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Editorial

Welcome to the June issue. Can it really be true? Has the summer weather really come to stay? Let's all make the most of it: enjoying the gardens with their vibrant colours, catching the sunshine and warm breezes, venturing out to the coast. Wow! I do hope it lasts.

Best Wishes
Gemma

SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Andy Davey 07550011831
- Mike Exley tel 766246 (Chairperson) (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Noel Fletcher tel 766968
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- Sabrina Webb

Meetings:

Wednesday 6th June 2018

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

Wednesday 4th July 2018

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

Parish Council: Mendlesham Community Centre and Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity Accounts: year ending 31.3.18.

Please note that these, all audit reports as and when received and a CIL report as at 31.3.18 will be available on the Mendlesham web site before the end of May.

There is an opportunity for exercise of public rights which will be Monday 4th June - Friday 13th July inclusive. Please contact the Parish Clerk as required.

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Michael Kinsey

Parish Meeting 24th April 2018 :

Thank you to everyone who attended, helped, provided presentations, reports and food for the Parish Meeting. What a night. There were over 50 members of the public attended and we all enjoyed hearing about our new clubs, the Writers Club, Photography Club and Art Club and seeing examples of the creative skills some of us have within our community. We then received reports from the School, Mendlesham Charities, Mendlesham Community Council, Parish Council, First Responders, FOMSA, Scouts, Explorers, WI, URC and Friends of St Marys illustrating what a diverse community we have with something for everyone of any age or interest. This does not happen without volunteer support and did not include all organisations/ activities operating within the Parish.

SCC/MSDC Cllr Andrew Stringer provided his County and District reports and answers to those questions such as repairs to potholes and what is happening about the water running down Old Station Road etc. Andrew also provided the introduction to the Village of the Year Awards - Andrew thank you, it would not be such an enjoyable evening without you.

The winner of the Volunteer Award was Paul Allen. Andrew explained that this was very much overdue and that without Paul, Mendlesham would have lost its Post Office several years ago. Paul has also been a Parish Councillor, including Chairperson and his financial expertise has been greatly appreciated and helped ensure that funds have been available as and when required and placed us in a strong



position to take on the larger projects , such as the expansion of the playingfields project. Paul is also a Trustee of the Mendlesham Charities, has provided support to Mendlesham Football Club, operates the bottle bank scheme providing community funds and is a source of help to many individuals and the community. This is always achieved in a very unassuming manner, indeed all Paul could say on the night was that “ he had tried” despite everyone telling him he had succeeded. Thank you Paul.

Cllr Andrew Stringer and Paul Allen

Village of the Year Organisation Award:

This year the award went to the Friends of Mendlesham School Association aka FOMSA.

This is an organisation who last year contributed £6k to the Schools outdoor play equipment project plus provided money for so many things that the children would otherwise not have. In just over a year they have raised £5k. From tea and cake making to organising events such as discos, Christmas and Leavers events for the children to those great community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, which not only fundraise but also add to the quality of life for all ages in Mendlesham, this is an organisation which although has been in existence for many years, also has the



challenge that over a relatively short time period, has a turnover of committee members as children join and leave the school. We cannot say this is all done quietly, but certainly on the night Danni and Alison were totally lost for words. Thank you to all concerned and also to everyone who supports their events.

Danni Fletcher(FOMSA), Tessa Sait (Headteacher), Cllr Andrew Stringer and Alison Millin (FOMSA)

For those of you unable to attend and who contribute to the quality of life in Mendlesham Parish -thank you.

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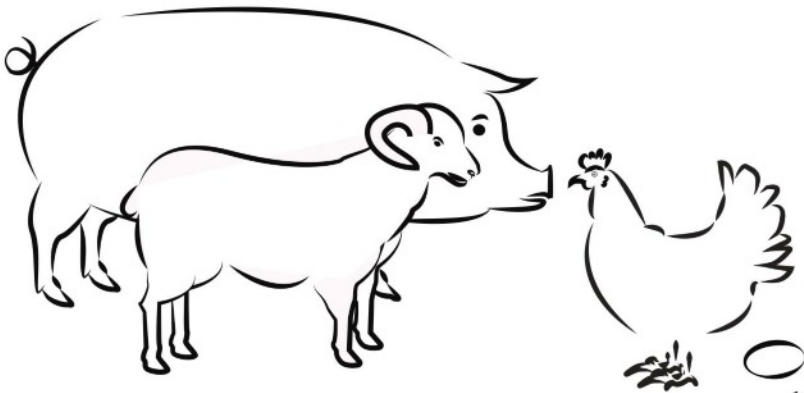
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14th April		21st April	
Drawn at Post Office		Drawn at Galloways	
Mrs Denise Foster	£20	Mrs Barbara Stibbe	£20
Mrs Linda Geyman	£12	Mr Brian Gardiner	£12
Friends of Mendlesham School	£8	Mrs Maria Andrews	£8
Mrs Judy Heard	£4	Mrs Jane Jones	£4
28th April		<p align="center"><u>United Reformed Church</u></p> <p align="center">MURCies Coffee Bar</p> <p align="center">Friday - 8th June 2018</p> <p align="center">10am -12pm</p> <p align="center">Knit and Natter</p> <p align="center">Monday - 11th & 25th</p> <p align="center">June 2018</p> <p align="center">2-4pm</p>	
Drawn at Mother & Toddlers			
Mrs Michelle Bibracher	£20		
Mrs Margaret Brundish	£12		
Mrs Brenda Salisbury	£8		
Mr David Bruce	£4		

Christine Howlett is doing a sponsored **tandem parachute jump** on

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MENDLESHAM OVER 60S – Saturday, 14th April 2018

We had a very successful coffee morning with lots of visitors, who bought a wide variety of scrumptious cakes, had a go on the raffle, cleared the tombola and bought some of the bric-a-brac – all in all a great morning!

MENDLESHAM OVER 60S – April 25th 2018

Val Lawes stood in for Tina today as she is on holiday. She welcomed 47 members to this meeting. We started on a sad note with a minute's silence for Hazel Roe, a former member who has sadly passed away.

Competition schedules were given out for July's flower show and members were urged to start on their crafts.

Our speaker, Mr Stephen Poulter, spoke about Dick Turpin, then told us that an author, Mr Jack Palmer, wrote the book "Rockwood" in the 1800s which glorified Dick Turpin as being a handsome, well dressed robber and romanticized him. There were films and TV series of him, at which point I thought I was pretty thick because I always believed he was real! However, then he continued to tell us about the real Turpin who was a very unsavoury person. He was a butcher and started rustling cattle to make money. He went on to torture and terrorise people in their own homes to relieve them of their treasures and money. He unfortunately misjudged his aim and killed his partner in crime. Rewards were put up for his capture and he was finally traced by his handwriting, which was recognised by his former teacher. He was caught with stolen horses and sentenced to hang. Apparently horses seem to have been more important than human life and robbery, so he was not the hero portrayed in the books and he never rode Black Bess to her death to get to York.

The competition, a picture of an historic person – 1st Denise Foster, 2nd Annette Taylor, 3rd Pat Lockwood.

Next meeting

June 13th – all day outing, leaving the King's Head at 9.30.

We closed the meeting with the National Anthem.



MENDLESHAM WI

A wonderful warm evening greeted the members of Mendlesham WI at the April meeting.

The speaker for the evening was a jovial man from The River Gipping Trust Ltd, Mr Gerry Crease - Trustee

Their mission is to preserve the 17 miles of historic heritage of the Ipswich and Stowupland navigation. To you and I its the river Gipping we know from Stowmarket to Ipswich, you can see parts of it on the A14 as you drive to Ipswich on the right. Did you know the River Gipping rises in Mendlesham? Using slides, Mr. Crease took us on a trip along the River Gipping, from Stowmarket to Ipswich.

The main focus of the group at the moment is to get the section at Pippes Ford cleared and the Locks repaired allowing for the free flow of water. The other project is the foot path between the Locks at Baylham and Creeting, clearing and maintaining it for walkers to enjoy unheeded.

The canal was opened in 1798 and made redundant when the railway came; the last commercial barge sailing in 1900. Historically the waterway was part of the main navigation from Stowmarket to London via Ipswich, used to transport cargo, barges were charged per tonnage that they carried, it took 12 hours down at 1/2 penny per ton but up stream 18 hours 1 penny per ton. But if they picked up Night soil from London it travelled free!

12 of our members competed in the triennial Upper Waveney Exhibition at Hempsall with very commendable results. Beryl Clark was awarded a trophy for her limerick about the Broads.

We were proud to read about Joan Hill, one of our members in the Let's Talk publication telling of her love of singing and of the WI Denman College in Oxfordshire.

The competition was for a photograph of a river. Competition results = 1st Jill Baker, 2nd Shirley Furze, 3rd Enid Lambert.

Our next meeting will be on the 19th June the speaker is David Webb talking about his life as a "Hi De Hi" yellow coat. Meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Mendlesham Community Centre Small Hall.

The competition will be 'A seaside holiday postcard.'

All welcome



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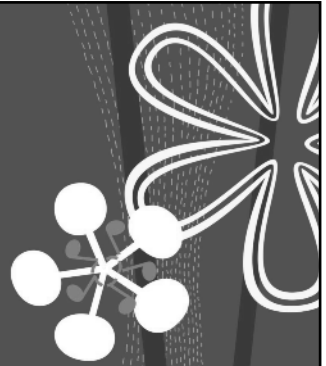
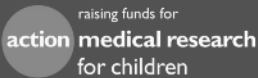
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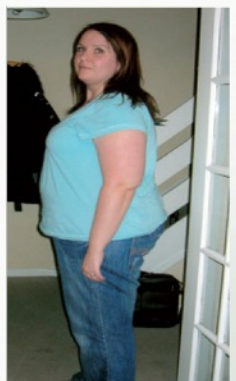
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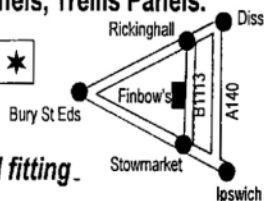
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Obituary

Hazel Mary Rowe. 1919 - 2018.

Born in Regent Street, Stowmarket, Hazel had to leave school, aged only 11 years, to care for her invalid mother and help look after three brothers. So began a life of hard work dedicated to others. However, there were many joys in her life, beginning with her marriage to the late John and the arrival of her two daughters. Following the emigration of her elder daughter, Hazel took trips to Australia to visit. She was a devoted grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. Probably best remembered as a former landlady of the Fleece at Mendlesham, she served a mix of customers there for nearly 17 years. A long, contented and hardworking life was enhanced by her quiet faith and she loved attendance at the U.R.C. chapel, where her funeral was held.



*Photography courtesy of Geoff Clarke
Mendlesham village Recorder.*

On a wet and windy day at Mendlesham Primary School, Suffolk County Councillor Mr Andrew Stringer presented a projector to Mrs Gillian Hendry who is the Education Officer for the Suffolk East and Ipswich Branch of the RSPCA.

Mrs Hendry thanked Mr Stringer and said the equipment will help her greatly with her work promoting the welfare of animals to organisations in the community who do not have access to a projector.

Mr Hendry, who is a Trustee of the charity, also thanked Councillor Stringer for readily supporting the charity by obtaining the funding from his Councillor Locality Budget.

Mr Hendry also said if there is any organisation in the local RSPCA area who feel they would benefit from a talk they can

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Pooling Resources!

Michael was a very dear friend for many years, whose company we valued greatly. I first knew the family through his father, who was Moderator to the Congregational Churches in Yorkshire, to whom I turned when first sensing a call to become a minister.

I then came across Michael a good many years later when I was appointed a minister in the South Leeds Team Ministry. I discovered he was a person of many talents, especially the fact that he was an excellent Chef – in fact he was employed at Armley Jail responsible for feeding the staff each day. But he also put this talent to good use by fund-raising for a choir he was heavily involved in. This involved taking over someone's kitchen and providing a meal for their invited guests, who made a contribution towards the work of the choir that, in the end, gained an international reputation.

To this end, Jayne and myself would be invited round to his home a few weeks before one of these events, and he would 'experiment' with us so that he could test out his menus before taking it 'on the road'. We didn't mind being guinea pigs as his meals were excellent and of an extremely high standard – the only downside was that we had to offer 'constructive criticism' so that he could gauge what modifications might be deemed necessary (but he knew that I was no Mary Berry!!)

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After enjoying their gourmet cooking on numerous occasions, we felt it only right that we should extend an invitation to come to our home for a meal. I was on dessert duty, and chose a bread and butter pudding – and expressed amazement at the transformation that had taken place courtesy of the oven. We clearly couldn't achieve anywhere near the standards that Michael had produced, but what we offered was out of a deep sense of love and gratitude for his friendship. Nervously we watched him eat, and somewhat relieved that he graciously complimented us on our efforts.

As well as being an excellent cook, Michael was also blessed with a musical gift, both playing the piano and composing music. For myself I could strum a guitar of sorts, and have been known to play a comb wrapped in paper, but the one thing that I could offer was to sing – and we were able to combine our talents to good effect for the enrichment of ourselves, as well as the many audiences we entertained.

When I was invited by a Churches Together Group in Leeds to lead a session on 'Temptation' for their Lent Study, I wrote a dialogue that began in the Garden of Eden, and concluded with a meditation on the Cross where Jesus said: 'My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?!' (*Matthew 27: 46*), I eagerly turned to Michael and explained that I wanted music to link the various sections and hold it all together – and he didn't disappoint, offering music that complimented the dialogue so that the presentation spoke to people at different levels..

It is a timely reminder as we celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Church, that the Apostle Paul affirms that there are variety of skills and talents, which are distributed in different degrees of ability, but each have been given to achieve a purpose in life and to be a blessing. This is what he wrote to the Church in Corinth:

'There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same Lord. There are varieties of activity, but in all of them and in everyone the same God is active. In each of us the Spirit is seen to be at work for some useful purpose. But all these gifts are the activity of the one and the same Spirit, distributing them to each individual at will. [*1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 11 (part) REB*]

Elsewhere he insists that these gifts are meant to be given equal status – no one gift is more important than the other – and that they should be shared for the benefit of all. It is only when gifts and talents are pooled that we can begin to achieve much in the service of our Lord.

God Bless.

Chris

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

JAM

(Jesus and me)

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then

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SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address
3rd June: JAM (Jesus & Me) for children of all ages in the Old School – then into church at 10.00

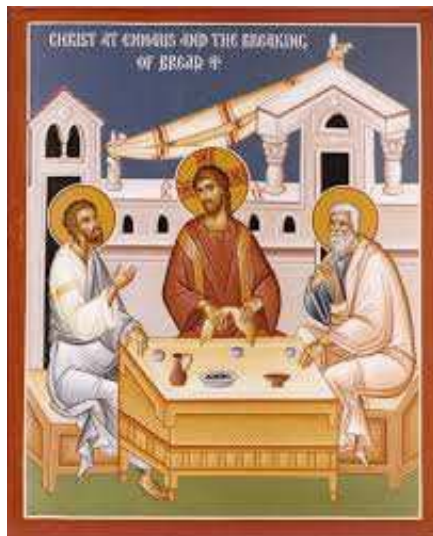
Saturdays: 7.30 pm First Mass of Sunday except 2nd June: 9.30 am

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, except 2nd June *or contact Fr Philip.*



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

1st June	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court & refreshments: all welcome 7.00 pm: Guided Tour of St Mary's church and unique armoury by Fr Philip, starting with the exterior. No bookings required, but small charge of £2 to Friends of St Mary's for tour. Refreshments available. All welcome
2nd June	9.30 am: First Mass of Sunday – nb change of time. 2.30 pm: Tour of 3 round towered churches. Meet at Pentlow (Essex) and on to Little Bradley (Suffolk) & Bartlow (Cams)
3rd June	CORPUS CHRISTI 9.30: Sung Mass, Procession & Benediction. JAM for children in Old School room
7th June	2.30 pm: Mass, laying-on of hands & anointing for healing. All welcome
12th June	9.30: Requiem (said): June anniversaries
15th June	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court & refreshments: all welcome
17th June	9.30: Parish Mass 2.30 pm: Tour of Norfolk Churches. Meet at Ingoldisthorpe & on to Snettisham, Heacham & Sedgeford
24th June	BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 9.30: Parish Mass 3.30 pm: Evensong at Corpusty, Norfolk (a redundant church saved by the Friends of Friendless Churches & now leased to the Norfolk Churches Trust) – conducted by Fr Philip
28th June	EVE OF Ss PETER & PAUL 7.30pm: Mass (said) 8.00 – 8.45 pm: Silent prayer & meditation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament 8.45pm: Night Prayer & Benediction
29th June	Ss PETER & PAUL 2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court & refreshments 7.30 pm: Concert in church – The Edmund Octet – arranged by the Friends of St Mary's
1st July	Observance of Ss Peter & Paul

Fr Philip Writes...

“This is what I received from the Lord and in turn passed on to you...”

The feast of Corpus Christi is a day of thanksgiving for Holy Communion. When we celebrate the Mass Christ is present in a special way and we re-enact the death by which he saved us. One of the Gospels appointed for Corpus Christi (Luke 9 v 11-17) gives the feeding of the 5,000 a Eucharistic significance, for Luke uses the same words at the Last Supper and the Emmaus story: **“Jesus took bread... blessed... broke... and gave.”** At every Mass the Church continues the mission of Jesus to touch, heal and feed the people of God. On the first day of the week - the day of Jesus’ Resurrection - the early Christians met to break bread - and from that day to our own the Mass has been the centre of the Church’s life. We are the new people of God and Jesus is in our midst when we hear his voice in the scriptures. These words are not dead but living words to inspire and challenge us. Then we are nourished by food – the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus said, **“Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall not have life in you.”** (John 6 v 53) At the end of the Mass of Corpus Christi we have a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to remind us we are sent out as bearers of Christ’s life to others. At Mass we are able to enter into deep intimacy with Jesus in Holy Communion. It helps us to live as Jesus lived, willing to go out to others.



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The month of June is dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The heart

symbolises God’s love which is free and cannot be forced – and by loving us so completely, God takes the risk that this love may not be received. God offers us the gifts of forgiveness and mercy, but for some mysterious reason we find it hard to receive, probably because we want to control our lives and hold on to the reins and put ourselves in the centre.

50 years ago some Belgian divers discovered the wreck of the Spanish warship ‘Girona’ off the coast of Ireland which sank at the time of the Armada. One of the treasures they found was a man’s wedding ring with a human hand



clutching a heart. Etched on the gold band was a hand holding a heart. Around the ring was a moving inscription in Spanish: **'No Tengo Mas Que Darte' ... "I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO GIVE YOU."** Jesus on the Cross gave us everything he had.... He, too had nothing more to give us.

Looking Back

Our Lent Boxes raised £308.55 for the Additional Curates Society, with another £50 given after Lent.

The collection for the N Yorks Air Ambulance at the Requiem for James Telford-Taylor raised £127.00

The Friends of St Mary's raised £569.39 at the May Street Fayre from the stall, teas & Armoury tours.

THANK YOU to Paul Allen for your hospitality at The King's Head after the May procession & to Anthony Piggott for lending & driving the float.

LOOKING AHEAD

MENDLESHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL (Patronal Festival)

Friday 17th August

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

Sunday 19th August

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BURIAL

11th May

Donald Neil Fraser

Aged 92

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2018

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	St Justin	2.30 pm MC	persecuted Christians	Front Street and Old Orchard
2	Ss Marcellinus & Peter	9.30	Communicants	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	CORPUS CHRISTI	9.30	Parish & Congregation	Mill Road
4		9.30	our Enquirers' Group	Hobbies Lane
5	St Boniface	9.30	HM Queen & her Government	Chapel Road
6		8.00 am	all preparing for Baptism & Confirmation	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
7	EVE OF SACRED HEART	2.30 pm	the sick; Ministry of Healing	Brockford Road
8	MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.30	all who have lapsed or are searching for faith	Glebe Way
9		7.30 pm	Friends of St Mary's	Freelands
10	10th of year B	9.30	Parish & Congregation	Ducksen Road
11	St Barnabas	9.30	ministry of healing & deliverance	Horsefair Close
12		9.30	the departed - June anniversaries	Mason Court
13	St Anthony of Padua	8.00 am	our bishops	Mayfield Way
14		9.30	forgiveness & reconciliation	Mead Way
15		2.30 pm MC	home & family life	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Cl / Schools Cl / Middy Cl
16		7.30 pm	the future of St Joseph's Centre	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	11th of year B	9.30	Parish & Congregation	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		9.30	all consumed with greed	Mendlesham Green
19		9.00	all who do evil	Tan Office
20	St Alban	8.00 am	the conversion of England	Outlying houses
21	Ss Aloysius	SB	Guild of All Souls' Day Conference	Farms in Mendlesham
22	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More	9.30	Walsingham	Local industries
23	EVE OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	7.30 pm	St John Ambulance	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST			
24	BAPTIST	9.30	Parish & Congregation	Mendlesham School and Pre-School
25		9.30	peace of the world	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		9.30	Forward in Faith & The Society	Village Organisations
27		8.00 am	vocations to the priesthood	Fr Philip
28	EVE OF Ss PETER & PAUL	7.30 pm	Parish & Congregation	Other places of Worship
29	Ss PETER & PAUL	2.30 pm MC	all being ordained at Petertide	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30	1st Martyrs of Rome	7.30 pm	Additional Curates' Society	Local Doctors and Nurses

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