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**6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

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Mendlesham.

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Meg Clarke

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**Editorial**

*Welcome to the June issue. As we move onwards through the summer there are more days of warm sunny weather but mother nature has not forgotten the rain to keep the food crops going. Whether taking part in local events or venturing further afield enjoy the many activities on offer.*

*Best Wishes  
Gemma*

## SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Matthew Charters
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- Denise Foster tel 768978
- Norman Foster tel 768978
- Brian Gardiner tel 766648
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- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562
- Sabrina Webb

### Meetings:

**Wednesday 5th June 2019** 7.30pm Old School Room,  
Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting.

**Wednesday 3rd July 2019** 7.30pm Old School Room,  
Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting.

### Parish Council:

#### **Election: Thursday 2nd May 2019**

Congratulations to our elected councillors for Mendlesham Parish Council, Paul Allen ,Matthew Charters, Andy Davey, Mike Exley, Denise Foster, Norman Foster, Brian Gardiner, David Nunn, Helen Orton, Liz Ward and Sabrina Webb

Thank you to everyone who voted and stood for election. Congratulations to those elected as well as to Andrew Stringer who continues as our MSDC ward councillor.

A huge thank you to Madeleine Watson and Noel Fletcher for their contribution to Mendlesham Parish Council work.

# MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

**Saturday, 1st June 10.00 – 14.00**  
**OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM**

**Pre-Ordering or Take-Away Orders, phone the Café  
on 01449-767727 from 10 a.m.**

**Morning Coffee, Light Lunches and Afternoon Teas, including  
delicious homemade Quiches, Soups, Cakes and Desserts.**

## **May Draw**

**(Garden Hamper made and donated by Mo Favager)**

**Winner: Fran Head**

**Mendlesham Community Centre – Small Hall**



## **FILM NIGHT**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**7pm**

**2018 Musical Comedy PG13 rating**

**Here we go again! Mamma Mia 2**

### **Refreshments and Raffle**

**For further information or to let us know what you would  
like to see contact**

**Geoff & Meg 01449 766447 or Judith 01449 766327**

**Coming during the year:**

**Bohemian Rhapsody**

**Dumbo**

**Fisherman Friends**

## **MENDLESHAM 50/50 SHOP**

(Located in the playing field by the swings)

**Opening hours Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2pm – 4pm**

Please come along to the 50/50 Shop where we have plenty of lovely clothes for all ages from toddlers upwards, including some menswear, shoes, school-wear, books and bric-a-brac!

**GET THOSE EXTRA BARGAINS FOR YOUR  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS**  
and help raise money for the Community Council  
at the same time.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CUSTOM**

### **One Big Fun Day – new RSPCA event at Earl Stonham**

Fun, fun, fun in the sun, sun, sun (we hope)



Come and join the RSPCA Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch at a lively new event to raise money for the animals in our care. Taking place at Earl Stonham Village Hall (Forward Green, IP14 5HJ) on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019, our **One Fun Day** includes a fun Dog Show, refreshments, raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac and various other stalls.

Part of a series of RSPCA events happening nationwide on the same day, you can find out about the animal welfare and rehoming work we do and enjoy yourself at the same time!

Entrance is free, and the event opens at 11:30am. Dog show registration starts at 12 noon and judging from 1.00pm.

Classes are:

1pm: Crossbreed with Character

1:15pm: Happiest Hound

1:30pm: Young at Heart (dogs 8 years +)

1:45pm: Second Chance (rescued dogs)

2pm: Fabulous Female

2:15pm: Marvellous Male

2:30pm: Kids & K9s (young handlers up to 16 years old)

2:45pm: Best in Show

All proceeds will go to the RSPCA Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch (RCN 206269) to help animals in need in the local area.

Contact: Mary Taylor, [mary.taylor@rspca-ipswich.org.uk](mailto:mary.taylor@rspca-ipswich.org.uk)

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## **Parish Council:**

### **Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April:**

This meeting was well attended and hopefully of interest to all.

**Volunteer of the year award** was Terry Styles. Terry has significantly contributed to the well being of Mendlesham over many years. He has been a Parish Councillor, including Chairperson for Mendlesham Parish Council. Trustee, including chairperson for Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields, successfully leading the projects for play equipment at Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green. Terry has helped many people over the years with community housing matters, including helping to obtain new housing schemes. The vision for an extension to Mendlesham Playingfields to provide additional space and options as the Parish, including school expands, originated with Terry. Terry has always helped others, particularly those in difficulty and has always supported our village events and organisations- too many to mention individually. Thank you Terry.

The Organisation of the Year Award was Mendlesham Cookery Club. Please see their report to the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. The Cookery Club is relatively new, having been in operation for four years. Not only does it provide valuable skills for the children attending, there are many adult volunteers needed to help and support- making this a community success involving different generations. Thank you to all who support the club.



## **Are you on Facebook?**

If so have a look for **‘Spotted in Mendlesham’**

**&**

**‘Mendlesham Green Residents’**

pages to keep up to date with what’s going on in the villages.



## Mendlesham Writers Group



**“You should write that down -  
it would make a great story”**

How will your children or grandchildren know about those escapades you have experienced through your life?

Come along and learn a simple way to ensure that your life experiences will not be forgotten and preserve them for the future.

**We offer a free introductory guidance pack, guest speakers, practical exercise and a welcoming atmosphere.**  
A small annual subscription is payable but your first visit is free.

Please bring paper and a pen(cil)

For more information please contact:

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Next meeting

11<sup>th</sup> June

**All Children Welcome!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month**

**@ 9.30**

**- Old Schoolroom\***

**then St Mary's Church**

**10.00 - 10.30**



\* at corner of Old Market St & Chapel Rd

Don't forget to keep up to speed with the URC and Parish Church from page 47 onwards.





## MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The June meeting is on the Tuesday, 4th at  
7.30pm in the Old School Room.

Our monthly challenge is 'Boats and Water'.

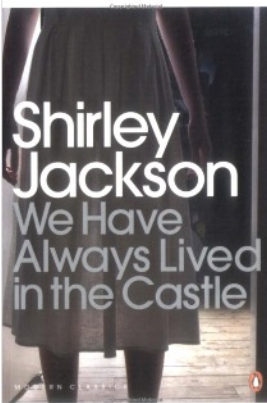
We submit images to view on the screen, have a cup of coffee  
and then have a photography related chat.

We are a small group of mixed photography ability and new members  
are always welcome. We pay just £1.50 at each meeting.

For more details and the gallery see the website:

<http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk>.

Come and give us a look.



## 3rd Monday Book Club

Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2019, 7-8pm

We have always lived in the castle –  
Shirley Jackson

Living in the Blackwood family home with only her sister Constance and her Uncle Julian for company, Merricat just wants to preserve their delicate way of life. But ever since Constance was acquitted of murdering the rest of the family, the world isn't leaving the Blackwoods alone. And when Cousin Charles arrives, armed with overtures of friendship and a desperate need to get into the safe, Merricat must do everything in her power to protect the remaining family.

7pm; Flat 9, Thorpe House, Ducksen Road, Mendlesham

Relaxed, informal and light hearted – please join us. We have biscuits

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**Previously:** 'How to Stop Time' (*Historical*); 'Dark Angel' (*Crime*); 'The Wimbledon Poisoner' (*Comic*); 'The Last runaway' (*Historical*); 'The Trouble with Goats and Sheep' (*Suburban*); 'Our House' (*Howdunnit*); See Jane Run (*Psychological thriller*); Conversations with Friends; The Hopes and Dreams of Lucy Baker (*Romantic Fiction*), Milkman.(tbd), The Western Wind (historical whodunnit)



## Easter Treasure Hunt

### Friends of Mendlesham School Association

We just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone that came to this year's Easter Treasure Hunt with it being our best attendance to date.

On Good Friday a trail of pictures and anagrams were hidden in the Woods in the village. We had 54 families enter, with 95 adults and 110 children taking part.

Every child that entered received a prize and all the correct entries then went into a draw to win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize hampers.

We had Easter refreshments on sale and a 'Guess the name of the bunny' stall. There were hard boiled eggs to decorate and some fantastic designs were created.

An amazing £546.88 was raised for the school.

As well as thanking everyone that took part, we also have a number of people to thank for their kind donations of resources and time.

We would like to thank; Penny and Faye, Community Champions at Stowmarket and Diss Tesco's; The Community Council; Baylham Rare Breeds Farm, Stowmarket Leisure Centre and The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary at Stonham Barns, all for donating items that we used for prizes.

We would also like to thank The Parish Council for giving us permission to use the Woodland and parents, family and members of the FOMSA Committee that made the delicious refreshments.

Finally, we would like to thank all the people who helped on the day with setting up and running the event as well a massive thank you to Karon and Simon Sanders 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)

### Our Winners



First Prize



Second Prize



Third Prize



Guess the Name  
of the Bunny

## MENDLESHAM COOKING CLUB 2018/19

Over the past year numbers for the cooking club have steadily increased, February 2019 session saw **42 children** attend during the cold winter ½ term, with **58 children** attending the Easter cooking club sessions. We only run **8 sessions** each year, with **3 in the summer**, the last session being the annual picnic, where parents, & family are invited to join us.

It is rewarding to see how the **children grow in confidence, socialising with children from outside of their normal circle of friends, and also learning some basic math's to calculate ingredients for the set recipes.** As always it is the **army of volunteers from the village that make the cooking club possible. I can do all of the background work, but it is the volunteers that help out in the kitchen (not a pleasant task!!) and those that help out on the tables with the children to produce the food, which makes the cooking club a success.**

The cooking club was initially set up to offer something different to the children and also make use of the small hall during the holiday periods, it was never intended to be run for profit. However since starting, it has been self-funded, purchasing all necessary equipment and ingredients needed out of money paid by parents. **Since summer 2018 to Easter 2019**, the cooking club has given **back to the Community Council £359.97** after the hall hire charges have been paid.

I am pleased to see that something that started out as a 1 off has now grown to be a regular fixture on the Community Council calendar. I was rather pleased when one Mum, who only started coming last October **praised me** for how well organised the cooking club is, and how **well behaved the children are**, and that **I have all Risk Assessments and Food Safety requirements in place.** The Mum concerned then explained that she is a **Primary School Ofstead Inspector** and **she wished all school activities were as efficiently run as the Mendlesham Cooking Club** .A small comment like that, makes all the hard work worthwhile.

**The Community Council** had a very successful day despite the cold weather. Those that came reported they had a great time. Those providing food WI, Scouts, Toddler Group and Church made more money than last year. Other organisations have also said they had a good day. We heard from so many visitors how much they enjoy the Fayre.

I would like to thank the people who sponsored us; Tramspread; Galloway; DJ Howlett Motor Engineers; Jaiger Engineering; Bluesky; 3 Point Property Management; Ince Development Ltd; Baronina; M L Property Consultants & Classic Stoves. Also thanks to Acorn Kennels and Brian Palmer Haulage who sponsored our Grand Draw and thanks to Brian for delivery of the trailer for our stage. Your support helped make the day a success.

Many thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help make the day a success.

## **REPORT BY CHAIR OF MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Cllr Mike Exley**

At first thought, this year seems to have been dominated by the need to consider planning applications -some which will/would have significant impact. Mid Suffolk have had, seemed to have lost and then found a five year land supply, all in the same year. This is an important factor when all of the planning considerations are weighed up and decisions made.

The need for this work is likely to continue and all we can do locally is to continue to make detailed representation either as a Parish Council or as individual residents providing comments directly to MSDC, the Planning Authority and decision maker.

We also continue to work on the revision of our Neighbourhood Plan, in anticipation that by allocating specific sites for future growth, we will provide clarity with a legal status, to determine how and where any growth should be in the future. The reliance on the importance of MSDC having a five year supply should then, based on current legislation, be less relevant for Mendlesham.

You may recall a consultation some 18 months ago now, which provided valuable community thoughts on where and when future development should happen. Our local thoughts at that time and since have been very clear. We need to take into consideration the current pressures on our road structure, the amount and type of traffic passing through our conservation area now and the need to mitigate what can be done to prevent and hopefully lessen volumes of traffic through this area. Development has to be in the right place, the right time and contribute towards our community well being.

We then received belated advice that for a robust legal plan, we needed professional help to assess the suitability of the different land site options. This additional information will decrease the possibility of a legal challenge against our plan in the future. After obtaining grant funding, national and Locality\* from Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council, we have commissioned a Site Assessment report, a Strategic Environment Assessment report, a Historic Environment report and Traffic surveys detailing volumes and type of traffic through Mendlesham village. We also commissioned a Housing Needs Survey.

Most of this information has now been received with the remainder due imminently. We now need to assess this and decide the way forward. It is likely that we will have to consult with you again on this, but please be patient and support us in this vital work.

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**Playingfields:**

We are pleased to report that we have three new pieces of equipment at Mendlesham Green, a nest swing, roundabout and climbing complex. This work was paid for with £10,000 from Parish Council Funds, £500 Mendlesham Education Foundation, £2,000 Mendlesham Community Council, £2500 SCC Locality grant\* and £7201 MSDC Capital Grant. Thank you.

Work on the project at the Mendlesham Playingfields continues further to the S106 monies available from Station Fields and we hope to be in a position very shortly to agree and commence the first works.

**Community Centre:**

Working in partnership with the school, the building has benefited from an improved fire system, new internal doors, external cladding, guttering and redecoration of the Main Hall, the stage lights now all work. The Small Hall also now has a new sound system and projector- thank you to Mendlesham Community Council who provided the idea and majority of the funds. New doors been provided for the Small Hall from Mendlesham Parish Council funds.

Whilst the majority of this work has been at no or little cost to Mendlesham Community Centre Charity, our overheads have increased outside our control, particularly utility costs.

After much consideration, we have reviewed our charging system and increased fees from 1st September. This is necessary to keep the building available and to the required standard. Whilst we were able to keep the hire fees the same since 2016, we now have to increase fees from September and will review this annually, increasing as a minimum by inflation.

We have also taken the opportunity to review our hire fee structure to make the arrangements fair and transparent for all and hope to attract new hire, particularly over weekends and school holidays.

We have received a £3000 MSDC Locality\* grant towards the provision of LED lights with decisions about where and when to be made shortly. We have also reviewed our other utility costs to ensure we keep costs to a minimum and will be reviewing cleaning arrangements as well.

**Mendlesham Green telephone box:** thank you to everyone who has helped. We now have a refurbished red telephone box containing a defibrillator at Mendlesham Green. This was funded by Mendlesham Parish Council.

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**Other work:** The Battles Over Remembrance event at Mendlesham Green, arrangements to comply with new data protection legislation, GDPR, provision of a new noticeboard ( still to be installed) near Station Fields with the help of a grant from Lovells, continued conversations about Rights of Way and Planning Enforcement issues with officers have also helped keep everyone busy.

**Future:**

So what next?

We have an election for Parish Councillors. The first in 16 years. There has been much interest from residents about becoming more involved in community life. This can only be positive for the parish. We should also have all 11 Councillor positions filled for the first time in four years.

We have researched and made the decision to set up a Community Land Trust which will be the legal vehicle enabling us to own our own community housing for perpetuity. This is at an early stage and will require community support. Whilst there are other parishes already doing this in Suffolk and Essex, this is another first for Mendlesham and Mid Suffolk District Council who are providing a £4,000 grant and support to help us set this up. More information when known.

The Neighbourhood Plan/Planning work, Mendlesham Playingfield Project and Community Centre work will also continue . So plenty to do, without anything else new Cllrs or events may bring.

**Community:**

We have some wonderful organisations in Mendlesham , looking after the young, older residents, the religious needs of our community and providing sporting, educational and social activities. Many other individuals are also just quietly doing their bit for the community. You know who you are, your work is much appreciated Thank you.

Parish Councillors, I would like to say thank you for the valuable and often unseen and unsung work that you do.

*\* Please note whilst we were unable to say at the Parish Meeting due to the forthcoming election, thank you to Cllr Stringer for the locality grants mentioned in this report as well as the organisation of the recent Mendlesham Street Litter pick.*



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

**Angela Pickup  
June**



# Mendlesham Walks



Saturday 8 June

Meet at Community Centre Car Park at 10.30am

Car Share for a trip to Eye

The Penning's Nature Reserve starting the walk at 11am

Lunch in Eye Optional – no need to pre book

For more information contact Judith on 07770 746619 or email

[mendleshamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:mendleshamwalks@gmail.com)

Dogs on leads welcome

Wear comfortable footwear

See Mendlesham Parish Website for the 2019 Program and further information

<http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/clubs-and-organisations>

Select 'Walking Group' or just Google 'Mendlesham Walks'



‘Mendlesham Movers - Walking for Health’



**Nothing nicer than a little stroll to make you feel good!**

Trained One Life Suffolk Walk Leaders will take you on a

Short, easy walk lasting between

30 – 90 minutes depending on your capability

Thursday 20 June 2 – 3pm

Starting at the Health Centre

Ask your Health Practitioner for further details or visit

<https://onelifesuffolk.co.uk/our-services/health-walks/>

Or contact Judith on 07770 746619 or email [mendleshamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:mendleshamwalks@gmail.com)

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# TOTE RESULTS

6th April		13th April	
<b>Drawn at Pre School</b>		<b>Drawn at 5050 Shop</b>	
Ms Lisa Bartley	£20	Mr Andrew Ward	£20
Mr Fred Arbon	£12	Mr Michael Denny	£12
Mrs L Rutherford	£8	Mr Tom Head	£8
Mrs Alison Millin	£4	Friends of St Mary	£4
20th April		27th April	
<b>Drawn at Galloways</b>		<b>Drawn at 5050 Shop</b>	
Mr Bill Foster	£20	Mrs Anita Flynn	£20
Ms Louise Cole	£12	Mr & Mrs C Marriott	£12
Mr Derek Allum	£8	Mr Alex Sommer	£8
Mrs Julie Williams	£4	Mrs Elaine Evans	£4

## United Reformed Church

### **MURCies Coffee Bar**

Friday - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019      10am - 12pm

### **Knit and Natter**

Monday - 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019      2pm - 4pm

## 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 OVER 60s CLUB – APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

Our annual coffee morning was very successful this year. We had lots of people through the door and all the stalls were kept busy. We raised over £400 for the club. A very friendly morning was had by all. Our thanks to all who helped and especially to those who attended.

### **APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

Tina Pipe welcomed thirty-eight members to this meeting. Paul Allen gave us a run-down of our finances and Tina gave us a run-down of how much each stall made at our coffee morning. Tickets were sent around for the Street Fair draw. A list was made of members who wish to go on our outing to Ely on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Anita Scruby sent a note from the W.I. to see if anyone wanted to go on their outing to Sandringham Flower Show on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

The subject of our speakers, Lynn and Marilyn, was “A Pensioner’s Gap Year”. They were both members of the W.I. and had both been widowed. They got together to plan a very adventurous trip. They set off, stopping in Japan, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and finally finished up in the U.S.A. Two very brave ladies who had us all laughing at the things they got up to! Travelling by air, bullet train, boat, tram, caravanette and lots of walking. They had problems with foreign languages when buying food, they slept in cheap hotels and even on the ground in the open air in a sleeping bag in Australia. We were told some places were very sad, some not very nice, but an awful lot of good places, plenty of creepy crawlies and wild animals. They travelled almost a year and had a fabulous time. A great talk - we could have listened longer.

Competition: “A travel momento” –

1<sup>st</sup>: Sheila Mayes, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian Abbott, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Di Lambert

### **Next Meetings**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** - all day outing to Tiptree for coffee, then on to Walton-on-Naze.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Reg Snook – His life as an artist.

Competition: A picture of a famous painting no larger than A5.

Marcel led us in the anthem to close.

### **APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

Tina welcomed us all to our social evening. After a lovely fish and chip supper we had a beetle drive, did a quiz and had a few games of bingo. All in all a very sociable evening.

The ladies of Mendlesham WI had a wonderful evening full of fun and laughter. The wonderful Magda Snowdon presented us with a talk and hand on experience entitled 'Hats and the Art of Flower Making'. After telling of how an Australian came to be in Suffolk on a journey that took her from training to be an Architect in London, to being a design teacher in Sudbury, to training at St Martins and Oterly Collage to be a milliner, while also marrying and having three children. Her enthusiasm and humour had us all laughing and excited to try making flower broaches.

Magda showed us how to make the flowers and then set us off, giving witty commentary and very helpful advice along the way. Some ladies had a bit more fun than others. Look at the concentration on the ladies faces...

The competition was 'An Easter Bonnet' the winner was Beryl Clark, second Ruth Orchard and Third Linda Gayman. Beautiful and fun bonnets were presented.



Our next meeting will be on the 18th June in the Small Hall at Mendlesham Community Centre at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Sally Silbey from Sutton Hoo. The competition will be a mask inspired by Sutton Hoo.

ALL VERY WELCOME.



## *Stellar Acappella*

**IN AID OF**

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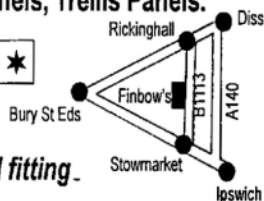
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### SERVICES FOR JUNE

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

2<sup>rd</sup> Rev'd Barbara Challis (4.00pm)

9<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Richard Edwards

23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Keith Scarff

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

5<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Mary Playford    20<sup>th</sup> Pastor Philip Kettle

**MURCies Coffee Bar 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 10.00-12.00 (14<sup>th</sup> June)**

**Knit & Natter - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 2.00 - 4.00pm (10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>)**

**Quiz – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

*“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2 verse 4)*

As a nation there is one thing that is a constant topic of conversation (and it's not Brexit!), it is the weather. We may complain about our weather but there is something comforting about our seasons. There is always something to say, to see and to wonder at. Conversations can range from it being too hot to too cold or from drought conditions to floods. We see the effect different conditions have on our gardens and how the different seasons bring different flowers. Where the bare brown ground of winter springs into life with green shoots and the awesome sight of the vast array of flowers and vegetables that result. Then there is always the wonder.... The wonder of the sight of amazing clouds and some of our sunsets are to take your breath away. Then there is the wonder of will there be enough rain to make the seeds grow; will the frost get my cherry blossom; will those parsnip seeds peek up this year? For us in England, we are usually exceedingly fortunate as drought is often followed by rain and cold is followed by the warm sun. Although, after the summer conditions of Easter and the frosty nights of May we may not always know when to expect each type of weather! But, in general, we can be sure that spring will follow winter, summer will follow spring and autumn will follow summer.

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Just like the weather, Christian seasons are to be talked about, to be seen and to wonder at. At Christmas there is joy for the birth of a new born baby, our Lord Jesus Christ. At Easter we have the heart wrenching scenes of our Lord on the cross, but then the amazing truth of the resurrection. As we enter

June our thoughts may turn to summer, but our thoughts also turn to another season in our Christian life. Sunday June 9th is the 7th Sunday after Easter, Pentecost or Whit Sunday, where we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus' disciples.

After the overwhelming drama of Easter Pentecost can sometimes feel like a minor event, but it is a key moment in our Christian Faith. The Holy Spirit had been with the world from the beginning...first mentioned in Genesis 1 verse "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." But here at Pentecost we see it now revealed in a different manner. The Holy Spirit is completely revealed because of what Christ had done for us. At Pentecost, something was set in motion that is still reverberating today. For us, of the Christian tradition, this event also represents the birth of the early Church.

Then, move on a week and we come to Sunday June 16th which is Trinity Sunday...one to get your head around...in my Christian life I've heard so many explanations of the Trinity but it still causes confusion of thought...God the Father...God the Son...God the Holy Ghost.....wow what a concept, something to really wonder about in all senses of the word.

Whatever you are doing this June take time to speak of your faith; to look at the works of God; and to wonder at God's love for all.

Anne (Secretary, Stowmarket Group of Churches)



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## **SUNDAYS:**

**9.30 a.m.** Parish Mass & Address

**JAM (Jesus & Me) 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.30 in Old Schoolroom, then to church at 10.00**

### **First Mass of Sunday:**

Saturdays: 1<sup>st</sup> June – 9.30 am;

8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30 pm;

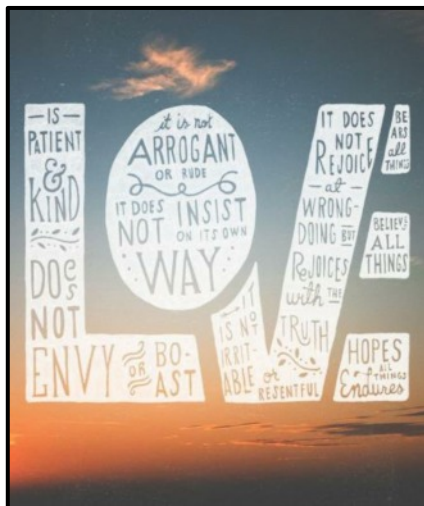
**Daily Mass:** *see calendar on back page & check porch notice & bulletin*

**Daily Morning & Evening Prayer**  
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**Baptism (Christening), Weddings,  
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### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June  
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## Fr Philip Writes...

**June is a month of festivals** – Ascension Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> June), the birthday of the Church at Whitsun, or Pentecost (9<sup>th</sup> June), the Most

Holy Trinity (16<sup>th</sup> June), Corpus Christi (23<sup>rd</sup> June) and Saints Peter & Paul (29<sup>th</sup> June). All these days call us to do great things for God.

Very often people who are keen to push themselves forward are likely to do people more harm than good, because they rely on their own reserves and seek their own glory. When we acknowledge our emptiness, God can fill us and he accomplishes in us the things we find difficult or impossible. However, it is so easy to use our sins and weaknesses as a cop-out. St Paul said, ***“Of all the apostles I am the least; I don’t even deserve the name ‘Apostle’.”*** (1 Corinthians 15 v 9).



St Peter said, ***“Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man.”*** (Luke 5 v 8) When we act like Peter we are giving into our sinfulness.

But who did Jesus come for? He came

for sinners and changed people’s understanding of God. God is not someone who shuns sinners but wants them to be saved and given a new start. Paul and Peter eventually accepted God’s invitation and this is the paradox: strength comes from weakness. When we answer God’s call he empowers us with the Holy Spirit so we can do things we never thought possible. ***“There are no impossible situations – only those who have become impossible about them.”***

We all need someone to accept us for what we are, who believes we are capable of more and challenges us to realise it. I want us all to ponder the word **FAITH:**

Please apply this to yourselves, for God has plans for you.

We all need to ask ourselves:

***Am I willing to accept God's forgiveness?***

We need to abandon our self-sufficiency and to recognise the need to be touched by God, who will take us out of ourselves. One of the mysteries of life is the tremendous respect that God

accords to human free will. He never forces us to change but invites us to open our hearts to his power. The question is: **Will we?**



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## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Everyone is welcome at all events listed here**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	9.30: 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday 2.30 pm: Tour of Round Towered Churches: meet at Burnham Norton & on to Burnham Deepdale and Titchwell
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	9.30: Parish Mass; JAM in Old Schoolroom
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	2.30 pm Mass in Mason Court followed by refreshments
<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>WHIT SUNDAY / PENTECOST – End of Eastertide</b> 9.30: Parish Mass
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30: Requiem Mass – 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary, Hugh Cutting
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> 9.30: Parish Mass 2.30 pm: Tour of Norfolk churches. Meet at Ellingham (nr Bungay) & on to Brome, Ditchingham and Hadenham
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30: Requiem Mass – June anniversaries
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	2.30 pm Mass in Mason Court followed by refreshments
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> 9.30: Parish Mass & procession of Blessed Sacrament
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 2.30 PM: Mass, Laying-on of hands & anointing for healing. Refreshments afterwards
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.45 – 3.00 pm: Guild of All Souls Conference on Healing at Walsingham 7.30 pm: Mass (said) at Mendlesham of Sacred Heart
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> 9.30: Mass (said)
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	1.30 pm: Wedding: Alix Juby & David Fordham 7.30 pm: First Mass of Sunday
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SS PETER &amp; PAUL</b> 9.30: Parish Mass

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Holy Confirmation: by the Lord Bishop of Richborough**

**25<sup>th</sup> March     Alan John Lawson**

**Holy Burial:**

**9<sup>th</sup> May             Keith Richard Hammond     Aged 81**

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**PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Church Festival</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intention (we pray especially for....)</b>	<b>Parish Intention</b>
1	St Justin	9.30	Persecuted Christians	Front Street/ Old Orchard
2	<b>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Old Market St / Baybrooke Close</b>
3	St Charles Lwanga	9.30	the Church in Uganda	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4		8.00 am	in at more people may come to know Jesus Christ	Chapel Road
5	St Boniface	SB	in at more people may come to know Jesus Christ	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		7.30 pm	in at more people may come to know Jesus Christ	Brockford Road
7		2.30 pm MC	Additional Curates Society	Glebe Way
8		7.30 pm	Confirmation candidates	Freelands
9	<b>PENTECOST</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Ducksden Road</b>
10	BVM, Mother of the Church	9.00	Society of Mary	Horsefair Close
11	St Barnabas	9.00	mission of the Church	Mason Court
12		9.30	Requiem: Hugh Cutting - 1st anniversary	Mayfield Way
13	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</b>	8.00 am	for more vocations to the Priesthood	Mead Way
14		9.30	all who suffer addictions	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15		7.30 pm	future of St Joseph's Centre	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	<b>MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane</b>
17		9.30	the departed - June anniversaries	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		9.30	peace of the world	Mendlesham Green
19		8.00 am	the sick	Tan Office
20	St Alban	9.30	conversion of England	Outlying houses
21	St Aloysius	2.30 pm MC	all who suffer HIV & AIDS	Farms in Mendlesham
22	<b>Ss JOHN FISHER &amp; THOMAS MORE</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Walsingham	Local industries
23	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Pub, Community Centre &amp; places of recreation</b>
24	Nativity of St John the Baptist	2.30 pm	Healing Ministry	Mendlesham School and Pre-School
25		9.30	all searching for faith	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		8.00 am	the work of the Samaritans	Village Organisations
27		7.30 pm	The Guild of All Souls	Fr Philip
28	<b>MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	9.30	a greater love of Our Lord	Other places of Worship
29		7.30 pm	all preparing for Ordination	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30	<b>SS PETER &amp; PAUL</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Local Doctors and Nurses</b>

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