibrillator at Mendlesham Community Centre is owned and maintained by the NHS although we had to find the cost of the box of some £500. The NHS are unable to provide a similar arrangement for Mendlesham Green but have confirmed we have their permission to acquire one. No decisions have been made regarding use of the telephone box.

However, please can you let us know your thoughts, preferably by email to the Parish Clerk or if not by post to Honeysuckle, Hockey Hill, Wetheringsett IP14 5PL.

- 1. Do you support or not refurbishment of the Mendlesham Green telephone box, using Parish Funds at a cost of approximately £2,000**
- 2. If the box was refurbished, would you support or not, use to house a defibrillator.**
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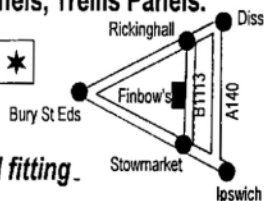
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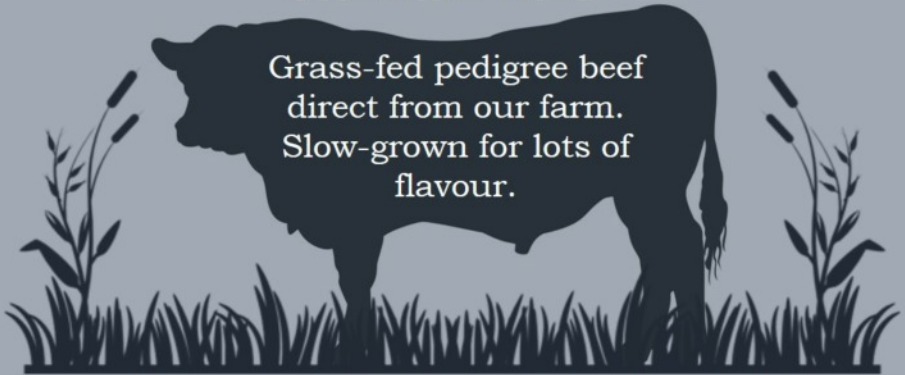
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It is essential that whatever your individual circumstances, you or someone helps you complete the questionnaire you will receive during the second week of January 2018. We will need volunteers to distribute the questionnaires on a similar basis as the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires a few years ago. So can help please can you let the Parish Clerk know.



Thank you to everyone who came and supported my Macmillan Cancer Support Tea & Cake afternoon on Friday 29th September. Once again a great support from the village and also surrounding villages. A big thank you to all my helpers, donations of cakes and

draw prizes, very much appreciated. I was also very lucky to receive a generous donation from DHL of Stanton. I'm always overwhelmed by the support given by you all. The amount raised this year was £940!!!! This will go to the Macmillan Unit at Ipswich Hospital. £940 will help cover a support worker for a family who are experiencing the illness for a year!!

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Angela Lockwood

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Computer Club/Saturday Café (Sat-Caf) Report

Following the closure of the children's Internet Café back in July 2016, the committee would like to update the village on the progress of the adult Computer Club and the Saturday Café, both held regularly in the Old School Room.

The membership of the Computer Club continues to grow, and the monthly Saturday Café is as popular as ever. Due to the continuing success of both clubs, the committee is now able to donate annually to other village organisations. Some who have benefitted this year are:

1. Mendlesham Primary School – see photo below (towards new computers for the school)	£1000
2. Mendlesham Parish Party	£500
3. Mendlesham Educational Foundation	£500
4. Mendlesham Children's Cooking Club	£60
Total	£2060



We would like to thank all of those who contribute either by volunteering or donating food to either of these village activities, without whose help our donations to other village organisations would not be possible.

Computer Club is open to all and meets every Thursday in the Old School Room, 10.00-12.00 at a cost of £5 per session. The **Sat-Caf** is held on the first Saturday every month except January, serving delicious homemade hot & cold food. **The first Sat-Caf in 2018 will be held on Saturday 3rd February.** For further information on both activities, contact John Player on **01449-768101**.



Fundraising Evening at Mason Court



In aid of Mendlesham Annual Parish Party

Monday 4th December 2017
from 6.30pm

Everyone is invited to join us for a fun
evening of Entertainment, Refreshments,
Raffle and Tombola

Mendlesham Chapel
Calling all Mums



Drop in for coffee & a chat
on 2nd & 4th Mondays
from 9am -11.00am
Young Children Welcome

No charge

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Kathleen Hallaways is again
making Christmas cakes to
order – any size and
decoration as requested,
with all profits for St Mary's
Church Funds.

See notice on church door
for all details, including
contact phone number.



MENDLESHAM CHAPEL

Minister: The Rev'd Chris Wood Tel No: 01449 678173



SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

As shown below

3rd 4.00pm Mr William Glasse

6th 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship Carol Service – Steve Fenning

10th 10.45am Mr Clive Herrod

17th 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight – Rev'd Chris Wood

24th No Service

MURCies Coffee Bar - 2nd Friday 10.00 - 12.00 (8th December)

Mums Coffee Morning - 2nd & 4th Mondays 9.00 - 11am (11th Dec, not 25th)

Knit & Natter - 2nd & 4th Mondays from 2.00 - 4.00pm (11th Dec, not 25th)

In Your Way and in Your Time

There are many popular hymns sung in our churches by Graham Kendrick, a contemporary singer-songwriter, such as 'Beauty for Brokenness'; 'From Heaven You Came'; 'Jesus put this song into our hearts' and 'Shine Jesus Shine'. Indeed, there are 30 worship songs written by him in Hymns Old & New! Yet one of my favourites sadly doesn't often get a mention. It's entitled 'In Your Way' and the lyrics include the lines 'In Your way and in Your time, that's how it's going to be in my life' - then goes on to make the bold statement 'and though some prayers I've prayed may seem unanswered yet, You never come too quickly or too late'. How true these sentiments are to anyone who is constant in their prayer-life – and equally to those who turn to prayer only when the need arises.

I know of its truth, but, if you're anything like me, you can't wait for the Lord's time, as I have a tendency to prefer an answer as of yesterday and in a way that I can cope. Even when we get an answer to prayer, have you ever responded by saying 'surely not that way' or 'you got to be kidding' or something to that effect? It's only in hindsight that we realise that God knows best – as the Prophet Isaiah was to discover: 'The Word of the Lord came to me: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways. Just as the heavens are high above the earth, so are My ways high above your ways and My thoughts above your thoughts". (*Isaiah 55: 8 – 9*)

This is certainly born out in the period between Isaiah announcing that 'A young woman is with child, and she will give birth to a son and call him Emmanuel' (*Isaiah 7: 14*) and the eventual realisation that God had finally appeared in the world in a tiny place called Bethlehem. Every year since the announcement, God's people would have been praying earnestly for this promised child to appear among them, but had to accept in the end, that 'it would be in God's way and time' – however hard they found this truth.

To add to the difficulty, when God finally did appear, it wasn't necessarily in a way that His people had expected – although there are hints in the scriptures to the reality of 'Emmanuel – God with us'.

Advent and Christmas is an opportunity to remind us of what happened when God made an appearance in the world: coming with the help of an unmarried mother; born in a borrowed barn because there was nowhere else available; adored by shepherds and foreigners but rejected by the authorities; and becoming a political refugee – and all this at the beginning of His life!

I have to smile at the knowledge that Mary would have offered a prayer that the Messiah (God's appointed One) should come to rescue His people – but wouldn't have expected for a minute that she was to be requested to be the mother of God's child, and bear both the joy as well as the pain; the fulfilment as well as shame. It all reinforces this belief that we should be careful what we pray as God may surprise us by His response 'as God's ways are not our ways

As I was composing this Pastoral Letter I was fascinated by a new record that came on the radio by an artist called Sam Smith entitled 'PRAY' with the following lyrics: 'You won't find me in church (no!) reading the bible (no!) - I am still here and I'm still Your disciple. I'm down on my knees, I'm begging You please. I'm broken, alone, and afraid. I'm not a saint, I'm more of a sinner, That's why I am stood here today and I'm gonna pray, pray for a glimmer of hope '

He then pleads for a 'one-to-one' with God, so they might have a conversation about freedom, knowing that 'everyone prays in the end'. I find the words quite incredible in an age which is often seen as disbelieving and secular, but one in which God seems to be inspiring an international star to promote the power and promise of prayer and the hope it contains for his life. I sincerely hope that he finds what he's looking for, but want him to heed the warning that, by seeking God in prayer, he has to be open to the possibility that God may respond in ways and at a time when he least expects – for that's at the heart of the Christmas message.

God Bless

Chris

(Rev'd Chris Wood – minister of Stowmarket, villages and Debenham URC's)

We are pleased to announce £1,345.45 was the amount the Maasai Warriors benefitted from at the Concert in St Mary's Church on 20 October 2017. We understand this was the highest return they have ever received from one Concert in the 16 years they have been touring the UK. The Mendlesham Educational Trust paid their fee of £200 (for which we thank them) to enable the children in our School to enjoy their visit.

Well done Mendlesham!

The Friends of St Mary's income on the evening was £974.12 after all expenses paid.

We would like to thank all who supported this truly unique evening.

Friends of St Mary's Church

JAM

(Jesus and me)

Come and join us for fun activities,
crafts and stories

All age groups welcome



1st Sunday of every month

Old School Room 9.30-10.00

then

St Mary's Church 10.00—10.30

Further details contact

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**New USAAF 34th
Bomb Group
Memorial
Mendlesham Flower
Rota**

**Pat Lockwood
December**

SUFFOLK SPORTS AWARDS 2017

**Our congratulations go to ADRIAN LAST
who has been named Suffolk Sports
Personality of the year - 2017.**

**ADRIAN has won six trophies out of a
possible seven awards in the Disabled
Shooters Group, and four gold medals out of
a possible five in the Clay Pigeons Association
Awards, which are open to all.**

Well done, Adrian, we are very proud of you!

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You are welcome to worship at any
of our services.

SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address
3rd December: **JAM (Jesus & Me)** for
children in the Old School – then
into church at 10.00 for 2nd part of
Mass

SATURDAYS - First Mass of Sunday:
5.00 pm except 9th Dec : no Mass

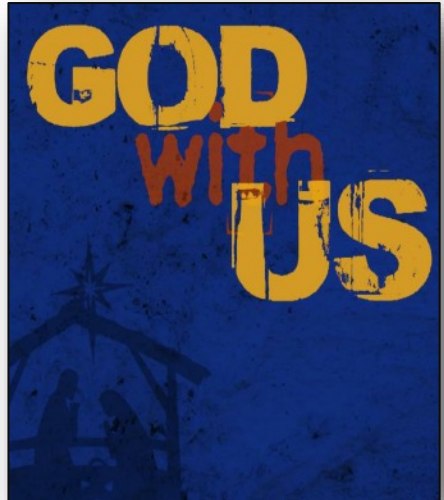
Daily Mass: *see calendar on back
page, & check porch notice & bulletin*

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer: *see
porch notice.*

Baptism (Christening), Marriage,
Anointing of the Sick & Holy
Communion from the Reserved
Sacrament: *contact Fr Philip*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4.00 pm except 9th Dec.
Before Christmass: 18th Dec 2.30 pm; 19th
Dec 3.00 pm; 21st Dec 3.00 pm; 22nd Dec
4.00 pm *or contact Fr Philip*



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What's on This Month - All are welcome at events listed below

1 st Dec	10.00 – 3.00 pm final day of Exhibition <i>'The Grieving Mother'</i> 2.30 pm: Mass in Mason Court with Advent hymns. All welcome
3 rd Dec	ADVENT SUNDAY: 9.30: Parish Mass & blessing of Advent Wreath
4 th Dec	9.00: Requiem Mass – December anniversaries
7 th Dec	EVE OF IMMACULAE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY: 3.00 pm Mass (said)
9 th Dec	NO 1 st Mass of Sunday today
10 th Dec	ADVENT II 9.30: Parish Mass followed by Friends of St Mary's Grand Draw
11 th Dec	2.00 pm: Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament 2.30 pm: Monthly Healing Service: Mass, laying-on of hands & anointing. All welcome
15 th Dec	2.30 pm: Mass in Mason Court. 6.45 pm: Carol Singing in Mendlesham. Meet at Church to sing in Front St, Old Orchard, Mill Rd, Old Market St, Braybrooke Close. Collecting for Crisis & Shelter for the homeless. All welcome.
18 th Dec	9.30: Mendlesham School Carol Service in St Mary's. 6.45 pm: Carol Singing in Mendlesham Green. Meet at Mill Terrace. Collecting for Crisis & Shelter for the homeless. All welcome.
22 nd Dec	2.30 pm: Mass & Carols at Mason Court. All welcome
23 rd Dec	5.00 pm: first Mass of Sunday
24 th Dec	The season of Advent is the shortest it can be, as Sunday begins as Advent IV and concludes as Christmass Eve. 9.30: Parish Mass of Advent IV 5.45 pm: First Mass of Christmass 7.00 pm: Candlelit Carol Service. Collection for Save the Children during the service. The Crib Appeal for Christian Aid begins at the end of the service.
25 th Dec	 <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <p>CHRISTMASS DAY 9.30: Parish Mass</p>  </div>
26 th Dec	St Stephen 11.30: Mass
27 th Dec	St John, Apostle & Evangelist – 11.30: Mass
28 th Dec	Holy Innocents – 11.30: Mass
29 th Dec	St Thomas Becket – 11.30: Mass
30 th Dec	5.00 pm: First Mass of Sunday
31 st Dec	HOLY FAMILY 9.30: Parish Mass & blessing of children's Christmass presents

Fr Philip Writes...

I have recently read about a priest who was so concerned about the homeless that he decided to try to experience

living that way. One day he put on some shabby clothing and a rucksack around his shoulders. After some days he had a stubble of a beard and nobody recognized him any more. In telling his story he said he felt hardly able to reach and get help from those who were better off. Their homes were unapproachable and he was chased away from their streets by dogs. He even went to the rectory of one of his friends and was neither recognized nor helped. The only people who helped were those who were not too well off themselves.

This was the experience of Mary and Joseph when they looked for a place to allow Mary to give birth to Jesus. The person who provided the manger and the shepherds were the only people who respected the dignity of the Holy Family. The shepherds' faith in the message given by the angel was confirmed by the sight of the young girl and her husband and



the new-born child in the manger. That sense of poverty and oppression was familiar to them in their everyday lives, so what astonished them was not the poverty but the realisation that God is present in the midst of poverty.

We tend to romanticise the birth of Jesus and make everything 'nice' about the stable. The shepherds are clean and nicely dressed, the manger pleasant, of polished wood and filled with fresh hay. The Gospel encourages us to a view different picture: Mary is poor, the stable was probably filthy and the shepherds were definitely outcasts. Without doubt it teaches us that God's love reaches us in all circumstances – however lowly.



The child we see is God made man. We trip that off our tongue so easily, but let us stop and think about the enormity of it for a moment. He is light and love for all who believe, but leaves the

response to us. Our faith will be shown by the way we live. We all need to be like the shepherds, to allow the love of God into our hearts to make time and room for him so he will live in us. We also need to ask ourselves: **“What can I do to make the light of Christ burn more brightly in today’s darkness?”**

St Theresa of Calcutta writes:

“Welcome Jesus at Christmas, not in the cold manger of a selfish heart but a heart warm with love for one another.”

COLLECTIONS AT CHRISTMASS

For many years we have collected for four different charities, associating the poverty into which Jesus was born with that of the most deprived people in our country and the wider world. Please continue to give generously:

- **Carol Singing:** all donations are divided between **‘Shelter’** & **‘Crisis’** helping the homeless.
- **The Carol Service** is the only service where we take a collection at St Mary’s. After deducting expenses of the service (heating, candles) all money is donated to **‘Save the Children’**.
- **The Crib Appeal** for **‘Christian Aid’** begins at the end of the Carol Service and concludes on 8th January - the end of Christmas.



PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2017

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1		2.30 pm MC	our preparation for Advent	Front Street and Old Orchard
2		5.00 pm	St Joseph's Centre: its future	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	ADVENT I	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mill Road
4		9.00	the departed: December anniversaries	Hobbies Lane
5		9.30	all searching for faith	Chapel Road
6	St Nicholas	8.00 am	all children	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
7	EVE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BVM	9.30	The Society of Mary	Brockford Road
8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BVM	3.00 pm	all Communicants	Glebe Way
9		/		Freelands
10	ADVENT II	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Ducksen Road
11		2.30 pm	Ministry of Healing	Horsefair Close
12		9.30	reconciliation and forgiveness	Mason Court
13	St Lucy	9.30	all in prison	Mayfield Way
14	St John of the Cross	9.30	Additional Curates Society	Mead Way
15		2.30 pm MC	carol singing around the parish	Old Station Road / Cuttings Close / Schools Cl
16		5.00 pm	'Crisis' and 'Shelter'	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	ADVENT III	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		11.00	all who are homeless	Mendlesham Green
19		9.30	expectant parents	Tan Office
20		9.30	Walsingham	Outlying houses
21		9.30	divided & unhappy families	Farms in Mendlesham
22		2.30 pm MC	our Crib Appeal for 'Christian Aid'	Local Industries
23		5.00 pm	our observance of Christmas	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	ADVENT IV	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mendlesham School and Pre-School
	CHRISTMASS EVE	5.45 pm	home & family life	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
25	CHRISTMASS DAY	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Village Organisations
26	ST STEPHEN	11.30	persecuted Christians	Fr Philip
27	ST JOHN	11.30	all theologians	Other places of Worship
28	HOLY INNOCENTS	11.30	'Save the Children'	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
29	ST THOMAS BECKET	11.30	Archbishop of Canterbury	Local Doctors and Nurses
30	IN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMASS	5.00 pm	all families	Adjoining parishes
31	HOLY FAMILY	9.30	Parish and Congregation	

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