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Editorial

Welcome to the May issue. How amazing that despite the miserable weather the Spring bulbs have resolutely pushed up through the cold damp earth to show their wonderful vibrant colours. Behind the scenes volunteers have been working hard towards the annual Street Fayre on the 7th of May to provide an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Please support the event as all profits are ploughed back into local community projects.

Best Wishes
Gemma

SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Noel Fletcher tel 766968
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- Helen Orton tel 767741
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- Sabrina Webb

Meetings:

Wednesday 18th April 2018

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

Tuesday 24th April 2018

7.30pm Small Hall, Mendlesham, Annual Parish Meeting.

Wednesday 16th May 2018

7pm Annual Parish Council meeting 7pm followed by:

AGM for Mendlesham Community Centre Charity

AGM for Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity

7.30pm or after the above Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting

Wednesday 6th June 2018

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



MENDLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
STREET FAYRE

MONDAY 7TH MAY 2018
OLD MARKET STREET, MENDLESHAM
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The May Princess this year is Lexi Brundell and her attendants are Ella-Sophia Lambert and Bella Roshier

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Saturday 12 May

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Wednesday 13 June

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Parish Council:

New play equipment at Mendlesham Green Playingfields:

We have received grant confirmations of £2000 from Mendlesham Community Council, £500 from Mendlesham Educational Charity and £2500 from MSDC Cllr Stringer and his locality budget. This means we now have £15,000 committed and need to find just over another £7,000 before instructing work. We are currently in the process of investigating the possible source for this funding requirement.

Mendlesham
Baby and Toddler Group

Meets in the large hall of the Community Centre.
Tuesday and Thursday Mornings
9:15 - 11:30



Come and join us for a drink, snack, activities and a large space to play in.

Contact Sabrina on 07809878834
if you would like further information.



**MENDLESHAM
CAMERA CLUB**



The Camera Club will meet on Tuesday, May 1st at 7.30pm in the Old School Room. Our photo challenge will be 'old and new' - use your imagination! We will view the pictures on the screen and discuss, followed by a cup of coffee and then a presentation about black and white photography.

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:

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You may even spot some of our photos on display at the Street Fayre.

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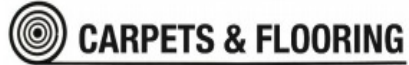
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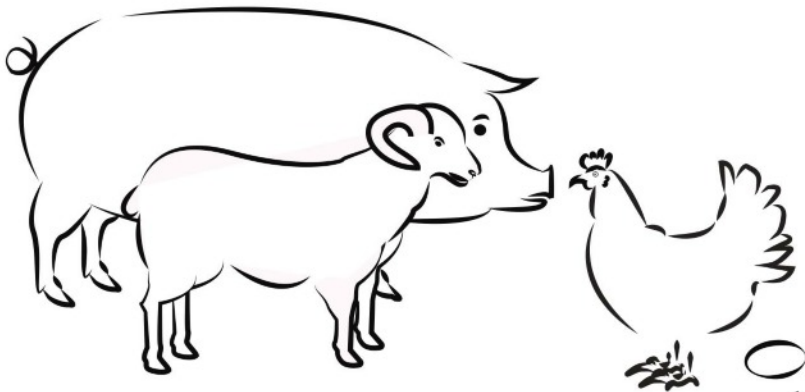
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Mrs Donna Brown	£8	Mrs Maggie Knock	£8
Mrs Eileen Clements	£4	Mrs Chris Hame	£4
17th March		24th March	
Drawn at Galloways		Drawn at Mothers & Toddlers	
Mrs Jean Martin	£20	Mrs Beryl Clark	£20
Mrs Lisa Mauwert	£12	Mr Alastair Woodley	£12
Friends of St Mary's	£8	Mrs Louise Shepperd	£8
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MENDLESHAM OVER 60s - March 10th 2018

Our annual dinner was held at the Cedars Hotel. We boarded the coach at the Kings Head at 4.45 pm for the journey to Stowmarket. Fifty-six members attended and the meal was delicious as usual. Tony Weston entertained with a country and sixties sing-along. Ken Abbott received the Margaret Cooper shield for most points awarded in our monthly competitions. Tina thanked everyone for coming. Marcel led the singing of the Anthem before all were safely taken home. A good evening was had by all.

March 28th 2018

Tina welcomed forty-six members to this meeting. The meeting was delayed as Galloway had not sent the minibus to pick up some members. Michael and Teresa from The Hearing Care Centre gave a short introduction to this independent company before the business of the AGM was discussed. A referral from a GP is not needed to attend The Hearing Care Centre. They have all makes of hearing aids and can offer service and repairs. The company has registered Audiologists who treat all hearing difficulties. To have one ear syringed costs £40 and for two £90. Members were given a 'goody bag' to take home.

Paul Allen gave an account of the group's finances. Ruth Ager and Ken Abbott stepped down as committee members. Tina thanked them for their hard work. Two new members were appointed to the committee; Jean Martin and Janet Huggins. Tina Pipe remains as Chairperson, Paul Allen as Treasurer and Annette Taylor as Secretary.

Next Meeting: is on May 30th; speaker Colin Harper, "History of Cards".

The competition: - a card game.

The ladies of Mendlesham WI were disappointed that the Sushi Man cancelled at the last minute but our President Anita Scruby rose to the challenge of getting a new speaker in a very short period of time, what wonderful speakers she found. Anita is a spinner, yes that traditional skill of turning fleece into strands of wool to knit with, she called on her fellow spinners from the Clopton Spinners and Weavers to ask if anyone could stand in. Julie and Linda came along brining their spinning wheels with them and gave a wonderful talk and demonstration. We learned that the names for parts of the equipment were bizarre a bobbin is a Niddy Noddy or a Lazy Kate. Well done to Anita and the spinners for a great evenings entertainment and education.

The competition was an item from Japan, 1st was Enid Lambert, 2nd Joan Rodgers and 3rd Ruth Orchard.

The next meeting will be Resolutions, Taters, Toppings and Tarts.

The competition will be flowers in a small cream jug.

Mendlesham Community Center Small Hall on the 15th May at 7.30pm.

All welcome

COMMUNITY COUNCIL STREET FAYRE

Come and support the 38th annual Street Fayre on Monday 7th May. The Fayre will start at 12 noon with a procession of The May Princess who this year is Lexi Brundell and her attendants Ella-Sophia Lambert and Bella Roshier, and the Church May Queen accompanied by Stowmarket Boys Brigade Band. Old Market Street will be closed to traffic and full of stalls selling crafts, bric a brac, plants, jewellery and tickets for our Grand Draw. Throughout the afternoon there will be live music on stage from the 'The Emmatones', the Suffolk School of Samba and Dancers; East Suffolk Morris Men, Clog dancing from the Haughley Hoofers and the Tricky Twister to entertain the children. Visit Wings Elite Birds of Prey playing field; and the Craft Fayre in the Community Hall; the popular Hog Roast, Bygone farm machinery and the famous Armoury in St. Mary's Church will be open. This year the Mix in Stowmarket are bringing their portable skate park for you to try with instruction for children and adults! Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Grand Draw with some great prizes. List of sponsors in the April magazine. You will find plenty of refreshments, Hot Dogs provided by Scouts, Teas, Sandwiches & Cakes provided by the WI, Toddler Group & Preschool and both churches. Entry is by programme Adults £2.00 before the day. £3 on the day. Under 16's free. Available from Mendlesham Shop and cubs door to door. To book a space in the street contact Angela on 766483. (No more food outlets needed).

The money raised each year supports village charities, the school and the community.



Easter Treasure Hunt Friends of Mendlesham School Association



A big thank you to everyone that came to our Easter Treasure Hunt in the village woods on Good Friday. We had 48 families complete the hunt with 79 adults and 99 children taking part.

Everyone had to find 12 famous ducks, chickens and sheep hidden in the woods. Every child that entered received a prize and all correct entries then went into a draw for 3 prize hampers.

Easter refreshments were on sale and we also had a 'Where in the Woods?' Treasure Map game.

We were very lucky with the weather as it stayed dry throughout.

Our Winners

1st prize

2nd prize

3rd prize

Where in the
Woods Treasure
Map Game



We raised a brilliant £484.47 for the School to go towards further developing the playground for the children.

Thank you to Karon Sanders at the Stackyard Nursery; Penny, Community Champion at Tesco, Stowmarket; The Community Council; The Hadleigh Show and The Partyman Play Centre, Ipswich all for donating items that we used for prizes.

We would also to thank everyone that made refreshments and all those who helped on the day.

Finally, we would like to thank The Parish Council for giving us permission to use the Woodland as well a massive thank you to Karon and Simon Sanders and Amanda Thomas for letting us use the Stackyard Nursery to host the event. Once again, many thanks for everyone's support in making a lovely morning whilst supporting the school.

Kind regards, FOMSA (Friends of Mendlesham School Association)

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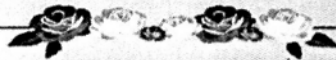
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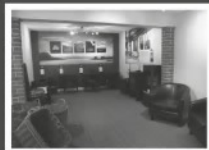


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Community Infrastructure payments:

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new, fixed rate payment that councils (MSDC) can charge on new buildings in their area to off-set the impacts of additional homes and businesses on facilities such as roads, schools, open space and health centres (infrastructure) and to enable sustainable growth. Section 106 legal agreements are used alongside CIL to secure on-site infrastructure and things that are not infrastructure, such as affordable housing. More information about this can be found on the Mid Suffolk District Council web site

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy-and-section-106/community-infrastructure-levy-cil/>

As Mendlesham has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, we receive 25% rather than the 15% we would have received without a Neighbourhood Plan, from any CIL received for development within the parish. Currently we have only been allocated £67 CIL money, but note that we will receive £154k S106 money from the Station Fields development which was approved before the new CIL arrangements came into place and there will be significant CIL funds due to the Parish as planning applications are approved and commenced.

The majority of the CIL income received is retained by the District Council to spend on infrastructure to support development in the area. The infrastructure types they intend to spend CIL on are detailed in the Regulation 123 lists (see MSDC Web) although we understand that parishes will also be able to apply for these funds for suitable projects.

As a Parish, we have to spend these monies, plus any other public moneys received, in accordance with statutory powers and within five years of receipt. Currently our statutory powers are wider than normal because we hold a Power of Competence which requires a minimum number of Councillors standing for Council at election and a qualified clerk. However, whilst we would hope we would hold this power in the future, circumstances may dictate otherwise.

As part of the consultations held last October about the development of Mendlesham Parish, we asked for resident views on how the Mendlesham 25% of CIL should be spent. We had 53 responses providing a ranking of different priorities. Thank you for all of you who provided your thoughts.

The lower the ranking/score, the higher the priority of spend. The results were:
149 Community Centre and Playingfield site.
205 Mendlesham's Woodland
230 Grants to village organisations
248 Bus shelter
250 Footpath clearing
254 50 50 shop replacement
266 Allotments
291 Battery storage
303 Village entrance gates

The ethos behind CIL funding is that it is provided to offset the needs of the community further to new development such as new infrastructure and services of benefit to the residents. Whilst Mendlesham Parish Council has the power of competence, this could be widened, but there are CIL spending legal requirements which would mean grants to village organisations would be administratively difficult and may be not fit into the requirements.

Mendlesham is very fortunate in that Mendlesham Community Council are available to consider grant requests from organisations and in the event of an organisation in danger of folding, Mendlesham Parish Council would help, not necessarily with providing running cost funding, but with experience, skills and how to overcome the cause of the problem as with a few years ago now when the Toddler Group was under threat of folding.

Further to the consultation results and evidence obtained via the community requirements from Neighbourhood Plan work, Mendlesham Parish Council has agreed that Mendlesham CIL monies will be spent on projects for the Mendlesham Community Centre and Playingfield site and Mendlesham's Woodland on the basis that these sites, which are available for all to use, will need to provide the amenities for residents of the new dwellings or those living nearby, to offset the consequences of new development.

For those of you living in Mendlesham Green and outlying properties, both these sites already provide you with services and amenities and will be of benefit to you. Projects at Mendlesham Green may need to be funded from another source such as the defibrillator coming from Precept monies or can be considered as and when this decision re Mendlesham CIL spend is reviewed.

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Whilst Mendlesham is still the first parish in Mid Suffolk District to have an adopted Neighbourhood Plan (NP), despite our aspirations in March 2017 that the job was done when the plan was adopted, government statements and further requirements since December 2016 meant that a decision was made that we needed to immediately revise the NP to include sites for the future growth of Mendlesham to cover the period ending 2036.

Since June 2017, a huge amount of work has been completed, including work by residents to provide feedback and further information. We have held the October 2017 consultation events, draft documents and proposals have been produced, reports commissioned and now awaited, including a new Housing Needs Survey further to the questionnaires completed in January, plus meetings held with officers from Mid Suffolk District Council.

Whilst the revised plan documents may need to be revised further as consultation and the legal processes to adopt the revised plan occur, we hope that they will now help to provide answers to resident concerns and provide a clear indication of the views of residents and Mendlesham Parish Council. See <http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/mendlesham-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/april-2018-revision/>

Please also note that with the exception of one site in Mendlesham village, all of the other Mendlesham village sites are currently being built or have planning permission to do so. The new site proposed will need to deliver some defined community objectives and would be scheduled to start after five years.

Please also note that there is a proposal for a small site at Mendlesham Green, with the aim to provide a few affordable dwellings for local people. This would be on land owned by the Parish Council, is very much a project in its infancy with detailed information to still be obtained before any decisions are made.

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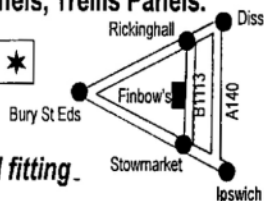
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OBITUARIES

Don Handscombe – 1918 - 2018

Don was born in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, and moved to Hockley in Essex as a farm manager. He served as an Auxilier in WW2 – part of a unit formed on Winston Churchill's orders to carry out sabotage in the event of a German invasion. He was selected for his local knowledge, resourcefulness and composure and was sent to Coleshill House, Oxford, for training as a Patrol Leader. Whilst in Hockley he experienced Anglo-Catholic worship, which influenced the rest of his life. He and his wife Audrey moved to Thorndon in 1976 and latterly attended St Mary's Mendlesham. He and Audrey moved to Seckford Homes in Woodbridge and became house Communicants. Some time after Audrey's death Don moved to Barking, where he died just short of his 100th birthday.

Beryl Clarke – 1925 - 2018

Beryl was born in Eye and worked at Eye hospital, first as a Matron's maid and then as a nurse. She met Spencer in Eye and they were married in St Peter & Paul church by Fr Donald Rae. They had eight children and in 1952 moved to Horsefair Close, Mendlesham, where she lived for 66 years. In 1976 she joined the Red Cross. Her life was devoted to caring for others. Mrs M Smith, Red Cross Link Group organizer wrote: "Over the years Beryl has helped bring pleasure to many disabled people through her work with Eye disabled club and by helping on the holidays the Red Cross organized for adult disabled people.... Beryl was someone who got on with the job quickly and efficiently..." Beryl's last years were riddled with illness, but she always remained cheerful and was concerned about other people. She died in Barham Care Home.

Mendlesham Chapel

Minister: The Rev`d Chris Wood Tel No: 01449678173



SERVICES FOR MAY

6th 4.00pm Mrs. Veda Berriman

13th 10.45am Mr. Clive Herrod

27th 10.45am Mrs. Nicola Glasse

Afternoon Fellowship 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 2.30 pm

2nd Mrs. June Moss 16th Rev. Chris Wood

MURCies coffee bar 2nd Friday 10.00 – 12.00 (11th)

Mums coffee morning 9.00-11.00 am Monday 14th only

Knit & Natter 2.00-4.00 pm Monday 14th only

The Chapel will be open on 7th May during the Street Fair for tea and coffee

The Meeting of Hearts!

I recently heard an account of a Refugee who had had to escape a war-ravaged country with his wife and older children, and, eventually found refuge in Huddersfield West Yorkshire (*close to where I was brought up*). He recalled that he had an influential job as a lecturer in a prominent University in Syria, but also spoke of his great passion as a bee-keeper. He smiled warmly as he recalled the 500 plus hives, and the number of people he was able to employ.

He spoke of the pain of having to leave everything behind, his home, members of his family, his job, his hobby as not only had his livelihood been threatened, but his life and that of his family also. He fled not knowing where they would go, or where they would find welcome. Eventually they found themselves in England, where they received a generous welcome and hospitality, and the means to put down roots.

His expressions fluctuated from one of pain and sadness to a serene smile, but by far his best facial expression was reserved when he recalled being invited to become a member of the local Bee-Keeping Society. It took two years – but the wait was clearly worth it! It signified that he and his family had been accepted within their community, and no longer considered ‘cumer-in-ers’ (*it’s a Yorkshire expression but equivalent saying about that refers to a person that has come in from somewhere else*).

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Not only has he brought his own expertise to the Society, but he has negotiated with a charity to set up a community partnership scheme with the help of the Local Authority which aims to develop bee-keeping in the area for the benefit of all. The Local Authority have loaned land to the Community Partnership Scheme which is by the side of the canal for the hives, a charity has donated plants and seeds that will encourage bees, schools are involved in preparing the ground and planting, and another organisation is encouraging people to sign up to the Project.

The wonderful thing being developed is a place where young and old; unemployed and adults with learning difficulties, local residents and refugees are all working and learning together, and discovering new skills as well as enjoying good company and lots of fresh air! One group were seen building the hives, while another were painting them, and another placing the hives in allocated places. This is only the beginning of the Project, which will develop through the production, bottling and creation of dishes with locally produced honey.

The article drew to a close by illustrating a vast array of Syrian dishes that contained home produced honey. One of which looked like a yogurt made with Yorkshire milk as its main ingredient. He was asked for the recipe of this amazing dish but gracefully declined saying 'it was a secret'. He was asked what the Yorkshire milk brought to his Syrian dish, to which he readily replied: 'the Yorkshire milk is its heart'. I took it that it was his way of saying that the folk around him had opened their hearts in a generous welcome, and his own heart had been repaired and transformed thus enabling him to respond in like generosity.

I was reminded through this retelling of a life-changing experience, of a key passages of scripture, where St. Paul writes: 'The Lord comforts us in all our troubles, so that we, in turn may be able to comfort others in any trouble of theirs and to share with them the comfort we ourselves receive from God'. (2 Corinthians 1: 4). Equally we might say: 'we are able to love others because we have first known love'.

We know that throughout the earthly life of Jesus Christ, He sought to reveal the very nature of God through His presence, His Word as well as His acceptance of all, which was expressed through loving deeds especially to the poor, the disadvantaged and the 'outsider'. He encourages all those who would follow in His Way to do likewise that the Kingdom of Heaven may be revealed on earth as it is in Heaven. May we endeavour to follow in these footsteps so that hearts might meet and flourish.

God Bless.

Chris

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

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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**Daphne LeGrys
May**



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of our services.

SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address

6th May:

JAM (Jesus & Me) for children of
all ages in the Old School – then
into church at 10.00

11.15: May Procession

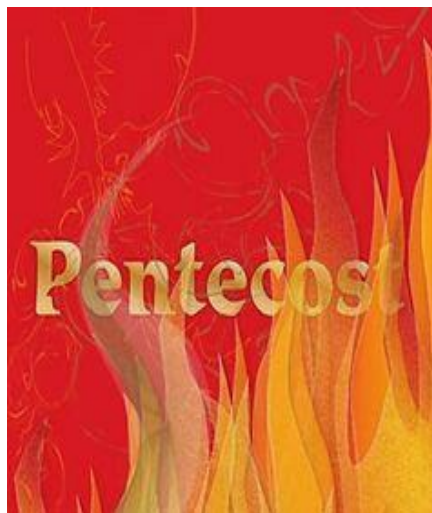
Saturdays: 7.30 pm First Mass of
Sunday except 5th May: no Mass

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 5th May or contact Fr Philip.



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

*Due to a family funeral yet to be arranged, one Mass time will have to change this month. Please check bulletin & porch notice

6th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE: MAY FIESTA 9.30: Parish Mass: Crowning of the May Queen. JAM in Old School, then to church at 10.00 11.15 approx: May Procession around village to The King's Head, where Paul will kindly offer his usual generous hospitality. Shared lunch in church afterwards
7th May	Street Fayre Day. 9.30: Mass (said). Church open all day: 2.30-4.30pm: Armoury open
10th May	ASCENSION DAY 2.00pm: Silent Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament 2.30pm: Mass, laying-on of hands & anointing for healing
11th May	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court, followed by refreshments
12th May	Tour of Round Towered churches. Meet at Norton Subcourse, then on to Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe & Haddiscoe
13th May	9.30: Parish Mass 12.00 noon: PCC lunch & meeting
14th May	ST MATTHIAS 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm: Vigil of Silent Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Mission – “Thy Kingdom Come”
16th May	7.30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation at Stowmarket. Re-admission of Andrew Fleming and Hazel Spalding as churchwardens
20th May	PENTECOST – WHITSUNDAY (End of Eastertide) 9.30: Parish Mass 2.30 pm: Tour of Norfolk Churches. Meet at Reymerston & on to Hardingham, Kimberley & Carlton Forehoe
21st May	9.30: Requiem Mass – May Anniversaries
24th May	7.30 pm: Deanery Synod - Bacton
25th May	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court, followed by refreshments
28th May	NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM :see porch notice
31st May	VISITATION OF OUR LADY> 7.30 pm Sung Mass & Meeting of Walsingham Cell

Fr Philip Writes...

Whitsun, or Pentecost – the end of Eastertide (20th May) is the birthday of the Church. On

that day the apostles and disciples of Jesus received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit did not give the apostles any gifts they did not already have. Let us take, for example, the season of Spring. Spring does not give anything to the trees, but it does bring out what is already within them in a germinal state. What the Holy Spirit did to the apostles and disciples was to awaken them to gifts God had already given

them. The Holy Spirit imbued them with courage and boldness so they were able to overcome their fear and timidity.



They were transformed from a group huddled together in fear of each other and the world at large to become a people with a mission and message for the world. After Pentecost the disciples were truly living witnesses for Jesus. The Holy Spirit has been given to us, too. Just as Spring enables trees to blossom and grow from what appears to be dead, so the Holy Spirit enables us to be fruitful disciples of the Lord.

The feast of Pentecost brings home to us that God calls us to a deep personal relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit is ‘breathed on us’ at our Baptism and Confirmation. At Baptism we were made members of Christ’s Body – the Church – and at Confirmation we were given the power of God to bear fruit in our Christian life. The question is: “Are we open to it?”

An insurance company held a cornerstone-laying ceremony for its new building/ Among the items sealed in a capsule to be opened 50 years hence were predictions by civic leaders. Before they were placed in the capsule the leaders read them to the crowd. One prediction surprised everyone:

“50 years from now... men and women will still struggle for happiness which will continue to lie within themselves...”

That happiness is Christ's peace that he gave to his disciples. Happy are those who open their hearts to the peace of Christ.

May is traditionally known as 'Mary's Month'. She is our prime example of openness to the Holy Spirit. She rates a special mention at Pentecost and she was the only person present at DAY ONE – from the conception of Jesus, through his childhood, adolescence, his early adulthood, his public ministry and at the foot of the Cross – right through to Pentecost, the birth of the Church.



On this great feast we must ask ourselves:

- **Have I asked the Holy Spirit to fill me with peace and love?**
- **How will I reveal the gifts of the Holy Spirit today?**

These gifts are already within us, waiting to be released... Are we open to them?

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 13th – 19th May

For more than 70 years Christian Aid has been helping change the lives of people, of all faiths and none, living in poverty around the world.



There will be the usual door-to-door collection, URC coffee morning and churn in church. Mendlesham people have always responded very well.

Please give as generously as you can.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BURIAL

15 th March	Donald (Don) Arthur Handscombe	Aged 99
6 th April	Beryl Ellen Clarke	Aged 92

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDESLEHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2018

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	St Joseph the Workman	SB	all workers	Front Street and Old Orchard
2	St Athanasius	SB	Forward in Faith	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	Ss PHILIP & JAMES	SB	Bishop Norman	Mill Road
4	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SB	persecuted Christians	Hobbies Lane
5		SB	future of St Joseph's Centre	Chapel Road
6	6th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE /			
6	MAY FIESTA	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
7		9.30	the Street Favre	Brockford Road
8		9.30	all in prison	Glebe Way
9		8.00	our Enquirers' group	Freelands
10	OF ASCENSION	2.30 pm	the sick; Healing Ministry	Ducksden Road
11		2.30 pm MC	the ministry of Deliverance	Horsefair Close
12		7.30 pm	mission and outreach	Mason Court
13	ASCENSION SUNDAY	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mayfield Way
14	ST MATTHIAS	9.30	the mission of Christ's Church	Mead Way
15		9.30	Christian Aid	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Cl / Schools Cl / Middy Cl
16		9.30	mission	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		8.00 am	mission	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		9.30	mission	Mendesham Green
19		7.30 pm	mission	Tan Office
20	PENTECOST	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Outlying houses
21		9.30	the departed - May anniversaries	Farms in Mendesham
22	(Readings: Week 7)	9.30	the Shrine at Walsingham	Local industries
23		8.00 am	all Communicants	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	Our Lady, help of Christians	9.30	the Society of Mary	Mendesham School and Pre-School
25	St Bede the Venerable	2.30 pm MC	all teachers	SMF - Patrons of Mendesham
26	St Philip Neri	7.30 pm	our prayer life	Village Organisations
27	TRINITY SUNDAY	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Fr Philip
28		8.00 am	the National Pilgrimage to Walsingham	Other places of Worship
29		9.30	peace of the world	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30		8.00 am	all who are bereaved	Local Doctors and Nurses
31	VISITATION OF OUR LADY	7.30 pm	home and family life	Adjoining parishes

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