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**Editorial**

Welcome to the July issue. Picnics, ice-cream, relaxing in the garden, birdsong, sunbathing, country walks, barbeques, music and delicious cream teas. Am I thinking of holidays abroad? No, all these delights can be found in the parish of Mendlesham. Enjoy.

Best Wishes  
Gemma

## SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Mike Exley tel 766246 ( Chairperson) ( Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Noel Fletcher tel 766968
- 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 4th July 2018**

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

#### **Wednesday 8th August 2018**

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

#### **Audits year ending 31.3.18**

Mendlesham Parish Council, Mendlesham Community Centre Charity and Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity have all now been the subject of an internal audit, in particular covering the year ending 31.3.18. You will find the reports and accounts on the Mendlesham Web site under “ Parish Council” Please also note Parish Council full meeting agendas are also published at least 3 working days on the site with Parish Council approved minutes.

The Parish Council audit requirements for the year ending 31.3.18 continues as a external audit is now being undertaken. Documents for this are also on the web site and will be updated at each stage of the process.

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Thank you for your support

**Parish Council:**

**Mendlesham Green:**

The grant application for the remaining finance required for the additional play equipment has been sent with the answer anticipated before 30th September.

We have received concerns and questions about the length of grass and timescale for cutting this. These were passed on to Cllr Stringer who very quickly contacted the local authority department cutting the grass ( not a parish council contract) who apologised and immediately arranged for a cut.

Questions were also asked about why Mendlesham Green grass was longer than that at Mendlesham Playingfields? We have volunteers who spend hours per week cutting the grass at Mendlesham which “ tops up” the cuts undertaken by the Local Authority. If anyone is able to help with a similar volunteer arrangement at Mendlesham Green, we would be very pleased to discuss this further, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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Meet at Community Centre Car Park 10.30am

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## **Parish Council:**

### **GDPR:**

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding as we progress with the statutory requirements for GDPR/ the new legislation about holding your personal data. We have made good progress for both Parish Council and the Charities and understand we have met the basic requirements as of 25th May. However, this is very much a work in progress and we will need to continue to contact those for whom we hold data for various different purposes.

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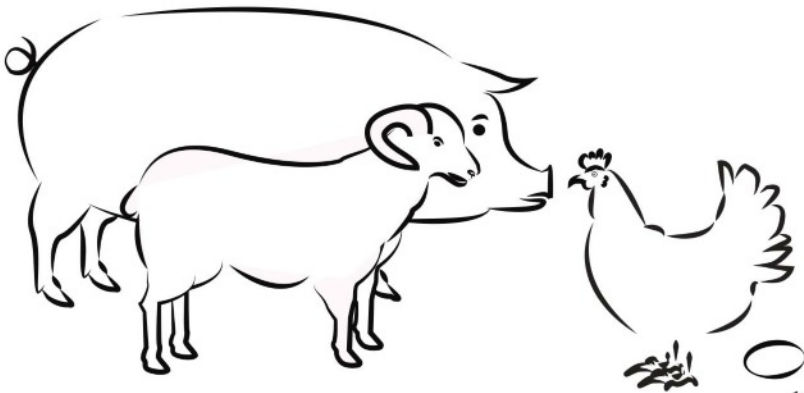
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19th May		26th May	
Drawn at Mother & Toddlers		Drawn at Galloways	
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July 2018  
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## SCOUTS CAR WASH

Thank you to the residents who utilised the Charity Car Wash on the 2nd June. We made £100.

We will be planning another Car Wash later in the year. Look out for further details.



## MENDLESHAM OVER 60S

### OVER 60s MEETING – TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018

Our social evening was a successful event. Forty one members attended. When we had finished our fish and chips we had a beetle drive, various other games and finished with a few games of bingo. A very enjoyable evening.

### 30 May 2018

Tina Pipe welcomed forty seven members to this meeting. Once again we started with a minute's silence for Barry Warren, a former member who sadly passed away.

A list was sent round for our trip to Battle Bridge and Mill Race on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Our speaker, Mr Colin Hooper, spoke about the history of cards. He told us he is a magician and because his tricks use cards a lot he decided to research cards. They date back to the 1300s and were introduced to the United Kingdom in the 1400s. Only the very rich could afford cards because they were far too expensive for ordinary folk. The four suits seem to represent armies. Hearts represent the Church, diamonds stone masons, clubs agriculture and spades aristocrats. Solitaire was the most popular game. The nave represents the police, they are pictured armed. The picture cards were not always double ended. You were fined 20 pounds + six months in prison if you cheated at cards. Quite an interesting talk.

Competition: First: Joan Hill Second: Denise Foster Third: Norman Foster

Judith came to talk to us about a new walking group which is for helping people to take exercise. It is recommended by the NHS and takes about two hours. On July 10<sup>th</sup> they will meet at the health centre.

Tina had some new bus timetables to hand out. We were reminded to be at the King's Head for our all day outing at 9.30 on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Marcel led us in the anthem to close our meeting.

**Next meeting:** July 25<sup>th</sup> – Annual Flower and Handicraft Show – 7pm at the Community Centre.

36 members of the Mendlesham WI and one visitor attended the May meeting for a Resolutions, Taters, Toppings and Tarts evening. Every WI countrywide were debating the National WI resolution and seeing if they agreed with the resolution that would be put forward to the Nations WI AGM. The resolution was "Mental health matters as much as physical illness", it was discussed and agreed that we would support the resolution but give our representative the power to change that if they found the final resolution did not fit our discussion.

As you can imagine it was a thought provoking evening, but to make the evening more sociable we had a meal of baked potatoes with a mixture of toppings and lots of sweet tart to follow. Once again the WI members catering skills were put to the test and they passed with flying colours.

The competition was flowers in a cream jug and the flowers were judged by the members voting with a coin on the ones they favoured most, the winner was Joan Hill, second Janet Clarke and third Val Laws, the arrangements really brightened the tables up and were a pleasure to see.

The next meeting of the Mendlesham WI will be on 17th July an Evening OUT to 'The Grange ,Palgrave for a visit to the Mechanical Music Museum at 7pm', please note there will be NO meeting in the community centre this month. The August meeting will be the Grow, Cook and Sew evening when all the village can come to the main hall in the community centre and view our handiwork's. August 21st at 7pm.

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8 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018	10-12.30PM COMMUNITY CENTRE SMALL HALL	4YRS -12YRS	£6.00	MINI TORTA PASQUALINA APPLE & BLACKBERRY TARTS
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### Parish Council:

#### Mendlesham Green Telephone Box and defibrillator:

The defibrillator is now installed, just waiting for the NHS to confirm when it may be used.

Replacement parts for the box, paint, protective clothing and a risk assessment has been completed. So work to repair/repaint the box itself is underway. If you wish to help please contact the Parish Clerk. We are hoping to complete the project within the next few weeks.

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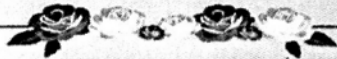
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Unbelievably, we are now approaching the end of another school year. The time seems to go so quickly when the year is carved up into terms! We have now all completed our end of Key Stage assessments and once again await our results. In any event, we are really proud of our children – their commitment and hard work will always stand them in good stead, they are all a credit to their parents.

It has been an eventful year and we have been very fortunate with support from the community. We were lucky enough to host the Massai Warriors, have a tractor visit school, we have purchased trikes for our youngest children to use and earlier in the year took delivery of 30 new laptops for the children to use. All of this has only been possible due to the generosity of local groups and charities. We are also grateful to the now award winning FOMSA – our PTA - for their year round support.

We are now planning another venture, again with your support. In October we are planning a visit to France with some of our oldest children. We plan to visit our exchange school (who have visited us many times) in the Pas de Calais region in the North of the country. While there we are looking to make some links between our communities and have discovered that we will be staying very near to many of the World War 1 cemeteries and memorials. We would like to hear from you if you believe that you have a relative or know of a Mendlesham parishioner who died out there so that we might attempt to find their grave or find their name on a memorial. We are aware that there are thousands of war dead in the region and they have graves and memorials over quite a large area, but we would really like to find at least one and bring back a photo. Please let us know by emailing [admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk) or pop a note into school. We will then ask the children to do some research to help us locate your relative.

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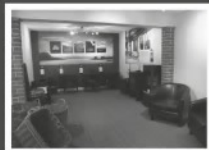


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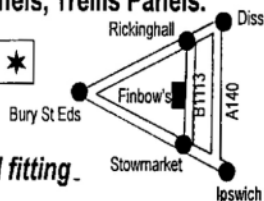
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**Parish Council:****Mendlesham:**

We have had an incident of the play equipment and other areas being daubed with a mixture of paper/cardboard and water which then set and has been extremely unsightly and difficult to remove. Thank you to the volunteers who cleaned this up. If anyone has any information about this, please report it to the Police via 101.

The graffiti on the teenage shelter continues to offend so the Parish Council has decided to remove the side panels. This will also hopefully mean at least some of the children using this as a climbing frame will now not be able to climb onto the roof. This equipment should not be being used for these purposes so please can all parents and carers be aware and stop your children doing this. The Parish Council or Trustees of the Charity will not accept liability if there is an accident- but more importantly none of us want this to happen and we all need to try to prevent an accident occurring

**Parish Council:****Volunteers:**

If you are undertaking any sort of volunteer work within the parish please can you contact the Parish Clerk on [parishclerk@mendleshampc.org](mailto:parishclerk@mendleshampc.org) and expressly ask for your personal details to be included on the new volunteer list.

If you are registered as a volunteer our understanding is that subject to working correctly in line with a risk assessment ( and we have many!) you would be covered under the Parish Council insurance for most work and the Suffolk County Council for snow clearance on the paths.

Please note if you have provided an email address and were on the “old list” we will contact you to advise that you have been transferred to the new list”, but if we only had an address or telephone number, you need to specifically contact us and ask to be transferred to the new list.

Some of you have already contacted us about this and if so, you need do nothing more.

Thanks -this is another GDPR action, but is really good to review anyway.



## MENDLESHAM CHAPEL

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

### SERVICES FOR JULY

Morning Service at 10.45am - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Afternoon Service at 4.00pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Rev'd Chris Wood (4.00pm) Holy Communion

8<sup>th</sup> Mr Clive Herrod

22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Keith Scarff

**Afternoon Fellowship** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 2.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Richard Edwards 18<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Mary Playford

**MURCies Coffee Bar - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 10.00-12.00 (13<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Mums Coffee Morning – Monday from 9.00 – 11am (9<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Knit & Natter - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 2.00 - 4.00pm (9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Christian Aid coffee morning. £270 was raised and this sum has been added to the house to house collection organised by St Mary's.

### **Setting Prisoners Free!**

I was fascinated to discover recently that Jonathan Aitken, the former Conservative cabinet minister who served a prison sentence for perjury, is to be ordained and plans to work as an unpaid prison chaplain. If ever there is a modern-day example of 'God working in mysterious ways His wonders to perform', this must surely be one.

Jonathan Aitken certainly knew the high life as through his influence within the Conservative Government, he was on familiar terms with Richard Nixon, Margaret Thatcher, John Major and Henry Kissinger, not to mention Middle Eastern sheikhs who sought his counsel. His fall from grace was savage, leaving him bankrupt with a loss of his privileged way of life.

He was sentenced to 18 months at the Old Bailey after admitting perjury and perverting the course of justice, following a failed libel claim against the Guardian newspaper. Amazingly, while undertaking his prison sentence, he attended a prayer group convened by an Irish burglar, which also included an armed robber, a safe-cracker; a cheque forger; a couple of murderers and a pickpocket!

It was through this process of engaging not only with this prayer group but also Biblical reading and reflection, that Jonathan became a Christian, and his life was dramatically turned around, and has had a wonderful impact not only on his own life, but also those to whom he seeks to reach out and support. As he reflected on this dramatic change in fortune, he is quoted as saying: 'I live in a more real world now and am very happy with it'. Indeed he reckons he's now much poorer materially, but richer in the things that are of God.





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Naturally, Jonathan has encountered scepticism about his conversion to Christianity, but reckons he no longer gets upset about the 'bucket-fuls of cynicism' that have come his way. Indeed he readily admits that, prior to his time in prison he would have been one of these cynics, saying 'If I'd had a parliamentary colleague who'd got into trouble, gone to jail and come out saying, "I've found God", I'd have said, "Oh, how very convenient for him".'

But since his release, he studied theology and wrote a biography of John Newton, the former slave owner who repented and wrote the ever popular hymn: 'Amazing Grace'. Initially he resisted the thought of ordination, believing that the Church of England wouldn't touch him with a barge pole given his background and reputation, but God's grace is all-sufficient for those who call on His Name, and he was eventually left in no doubt that this is what God was expecting of him. Thus we find him responding to the prompting of God in Christ and soon to be ordained as a deacon in the Anglican Church at St. Paul's cathedral.

Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, said this about him: 'I have known Jonathan Aitken for several years and this is a calling that has grown within him and been tried and tested by many others. His experience of the prison system, both from the inside and the outside, gives him a unique perspective to offer Christian ministry in this vital area of our life as a society. He has a wide life experience, a knowledge of the wider issues in criminal justice and a pastoral understanding of the needs of prisoners that will help strengthen the church's ministry to all'.

Jesus, in His reading from the Prophet Isaiah at the beginning of His ministry made a statement of what His followers should expect: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He has anointed Me; He has sent me to announce Good News to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind; to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour' (Luke 4: 18 – 19). It was a reassuring promise that the criminal crucified with Jesus received: 'Truly I tell you: today you will be with Me in Paradise.' (Luke 23: 43).

This is a counter-cultural statement, where God's transforming love reaches out to all people, irrespective of creed, colour or background. We should therefore never be surprised in whom God calls to Himself through grace, for Jesus insisted: 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners' (Mark 2: 17). The reality of this truth will always be a challenge in every generation, but especially to those cynics who fail to grasp the enormity of God's grace, mercy, forgiveness and transforming power.

God Bless. **Chris**

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

# JAM

*(Jesus and me)*

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## SUNDAYS:

**9.30 a.m.** Parish Mass & Address  
**1<sup>st</sup> July: JAM (Jesus & Me)** for  
children in the Old School – then  
into church at 10.00

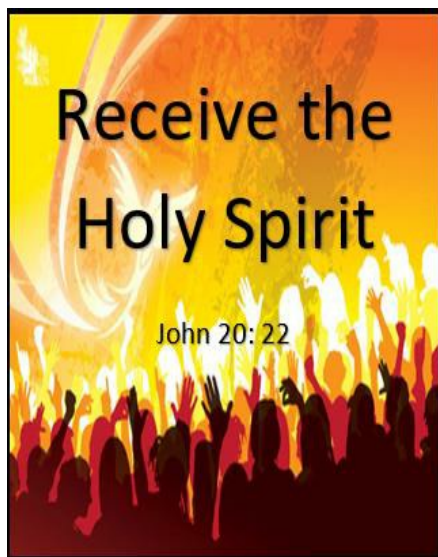
**Saturdays: 7.30 pm** First Mass of  
Sunday except 7<sup>th</sup> July: 9.30 am

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

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

**Baptism (Christening), Marriage,  
Holy Communion for the sick &  
Anointing:** *contact Fr Philip*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
(Confessions): Saturdays: 6.30pm,  
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## What's on This Month - All are welcome at events listed below

<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	St Peter & Paul – 9.30 Parish Mass
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	St Thomas– monthly Healing Service: 2.30 pm: Mass laying-on- of hands & anointing
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court & refreshments. All welcome
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30 am: 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Please note change of time. 2.30 pm: Tour of Round Towered churches. Meet at East Lexham and on to Shereford and Syderstone.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30: Parish Mass; 12.00 noon: PCC lunch & meeting in church
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. 12.00 noon: Fr Philip will say Mass in the Holy House 2.30 pm: Sprinkling at the Holy Well 4.00 pm: Benediction. All welcome. Please let Fr Philip know if you would like to come.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30: Parish Mass 2.30 pm: Meet at Sparham for last Sunday tour of Norfolk churches this year. On to Elsing, Swanton Morley and Foxley.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30 pm: Mass (said) followed by half an hour of silent prayer/meditation before the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Night Prayer & Benediction.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court & refreshments. 7.00 pm: Tour of Church & Armoury by Fr Philip. £2.00. Refreshments available afterwards. All welcome
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	6.00 pm: annual Mass in St Mary's West Tofts celebrated by the Bishop of Richborough & organised by The Guild of All Souls. Music by the Horatio Singers. Light refreshments after.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30: Parish Mass & Baptism
<b>30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30: Mass (said) followed by a conducted meditation by Fr Philip on the Annunciation of Our Lord – one of the mysteries of the Rosary – before the Blessed Sacrament. This concludes with Benediction.
<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	7.30 pm: Mass (said) followed by 30 minutes of silent prayer, Night Prayer & Benediction

## Fr Philip Writes...

**“As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.... Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

Jesus calls each one of us to witness by our lives to our faith. When we were Baptised and Confirmed we received the gift of the Holy Spirit and every time we say the words ‘Thy kingdom come’ in the Lord’s Prayer we are called to fulfil them and help bring about God’s Kingdom.

I have often told the story of 2 businessmen; one was very keen on playing golf and often begged the other to join him for a game on a Sunday morning, but always received the reply, *“I’m churchwarden of my church; I can’t join you.”* After this had happened a number of times the golfer said, **“Golf means everything to me, so I’ve invited you several times. I take it that church means little to you as not once have you invited me.”**



Dorothy Day was an American writer in the last century who converted to Christianity at the age of 30 after a bohemian lifestyle and became a well-known social reformer. She had often returned from taverns in New York at 6.00 am and began stopping at St Joseph’s church in Sixth Avenue. What attracted her there was the sight of people praying at the early Mass.

She wrote, **“I longed for their faith... so I used to go in and kneel at the back.”**

People at prayer can be a converting experience. We have received the Holy Spirit, so let us use the tools we have for mission:

1. **Prayer** – to pray for people to be led to Jesus and to help us to know him better.
2. **Our voice** – to invite people to worship.
3. **To open our minds** – to the Scriptures and the Blessed Sacrament, where Christ comes to us in this very special way.

We cannot go out from meeting Jesus in Word and Sacrament without a desire to share in “Thy Kingdom Come”.

This month, as well as the daily Mass and daily Morning and Evening Prayer there will be several opportunities to sit or kneel in silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and allow God to speak to us... 3<sup>rd</sup> July (2.00 – 2.30pm); 17<sup>th</sup> July (8.00 – 8.45pm) and 31<sup>st</sup> July (8.00 – 8.45pm). On 30<sup>th</sup> July there will be a conducted meditation on the Annunciation to Mary by Gabriel that she

would be mother of Our Lord.

Many visitors remark that St Mary's Mendlesham is a very special church with a wonderful atmosphere of prayer and mysticism.

It is your parish church and I invite you to come and experience it, even if you have never entered before.



## LOOKING AHEAD...

### MENDLESHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL (Patronal Festival)

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August

7.30 pm: Blessing of our own Real Ale, Sung Mass, Procession of Our Lady, Benediction. Fireworks to music.

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August

9.30: Parish Mass  
2.00pm: Music in the Churchyard with 'Jazz Galore' + Beer Tent, Teas, Bouncy Castle, Hot Dogs, Tombola.

\*Full Details in August Newsletter\*

## Looking Back

**Christian Aid Week** this year raised a record amount: **£1618.64.**

*(House to house collection in Mendlesham:  
URC Coffee Morning:*

*Quiz organised by Val & Les Arnold in Crowfield:*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### HOLY BURIAL

27<sup>th</sup> April

Hazel Rowe

Aged 99

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDESLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2018				
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	Ss PETER & PAUL	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Front Street / Old Orchard
2		9.30	our Enquirers' group	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	ST THOMAS, Apostle	2.30 pm	the sick; Healing Ministry	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	St Elizabeth of Portugal	8.00 am	all who dabble in the occult	Chapel Road
5		9.00	all seeking forgiveness	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		2.30 pm MC	all who feel they are social outcasts	Brockford Road
7		9.30	the General Synod	Glebe Way
8	14th SUNDAY of YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Freelands
9		/	Walsingham pilgrimage	Ducksen Road
10		9.30	The Guild of All Souls	Horsefair Close
11	ST BENEDICT, patron of Europe	8.00 am	the people of Europe	Mason Court
12		9.30	the mission of the Church	Mayfield Way
13		7.00	the Police	Mead Way
14	St Camillus of Lellis	7.30 pm	St Joseph's Centre - its future	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	15th SUNDAY of YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Widdy Close / The Sidings
16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.30	The Society of Mary	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		7.30 pm	the departed: July anniversaries	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		8.00 am	all who are bereaved	Mendlesham Green
19		9.30	a deeper prayer life	Tan Office
20		2.30 pm MC	all Communicants	Outlying houses
21		7.30 pm	Mendlesham School	Farms in Mendlesham
22	16th SUNDAY of YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Local industries
23	ST BRIDGET, co-patron of Europe	9.30	HM the Queen & her Government	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	(of St Christopher)	9.30	all who travel	Mendlesham School and Pre-School
25	ST JAMES, Apostle	9.30	the Diocese	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26	Ss Joachim and Anne	9.30	home and family life	Village Organisation s
27		8.00 am	Friends of Friendless Churches	Fr Philip
28		7.30 pm	the PCC	Other places of Worship
29	17th SUNDAY of YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30		9.30	the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage	Local Doctors and Nurses
31	St Ignatius of Loyola	7.30 pm	Religious orders	Adjoining parishes
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