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Deadline for October issue
6th September 2019

We produce 12 issues per year
which are delivered to every
household in the location of
Mendlesham.

Front Cover

Meg Clarke

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Editorial

Welcome to the September issue. If there is one topic of conversation we can share it's the weather because we have such wonderful changes on display in the British Isles.

Now is the month of planning as children prepare to return to school and adults might contemplate joining new activities for the Autumn. Whatever you do, enjoy.

*Best Wishes
Gemma*

SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Denise Foster tel 768978
- Norman Foster tel 768978
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- Liz Ward tel 766562
- Sabrina Webb

Meetings:

Wednesday 4th September 2019 7.30pm Old School Room,
Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting.

Wednesday 2nd October 2019 7.30pm Old School Room,
Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting.

Parish Council

We are delighted to welcome Sandie Judd as our new Parish Councillor. Sandie was co opted at our August meeting. We now have 11 parish councillors and for the first time in several years, no vacancies.

MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

Saturday, 7th September 10.00 – 14.00

OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM

**Pre-Ordering or Take-Away Orders, phone the Café
on 01449-767727 between 10.00 and 11.45.**

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July Draw

(£20 Meat Voucher donated by Malcolm Warwick)

Winner: Cynthia Collins

50/50 SHOP

(in pavilion next to playing field swings)

Opening hours Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2 – 4 pm

The new Autumn and Winter range will be
in place at the end of August

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE come and take a look!
Support the village community by buying something!

We will be pleased to take in
'next to new' **Autumn /Winter clothes**
in good clean and ironed condition,
as well as shoes, jewellery, books,
local school, brownie and cub uniforms.

Fifty per cent of the sale price of items goes to the seller
and fifty per cent to the Community Council

Thank you for your support.

Parish Council:

Planning application

Have you subscribed to E News, if not we would strongly recommend that you do so via the Mendlesham website, as this is sometimes the only way to advise yourselves of current news for Mendlesham.

For example at the time of writing, we have just received notification that the recent hybrid planning application for 63 houses on Land North East of Chapel Road, Mendlesham has now been changed to outline permission for up to 49 dwellings. After representation to MSDC, this application is open again for consultation - see revised documents submitted 23.7.19.

At the time of writing we are trying to arrange a Parish Council extraordinary meeting to discuss this application. This meeting is likely to have to occur before the next paper newsletter is published, as MSDC have provided a deadline of 30th August for consultation comments. Whilst the agenda will be published on the Parish Noticeboards outside the Old School Room, Mendlesham and at the old Scout Hut site at Mendlesham Green, we can publish agendas up to three three working days in advance of a meeting and in the majority of times, do this to allow for unanticipated agenda items to be included as required.

If you wish to provide your personal comments for this application please go to :

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/development-management/application-search-and-comment/search-for-applications> . and enter the planning application reference no: DC/19/00959.

If for exceptional circumstances , you cannot do this before the 30th August, you will be unable to do this via the MSDC website, but please then email MSDC Cllr Andrew Stringer at Andrew.Stringer@midsuffolk.gov.uk . Please note this would need to be very close to the 30th August deadline.

We currently have over 200 local people signed up to E News -don't miss out!

Scouts

At our last meeting of the term, two Scouts from 1st Mendlesham Scout Troop were presented the Chief Scout Gold Award from the Assistant County Commissioner Peter Gibbs. The Scouts had to gain 9 Challenge badges plus other Activity badges to gain this high award. The Scouts are James Goodrum and Samuel Corsie who are both Mendlesham residents.



Obituaries
Colin Skilling

Fr Philip officiated at Seven Hills Crematorium for the funeral of Colin Skilling on 26th July. Colin, who had 4 brothers and 1 sister, was born in London, where he married Janice in 1974 and moved to Mendlesham in 1979. They had 3 children, Wendy, Cindy and David, 4 grandchildren and a great grandson. Colin belonged to the Mendlesham Bowls Club, was an early treasurer for the Mendlesham Community Council and Captain of the Fleece Darts Team. He was a carpenter and site manager for a construction firm, working for Hilton's Construction at its head office in Colchester until he was 59, when he retired. He loved going abroad, especially to Greece and had a boat on the Norfolk Broads at Burgh St Peter. He had suffered from Muscular Dystrophy for some time, but his last illness was very sudden and he died in Ipswich hospital on 1st July.

Mildred (Milly) Driver

Milly was born at Framsdon, the middle one of 3 children. She went to school in Helmingham and afterwards stayed at home to care for her mother. She then went into service at Debenham. She met her husband Jack and they married at Framsdon church then moved to Crows Hall Debenham, where their two children, Dawn and Neville were born. In 1960 they moved to Memorial Farm, Mendlesham, on the Norwich Road (A140) which Jack farmed. After he died in 1995 Millie moved to Chapel Road to be closer to Dawn. She was a shy, reserved person who loved her garden and her family. She died at her home on 8th July and was buried in the churchyard after a funeral in St Mary's church on 23rd July.

Parish Council:

50 50 shop vandalism

It is really disappointing to report that further to incidents earlier in the year, resulting in a window for the footballers store needing to be boarded up following damage to the then glass window, the same has now happened to the 50 50 shop window.

Thank you to the volunteers who boarded up the windows so quickly. These incidents have been reported to the Police and requests made for increased patrols. Please remember if you see such incidents, if they are happening at the time, please report it to the Police via 999, if it has already happened via 101. We need to help the Police to identify those responsible and stop this mindless behaviour which is costing public money and resources. There are far more important matters we should be dealing with.



Mendlesham Writers Group



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

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For more information please contact:

Noel K Fletcher

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E-mail: noelkfletcher@gmail.com

Next meeting

10th September

Parish Council:

Mendlesham Playingfields:

Muga and Wheeled Sports areas

At the time of writing, our two tenders to provide a Multi Sports Games Area (MUGA) and Wheeled Sports Area (WSA) have just closed. An application is in the process of being made to MSDC for part of the S106 Developer monies contributed as part of the new Station Fields Development and specifically allocated to Mendlesham Community Centre/ Playing Fields site.

As soon as confirmation of funding is received, preferred contractors will be appointed and you will see works commence on site. Initially, surrounding hedging and trees will need to be removed between the carpark and tennis courts to allow access for the works. This is unavoidable but landscaping will be reinstated once all works are completed. Then the existing fencing and block walls will be removed. Whilst the vegetation will be removed by a professional contractor, it is hoped to save costs, much of the other demolition work can be undertaken by volunteers. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. If you are able to help us, please contact the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@mendleshampc.org or tel 01449 766139.

During these works and may be even before School returns, it is likely that the car parking areas will need to be reduced to enable works to be carried out safely. We apologise in advance for this inconvenience but would hope that those who can, will walk or cycle to School/Community Centre/Playing Fields.



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The August meeting was postponed and rearranged to Tuesday, 3rd September at

7.30pm in the Old School Room when we will review the images taken at our 'bird shoot' in June. What a good evening it was and the birds posed so patiently. 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 contact details see the website: <http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk>.

Come and give us a look.

Monday Meet up

EVERY Monday morning
10 – 12 in the old school room

Starting on Monday 16th SEPTEMBER

FREE tea, coffee cake and biscuits.

Are you on your own and feeling a bit lonely, bored with daytime TV?

If you are for example, retired, widowed, unemployed, new mum or dad with a baby, grandparent babysitting, carer – whatever your circumstances, -then please come and join us

Every Monday morning for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits and good company.

We look forward to seeing you there

Many thanks to the Community Council and Paul Allen for their support

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

Mendlesham Community Centre – Small Hall



FILM NIGHT

**Friday 27th Sept
7pm**

Fisherman's Friends

2018 Biographical/Music Celebration PG13 rating

Uplifting film about how the Cornish singing group hit the big time - but not of the terrible blow that came after

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:

Dumbo



MENDLESHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Are you planning to go to college or university later this year? The above Charity has limited funds available to give grant assistance to eligible students under the age of 25 living in Mendlesham, or whose parents live in Mendlesham.

Applications forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Mendlesham Educational Foundation.... mike@favager.co.uk or 01449 766007.

Completed application forms must be received by 3rd September to be considered for the autumn term payment.

Charity Cycle Ride

- In aid of the -

Mendlesham Parish Party

Congratulations and many, many thanks to Denise and Norman Foster who between them cycled 150 miles back in August to raise money for the Mendlesham Parish Party!



It's not too late if you would like to donate by visiting:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mendleshamparishparty>

or by speaking with Val, Christine, Anita or anyone else on the committee.

Thank you for your support and again, a huge thanks to Denise and Norman! May your blisters and saddle sores heal quickly!

Part Time Secretary/ Administrator

Being a member of Foresters Friendly Society is incredibly rewarding, allowing you to share your skills, give back to your community and make new friends. We are currently looking for a Secretary/ Administrator, which will be homebased, for our branch in Mendlesham. You will need good organisational and basic financial skills, and the ability to enthuse and socialise with people. The position offers an Honorarium for approx. 4/6 hours per week of circa £3500/ £4000 per annum plus reasonable expenses. Training will be given.

To apply for this role or seek more information, please email – court3658@forestersfriendlysociety.co.uk or phone 01449 766466. Closing date for applications:- 21st September 2019

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St Mary's Church

Tuesdays

10th & 24th September

10.00 – 12.00

Enjoy a cup of freshly brewed coffee or tea and cake

Donations to Friends of St Mary's.

Bring a friend or make new ones!



Macmillan Cancer Support
Friday 27th September 2019
In
The United Reformed Church
Old Market Street
Mendlesham



12 Noon to 5.00PM
Please come and join me and my team of helpers
For Tea Coffee & Cake
And help raise funds for
Macmillan Cancer Support

There will be a draw – Tombola – Cake Stall
Any items for the above will be gratefully received!!!!

Entrance £3.00 for unlimited Tea Coffee & Cake

Look forward to seeing you
Angela Lockwood
01449 767763

CURTAINS UP
PRESENTS

DIG FOR VENGEANCE

A MURDER MYSTERY
BY PATRICIA GAY

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

WETHERINGSETT VILLAGE HALL | 7PM FOR 7.30 START
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THERE WILL BE A BAR AND RAFFLE

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A Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone that came along and to all the people that helped at the Quiz Night on the 12th July. We were very happy to see so many of you. Also, a big thank you to everyone that donated raffle prizes. At the end of a fun night we tallied up and we are so happy to say that we managed to raise for Cancer Research UK (Breast Cancer Appeal) £405.00.

Hold the Dates

Mendlesham Foresters will be holding their Annual Lunch in the Community Centre on **Saturday 21st September, 2019** from 12 noon with an added attraction this year!

Cost :- Members of 3658 £15, others £20.

We will also be hosting a Buffet Lunch followed by Band Concert- also in the Community Centre - from 11.30am. on Sunday 20th October 2019. Everyone welcome. Further details later.

It will be 33 years since our first meal in the Community Centre – a Dinner in those days – and this year sees the Silver Anniversary – yes 25 years – of the Foresters band playing in Mendlesham..

All Children Welcome!

1st Sunday each month

@ 9.30

- Old Schoolroom*

then St Mary's Church

10.00 - 10.30



*** at corner of Old Market St & Chapel Rd**

Mendlesham Walks



Saturday 14th September

Community Centre Car Park at 09.30am to share a lift to
Old Mill House Pub at Saxtead, Nr Woodbridge IP13 9QE
for a 10am start

Good Parking and opportunity to eat at pub afterwards at 1pm

Will need to book lunch in advance

Please contact walk leader

mary.webb22@mypostoffice.co.uk

For more information contact Judith on 07770 746619 or email
mendleshamwalks@gmail.com

Dogs on leads welcome Wear comfortable footwear

Note: slightly longer walk than usual

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'

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.

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TOTE RESULTS

6th July		13th July	
Drawn at Mother and Toddlers		Drawn at Pre-School	
Mrs Carolyn Triscott	£20	Mrs Janet Roberts	£20
Mr Freddie Arbon	£12	Mr Robin Hails	£12
Mrs Tita Brundell	£8	Mrs Sue Michell	£8
Mrs Sammie Reid	£4	Mr & Mrs Mark & Odette O'Neal	£4
20th July		27th July	
Drawn a Mason Court		Drawn at Mothers & Toddlers	
Mr G Sherlock	£20	Mrs Margo Pigott	£20
Mrs Julie Blemmings	£12	Mrs Emily Kinji	£12
Mrs Barbara Last	£8	Mrs Alison Millin	£8
Mrs D Fletcher	£4	Mr George Taylor	£4

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 13th September 2019
10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 9th & 23rd September 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 60'S CLUB – JULY 2019

Wednesday 17th July

We got on the coach at 11 am for our trip to Felixstowe. It was a lovely sunny and warm day. Some members got off in town to hit the shops, others went on to the sea front. We went our separate ways for lunch and enjoyed just sitting in the sun until the coach came to pick us up and deposit us back in Mendlesham at 6pm. A very enjoyable day.

Wednesday 31st July

Tina Pipe thanked everyone for attending our 59th Flower Show and asked Judith Howard-Rees to do the honours of opening our show. Judith said this was the first time she had been asked to open a show and was thrilled to do it. She congratulated us on our entries of beautiful flowers, plants, cookery and crafts before she presented the cups.

The Cutting Shield for cookery – First: Linda Geyman and runner up Annette Taylor

The Evelyn Collins Rose Bowl – First: Barbara Downey and runner up Joan Hill

The Rose Fulcher cup for plants and flowers – First: Ken Abbott and runner up Joan Hill

The Gill Cup for floral art – First: Joan Hill and runner up Ken Abbott

The Evelyn Collins cup for handicraft – First: Barbara Downey and runner up Joan Hill

The Over 60s Overall Cup – First: Joan Hill and runner up Ken Abbott

Judith was presented with a flower arrangement afterwards.

There were the normal games and tombola and raffle to have a go on and time to look at all the lovely entries of colourful flowers, good cooking and very clever crafts.

Tina thanked us all for attending a successful show and for making a good contribution to our club's funds.

Next meeting: 25TH September "An armchair walk around Ipswich"

Competition: Something from Ipswich

The members of Mendlesham WI were enthralled by a visit of Andy Hulme and his two birds of prey, he brought a Barn Owl and a Lara Falcon, beautiful birds and very well behaved. Andy told of his love of 36 years as a falconer, up until 4 years he ran the Owl Sanctuary at Stonham Barns. He now works at HMP Warren Hill teaching young inmates how to be falconers. Falconers are used in all sorts of ways to help keep historic buildings free of pigeons to sports grounds like Wimbledon Tennis Club. It is hoped that this training will give young inmates on release a career and keep them out of trouble.



A coach load of people from WI and the village went to Sandringham for the Annual flower show on one of the hottest days of the year, a great day out and lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves.

The next meeting will be on the 17th September in Mendlesham Community Center Small Hall at 7.30pm our speaker will be Norma Howell with Medical Detection and Alert Dogs

**Competition will be a dog ornament.
All welcome.**

Parish Council:

Community Centre:

Thank you to those volunteers who are currently in the process of decorating the shower areas at the Community Centre. This is an excellent example of the Community, Mendlesham Football Club and Parish Council working together.

Parish Council:

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Consultation:

22 July - 4pm 30th September 2019

The plan and consultation details are available via

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/>

You may not think this is your concern?

However, this document, once completed, will be one of the main planning documents for development in our district and parish for many years to come, not just for housing, but also many subjects which will make the place we live and work, what it is.

Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green maps can be found at Part 3 - Mid Suffolk Settlement Maps A to O. Please be aware, whilst we must provide comment specifically for Mendlesham Parish, there is also a need to be aware and as required comment on the more general part of this draft document.

The Parish Council/Neighbourhood Plan group have already started to consider the detail of this draft document and a letter has already been sent to MSDC with regard to the Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green map details which seem to have taken no account of previous information provided indicating local preferences for our community.

Representatives will be attending meetings and various reports to support our Revised Neighbourhood Plan work including your views/concerns as previously expressed, will be relayed accordingly as part of this consultation.

As individuals, as required, please take some time to read this document, maybe attend one of the meetings and make sure your personal view is provided direct to Mid Suffolk District Council as part of the consultation.

Please do not hesitate to discuss this further with a Parish Councillor, MSDC Cllr Andrew Stringer or the Parish Clerk.

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Please contact me on the details below to secure a place.

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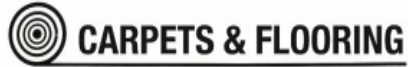
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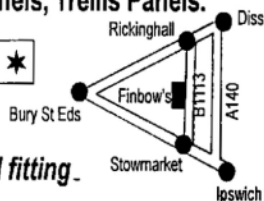
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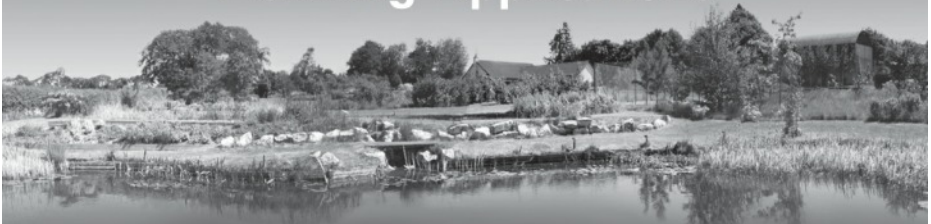
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SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

As shown below

1st 4.00pm Mrs Veda Berriman

8th 10.45am Rev'd Alison Fenning

18th 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship Annual – Miss Anne Scarff

22nd 10.45am Mrs Mary Durrant

MURCies Coffee Bar – 2nd Friday from 10.00 - 12.00 noon (13th September)

Knit & Natter – 2nd & 4th Mondays from 2.00 - 4.00pm (9th & 23rd)

Quiz – Friday 13th September 7.30pm

Psalm 107:27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. (KJV)

When I was at work (seems a long time ago now), on my office wall was the sign "When you come to the end of your tether tie a knot and hang on". How often have you felt that you are at the end of your tether or at your wits' end? It is probably something we have said, or thought, at one time or another when things have become overwhelming. Being at one's wits' end is defined in the Cambridge Dictionary as "being so worried, confused or annoyed that you don't know what to do next" – no humour/ shrewdness/ cleverness left.

Before the school holidays there were teachers at their wits' end waiting, following marking overload, for the holidays to come so they could recharge their batteries ready for a new year. For the youngsters during those 6 weeks off from school being at home may have led to some being bored and not knowing what to do with themselves. As we come to the last few days of the holidays many parents may be at their wits' end as to what to do with their offspring having used up all their ideas.

With dwindling numbers and an ageing congregation in many of our churches and chapels we may be at our wits' end trying to find a way to get our message across in the hope that people will return to our congregations and fill up those empty seats.

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Psalms 107 gives a very quick resume of the history of Israel where time and time again they turned away from God and tried to do things their own way only to find themselves at their wits' end not knowing what to do or which way to turn. Each time when they finally turned to God, he pointed them in the right direction.

Sometimes, in our own lives, we can be so overcome by our situation or the way our life is going that we don't know what to do. There are even times when we put ourselves in situations that we can't, by ourselves, get out of. When we are at our wits' end can be the place where we find God waiting for us. A time to tie a knot in our tether and listen to the word of God. And often God will come to us in the form of a friend who picks you up when you are down or who listens to you and helps you to move on.

May you know the peace of God this September.

Anne Scarff (Stowmarket Group of Churches Secretary).



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SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address

JAM (Jesus & Me) for children:

1st September at 9.30 in Old Schoolroom,
then to church at 10.00

First Mass of Sunday:

Saturdays: 7th and 28th Sept: 9.30;

14th Sept: 5.00 pm.

No first Mass on 21st Sept.

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

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer
see porch notice.

**Baptism (Christening), Weddings,
Visiting, Anointing of the Sick & House
Communion - contact Fr Philip**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fri 6th Sept: 4.30 pm;

Sat 14th Sept: 4.00 pm;

Fri 20th Sept: 4.00 pm;

Fri 27th Sept: 4.00 pm.

or contact Fr Philip



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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Everyone is welcome at all events listed here

1st Sept	9.30: Parish Mass; JAM in Old Schoolroom 6.00 pm: Evensong at Fordham, nr Downham Market; Preacher: Fr Philip. Fordham is a church saved by the Friends of Friendless Churches
2nd Sept	9.30: Requiem Mass: September anniversaries
5th Sept	6.30 pm: Mass (said). 7.00 pm: silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. 7.45 pm: Night Prayer & Benediction
6th Sept	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court followed by refreshments
7th Sept	9.30: First Mass of Sunday n.b. change of time 2.30 pm: Meet at Intwood for final tour of round towered churches, then on to Keswick & Swainsthorpe
8th Sept	9.30: Parish Mass 5.00 pm: Evensong & Sermon at Mundon, nr Maldon, a church saved by the Friends of Friendless Churches. Preacher: Fr Philip
10th Sept	10.00 – 12.00: Coffee & Cake in Church 2.30 pm: Mass, laying on of hands & anointing for healing
14th Sept	Ride & Stride Day: full details in church 5.00 pm: First Mass of Sunday
15th Sept	9.30: Parish Mass 12.00 noon: PCC lunch & meeting in church
19th Sept	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court followed by refreshments* <u>Please note change of usual day</u>
21st Sept	ST MATTHEW (Fr Philip's Golden Jubilee to the Priesthood) 12.00 noon: Sung Mass. Preacher: the Bishop of Richborough
24th Sept	9.30: Mass. 10.00 – 12.00: Coffee & Cake in Church
28th Sept	9.30: First Mass of Sunday

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

10th August: Ashley Blake Fisher and Amy Johnson

HOLY BURIAL

23rd July: Mildred Irene Driver: aged 95

on 26th July Fr Philip officiated at Seven Hills Crematorium for the funeral of Colin Skilling

Fr Philip Writes...

Again and again over the years I have heard people criticize the Church in this way: “Why doesn’t the Church speak out?” It is so easy for

people to point a finger at bishops and priests but fail to look at themselves. Spreading the Good News of the Kingdom cannot be achieved in God’s Church by leaders alone, but only when laity (*those who are not ordained*) work together with them. In the Gospels we read how Jesus sent out not only the ordained - i.e. the 12 apostles: (*Luke 9 v 1-6*) but also the 72 others - i.e. the laity (*Luke 10 v 1-20*). The numbers 12 and 72 add to make 84, which in the Bible signifies completeness and perfection, since it is the product of 7 and 12, both special numbers indicating spiritual perfection.



The building of God’s Kingdom must be done by priests and laity together. In the Eastern Orthodox churches, the priest is known as the ‘**Ikon of Jesus Christ**’ – the living personification of him – not meaning the priest’s character, since all fall very short of Jesus’ character, but his function in presiding over the Mass, proclaiming

God’s Word, administering the Sacraments and leading prayer etc. But the priest cannot proclaim the Kingdom without the laity. St Mark tells us ‘**Jesus could not work many miracles there.**’ (*Mark 6 v 5*) Where? In his home village of Nazareth - because people failed to believe he was capable of doing any miracles because of their antagonism, jealousy, indifference and refusal to co-operate.

The words of Fr Arthur Stanton, that famous Anglo-Catholic priest of St Alban’s Holborn, have been my aim during my 50 years as a priest. He said,

“This is what I should like to be said of me when I am dead and gone the way of all flesh, ‘He preached Jesus’.”

I hope I have preached Jesus and continue to do when I preside at Mass, preach God’s Word and do all other priestly duties.



You, as laity are also called to live the Christian life.

Hans-Reudi Weber wrote the following words in *‘Salty Christians’*:

“Too often clergy undertake to fulfil by themselves the ministry of the church. All too often the laity delegate their ministry to one man – the clergyman. This ‘one-man show’ is deeply unbiblical. Christ does not grant special gifts only to men and women who are full time, lifetime employees of the Church. All the people of God share in Christ’s ministry to the world. Of course, the clergyman is chosen by God for certain important functions in the Church, and for these functions he is ‘ordained’. One of these important functions is to nourish, equip, help and sustain the laity for their ministry.”



Bishop Philip North writes in *‘Together’, the voice of Catholic Anglicans*: “In Mark 3:14 Jesus calls the disciples to be with him and to be sent out. It’s as simple as that. On the one hand they are to be with him in prayer, worship and

teaching and in the very same action they are to be sent out to share the Good News of the Kingdom.”

If you can fulfil that as laity and I do as your priest, we shall have the perfect balance for reaching out to others (72 +12 =84).



Fr Philip’s Golden Jubilee

On 21st September Fr Philip gives thanks for the privilege of serving as a priest in the Church of God for 50 years. There is a Sung Mass at 12.00 in St Mary’s to which all are welcome, though because of the large number expected, catering had to be pre-arranged, so he regrets the celebration lunch afterwards is available only to those who have already responded to his invitation.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2019					
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for.....)	Parish Intention	Parish Intention
1	22nd SUNDAY of YEAR C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Front Street / Old Orc hard	
2		9.30	the departed - September anniversaries	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close	
3	ST GREGORY THE GREAT	9.30	the conversion of England	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane	
4		8.00 am	the mission of the Church	Chapel Road	
5		6.30 pm	all at schools, colleges & universities	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens	
6		2.30 pm MC	all who are lonely	Brockford Road	
7		9.30	the future of St Joseph's Centre	Glebe Way	
8	23rd SUNDAY of YEAR C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Freelands	
9		9.00	disadvantaged and vulnerable people	Ducksen Road	
10		2.30 pm	the sick: Healing Ministries	Horsetair Close	
11		8.00 am	the Samaritans	Mason Court	
12	Holy Name of Mary	9.30	all who suffer abuse	Mayfield Way	
13	St John Chrysostom	6.30 pm	the Society of the Holy Cross	Mead Way	
14	HOLY CROSS DAY	5.00 pm	Ride and Stride Day	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close	
15	24th SUNDAY of YEAR C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Middy Close / The Sidings	
16	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30	persecuted Christians	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane	
17		9.30	all ord inands	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane	
18		8.00 am	all in industry	Mendlesham Green	
19		2.30 pm MC	Christian Aid	Tan Office	
20	St Andrew Kim Taegon	9.30	all ordained at Michaelmass	Outlying houses	
21	ST MATTHEW	12.00 noon	Fr Philip	Farms in Mendlesham	
22	25th SUNDAY of YEAR C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Local industries	
23	Padre Pio	9.00	forgiveness and reconciliation	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation	
24	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30	Walsingham	Mendlesham School and Pre-School	
25		8.00 am	The Guild of All Souls	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham	
26	Ss Cosmos & Damian	9.30	HM the Queen & her Government	Village Organisations	
27	St Vincent de Paul	2.30 pm MC	all carers	Fr Philip	
28	St Wenceslaus	9.30	all who are homeless	Other places of Worship	
29	26th SUNDAY of YEAR C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	PCC, Parish and Community Councils	
30	St Jerome	SB	theological students	Local Doctors and Nurses	
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