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Meg Clarke

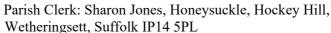
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Editorial

Welcome to the March newsletter, as the sunshine tries to breakthrough it spreads warmth through us and encourages the plants to put on a growth spurt. Hopefully soon we can enjoy the colours of the flowers of Spring. In the meantime there are plenty of activities in Mendlesham to enjoy.

Best Wishes Gemma

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Sabrina Webb

Meetings:

Wednesday 4th March 2020 Old School Room, 7pm Ordinary PC meeting

Wednesday 8th April 2020 Old School Room, 7pm Ordinary PC meeting

Tuesday 14th April 2020 Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm Small Hall, Mendlesham Community Centre

All welcome.

Please note the date for the Annual Parish Meeting. This is an opportunity for the electors of the Parish of Mendlesham to meet and discuss items of interest to them. It is not a Parish Council meeting. Over recent years this has been a very well attended and enjoyable meeting, providing the community with the opportunity to get together, share and celebrate good experiences, including the Community Awards, highlight any concerns or forthcoming matters and discuss a way forward.

At present this meeting is in the process of planning. More information will be available closer to the event.

MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

Saturday, 7th March 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.

February Draw Winner (Romantic Evening In):
Eileen Clarke

Mendlesham 50/50 Shop (located by the Recreation Ground swings)

PLEASE COME ALONG TO SUPPORT THE SHOP AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The half price sale has ended and the Spring/Summer stock is now in place

Any contributions of Spring/Summer wear in good condition will be gratefully received

Please note that the shop will be open on the day of the Mendlesham Street Fayre (25th May this year) when we hope to make good sales.

Normal Opening hours: Tue, Thurs and Fri – 2 pm to 4 pm

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Chocolate



Friday 27th March, 6.45pm for 7pm start Mendlesham Community Centre

£1 per book
10 games with chocolate prizes

Raffle

Refreshments available

Fundraising for 1st Mendlesham Scout Group

Registered Charity: 1038157

Parish Council:

Mendlesham Playingfields Project:

Thank you to those volunteers who helped to demolish the old tennis courts fencing and also coordinated the removal of the tennis court walls. A huge thank you to James Baker, who provided the digger and driver to help remove the walls.

This work is the start of a project to provide a new Multi Use Games Area (Muga) and Wheel Sports area, mainly funded from S106 Developer Contributions for Station Fields.

It is anticipated that contractors will be on site from mid/late February and should take some six weeks or so to complete depending on the weather. At the time of writing, this may also be delayed as the surface of the tennis courts has broken up more than originally anticipated so additional base work may now be required.

In the meanwhile, we do apologise, there will be inconvenience to residents and users of the site, including the need to close off areas to the public. Hopefully it will all be worth while in the long run.

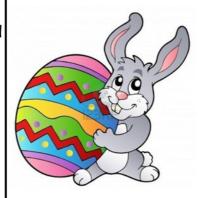
Friends of Mendlesham School Association



Come and solve the trail in the Millennium Wood to be entered into the prize draw.

All children to receive a prize for entering.

Easter refreshments available.



Good Friday 10th April Millennium Woods 9:30-12 If driving,
please park at
the Community
Centre and walk
down.

£5 per entry form/family.

All proceeds go



Start location: Stackyard Nursery, opposite the main entrance to the woods. (Entry forms to be collected from here)

This event may have to be cancelled if there is really bad weather

Baked Spud Bash

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020

11:30 to 14:00 in the U.R.C. Chapel

Baked potato with a choice of filling £5.5

Offee or tea ${f \pounds 1}$ $_{{f Cakes}}{f \pounds 1}$





Mendlesham Carpet Bowls Club

Carpet Bowls will start on Tuesday 24. September 2019 and run until March 31, 2020

The Club meets on Tuesday evenings in the main hall of the Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. Why not come along and see if this is something you would like to try

Contact Kenny Ager on 01449 766146



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The March meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd at 7.30pm, we will be meet on the Playing Field -

weather permitting to do some 'painting with light' under the instruction of Joe Grimmond. Bring your camera and tripod - if you have one, plus torches to add to the light sources. We will return to the Old School Room where we will view our monthly challenge 'macro'.- and have a cup of coffee.

If wet - straight to the Old School Room.

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.

Parish Council:

Anti social/criminal behaviour:

Mendlesham Parish Council is aware that there may have been more incidents of antisocial/ potentially criminal activities around Mendlesham School/Community/ Centre/ Playingfields/ Old Station Road over the past few days and also the Ducksen Road area.

Whilst we are able and have reported incidents relating to Parish Council property to Suffolk Police, any incidents involving others can only be taken forward if those persons report these direct to Suffolk Police. So please do so and help all concerned sort this!

Please see below, the means of reporting whatever to the Police.

If you are computer literate, this is very easy to do on line via

https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us.

Police advice on a variety of subjects can be accessed via https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice

To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Alternatively call 101 for non-urgent matters.

Always call 999 in emergencies, or if an immediate police response is required.

Mendlesham Community Centre - Small Hall



FILM NIGHT



Friday 20th March 7pm The Bucket List

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Mendlesham Football Club Race Night

Saturday 28th March @ 18:00



First Race Starts @ 18.30

Tickets

£7.00 for Adults – Includes Chicken & Chips £4.00 for Children – Includes a choice of Sausage / Pizza & Chips Race Night takes place @ The Village Hall

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Noel K Fletcher Phone: 0799-0522-103

E-mail: noelkfletcher@gmail.com

Next Meeting 10th March

MENDLESHAM Cooking Club Dates 2020

WEDNESDAY 8th & 15th April
Easter Holidays

WEDNESDAY 5th, 12th, 19th August Summer Holidays

WEDNESDAY 28th October

SATURDAY 12th December

Please book your child in early as places are limited.

Forms should be completed before the day, payment can be made on the day.

Many thanks

Sylvia

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

1st Mendlesham Scout Group Update

As you probably know, we unfortunately lost our scout hut a few years ago. However, our scout group continues to thrive and meets each week at the Community Centre. We continue to fundraise in order to build a new scout hut and will be holding a variety of events throughout the year, starting with chocolate bingo on Friday 27th March.

Noel Fletcher, our project co-ordinator for the new scout hut, is working hard on putting together applications to secure funding for us to proceed with our building. As part of this we need to show evidence of community support for the new building, and there being a need for our building within our own community and the surrounding area.

In April we are planning a coffee morning in Mendlesham where we can show you our plans for the scout hut and ask for your comments and feedback on the project, which we can then use to support our applications.

In the meantime there are a few simple way that you are able to support our fundraising efforts, without any cost to yourselves.

Used stamp collection

We continue to collect used stamps, and have had a fantastic response to our collection so far. We thank Mendlesham Bakery and Mendlesham Chip shop for having collection boxes at their businesses.

<u>Paper bank</u>

We have a paper bank at the scout hut site in Mendlesham Green, provided by Bolton Brothers. You can dispose of newspapers, magazines and cardboard here, and we receive money in return for this.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

We have an account with easyfundraising.org.uk This site enables us to receive cashback from major retailer websites when you buy online. This is at NO EXTRA COST to yourselves.

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https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1stmendleshamscouts/

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Just Giving

We also have a just giving page for anyone that would just like to make a donation to us. You can do so here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/1stmendleshamscoutgroup

If you would like any more information about our scout group or our fundraising activities we can be contacted at mendleshamscoutsfundraising@hotmail.co.uk

Lil Evans

Group Exec. Committee Chair 1st Mendlesham Scout Group

The **Mobile Library** calls at Mendlesham & Mendlesham Green every 4 weeks on Thursday afternoon at the following times:

Mendlesham Fish & Chip Shop
Mendlesham Playing Field
Mendlesham The Green

15.15 - 15.30
15.35 - 15.50
16.00 - 16.20

The van's next visit is Thursday 12th March.

Mendlesham Community Centre - Small Hall







Family Film Afternoon Children Free

Tuesday 7 April 2pm Parental Guidance Lion King Released 2019

Entrance to Hall £3.50 per adult – must be

accompanied by a child!
Refreshments

For further information contact

Geoff & Meg 01449 766447 or Judith 01449 766327



Rainbows

1st Mendlesham Rainbows has spaces available!

Being a Rainbow is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, trying new things and having fun. Rainbows learn by doing – they get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, cooking, playing games and more! Rainbows are girls aged five to seven who follow an exciting programme, through which they can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

Find out more online at https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/ or contact Becky on 07774 581503



Mendlesham Walks

Saturday 7 March

Meet 10am Community Centre Walking in our lovely parish in good company

Lunch available at the Sat Café

Please contact Judith on 07770 746619 or email mendleshamwalks@gmail.com

Dogs on leads welcome





Wear comfortable footwear

See Mendlesham Parish Website for the 2020 Program and further information http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/clubs-and-organisations
Select 'Walking Group' or just Google 'Mendlesham Walks'

Bible study – all welcome

Old Schoolroom

Mondays

2nd 9th & 16th March:7.15 pm

beginning with a Bring & Share Supper

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TOTE RESULTS

IOIL KLOOLIS						
4th January		11th January Drawn at 5050 shop				
Drawn at Mason Court						
Joan Rayner	£20	Nigel Mellish	£20			
Joan Hill	£12	Fiona Sinclair	£12			
Richard Batrum	£8	Fred Arbon	£8			
Andrew Brundell	£4	Ken Abbott	£4			
18th January	,	25th January				
Drawn at Mother & Toddle	ers	Drawn at Mason Court				
Ferdi Vincent	£20	Sheila Batley £20				
Julie Williams	£12	Sarah Green £12				
Bub Lummis	£8	Harral Gadie £8				
Andrew Ward	£4	Sandra Exley	£4			
1st February		United Reformed Church				
Drawn at Galloways						
Nancy Bagnall	£20	MURCies Coffee Bar				

Friday - 13th March 2020 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 9th & 23rd March 2020 2pm - 4pm

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Malcolm Martin

Craig Lockwood

Chris Hame

MENDLESHAM OVER 60s – JANUARY 29th 2020

Tina Pipe welcomed fifty five members and two guests to today's meeting. The hall was cold because the boiler was being changed but we soon got warm. Money for our annual meal at the Cedars was collected, along with the menus.

Denise Foster told us of the V.E 75th Celebrations that are taking place on the 9th May. She asked if any members had interesting stories they would like to write down for an insight of what went on in and around Mendlesham during the war.

Our speaker, Mr Geoff Clarke, presented "Mendlesham 2018". He followed the progress of Station Fields through the year. He told us that 200 trees had to be cut down in the woods, due to disease, but there are still over 3,000 left. He had recorded all the usual activities of the village such as Pancake Races, Parish Party, Helpers Party, Street Fayre, Harvest Supper, Fireworks etc. Remembrance Day was special that year, with poppies everywhere and the beacon at Mendlesham Green was lit to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War. We also had gale force winds early in the year and our last significant snow. This was followed by a lovely hot dry summer to make up for it.

We are lucky to have our village recorded like this and we wish we could always remain a village.

The competition was "Something related to Mendlesham". First: Enid Lambert

Second: Norman Foster Third: Brian Mayes.

Next Meeting: March 26th – A.G.M. Our speaker presents "An Armchair Walk around Ipswich",

Our Cedars meal on March 7th will leave the King's Head at 4.45pm.

Tina thanked everyone for attending and Marcel led us in the Anthem.



MENDLESHAM WI



January 2020

President Anita welcomed members and guests to our 94th Birthday Meeting on Tuesday 21st January. This was held at the Stoke Ash White Horse. The meal and was enjoyed by all and this was an opportunity for new members in particular to get to know people. Thanks to Anita for organising a very enjoyable evening.

We have several upcoming events. The SEFWI annual meeting is on 3rd March 2020 at Trinity Park Ipswich. On the morning of Saturday 28th March there will be a 'Kurling' session in the large hall in the Community Centre. The Group Meeting is on 15th April at Wyverstone Village Hall hosted by Eye WI. The Upper Waveney WI Exhibition at Hempnall Village Hall is on the 15th and 16th April.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm in the small hall of the community centre. The speaker will be Jonathan Higgens and his topic and workshop will be '3D Origami'. I'm sure we will all come away with a beautiful piece of paper art! The competition will be 'An item made from paper'.

Monday Meet up

EVERY Monday morning
10 – 12 in the old school room
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if you are for example, retired, widowed, unemployed, new mum or dad with a baby, grandparent babysitting, carer – whatever your circumstances,
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We look forward to seeing you there

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

Parish Council:

Communication with Mendlesham Parish Council:

Please be aware that to communicate with the Parish Council, you may

- Telephone the Parish Clerk tel 01449 766139 (during working hours please, unless in an emergency)
- Email the Parish Clerk: parishclerk@mendleshampc.org (Please note emails will not normally be opened outside of working hours (your clerk is part time) including weekends, evenings and bank holidays.
- Discuss with a Councillor: see contact details on the Mendlesham website http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud and within this publication again please be considerate regarding the timing of any call. Parish Councillors private email addresses are not a means of communicating with Mendlesham Parish Council, please send any emails or correspondence to the Clerk.
- Please note we do have a policy regarding how we will communicate, including via this newsletter and E News (to register please see the home page of the Mendlesham website). Policies can be found under Parish Council on the website.
- Mendlesham Parish Council does not use social media.

Thank you for your help with this- we do not want residents to stop communicating with us, but thought it worthwhile to explain here how and when.



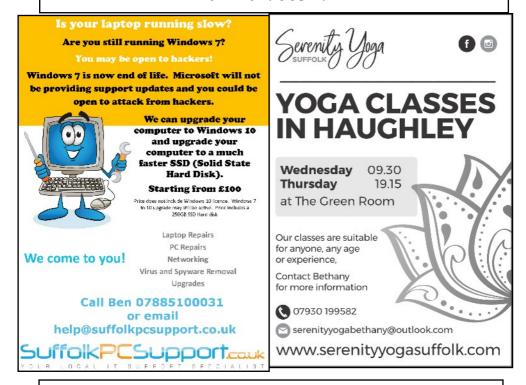
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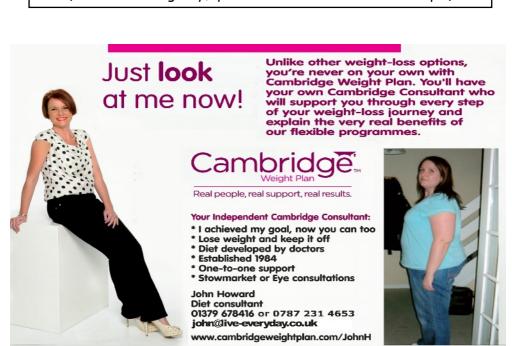
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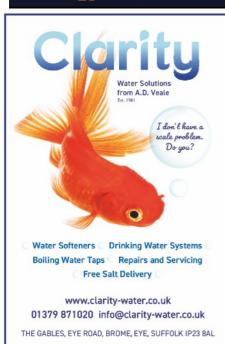




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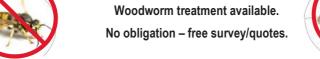
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"I remember, I remember, the house where I was born, The little window where the sun came peeping in at morn," is the start of a poem by Thomas Hood. It's a poem I recall from my childhood and one which has always stuck by me. Not that I was born in the house of my childhood, Ipswich hospital had that experience; nor did the sun come peeping in at morn as the sun didn't get to shine on the little window. But some things stick in your mind and this poem has stayed fresh in my mind for probably 50 odd years. The mind is a funny thing and what we recall can change over time. Some memories are really positive moments in our lives and others are ones we would like to forget but can't. Remembering is important. We use the memory of events to register their significance. Events are not isolated but fit together to form a whole picture, the picture of our lives. Remembering allows us to learn from the past or help decide the future. We remember at so many times in our lives such as birthdays, anniversaries, Remembrance Day and Easter to name but a few. Then at the end of life there is often a tribute to the life of the one who has died which includes so much remembered past.

The 26th February was the first day of Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before <u>Easter</u> in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation.

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A time to remember the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. In observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and his withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Some use this time to give up things in their lives such as alcohol or chocolate, some use the time to do some small thing for others each day of Lent, and some take time to meet together to remember the life of Christ and all that led up to his death on the cross.

May we all remember the sacrifice that our Lord has made for us and look to the future with hope and faith.

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1 st Mar	LENT I 9.30: Sung Mass. Electoral Roll revision continues; nominations for Churchwardens.
2 nd Mar	7.15: Shared Supper & Bible Study in Old School
6 th Mar	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court, followed by refreshments.
8 th Mar	LENT II 9.30 Sung Mass. Electoral Roll revision concludes
9 th Mar	6.30 pm: Mass in church.
3 IVIAI	7.15 pm: Shared Supper & Bible Study in Old School
10 th Mar	9.30: Requiem Mass – March anniversaries
10 IVIAI	10.15 – 12.00: Coffee & Cake in Church
15 th Mar	LENT III 9.30: Sung Mass and Baptism
	10.30: Annual election of churchwardens ('Vestry meeting') &
	Friends of St Mary's AGM
16 th Mar	7.15 pm: Shared supper & Bible Study in Old School
17 th Mar	ST PATRICK
	2.00-2.30 pm: Silent prayer before Blessed Sacrament
	2.30 pm: Mass, laying-on of hands & anointing for healing.
19 th Mar	ST JOSEPH 6.30 pm Mass (said)
20 th Mar	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court, followed by refreshments.
21st Mar	9.30 – 11.30 am: Spring cleaning of church
	11.30 – 2.00 pm: Baked Spud Bash in URC (Friends of St Mary's)
22 nd Mar	LENT IV – MOTHERING SUNDAY
	9.30: Sung Mass, distribution & blessing of candles to be lit as a
	sign of prayer & thanksgiving for our mothers (whether alive or
	departed) - and Adult Baptism
24 th Mar	9.30: Mass (said)
	10.15 – 12.00: Coffee & cake in Church. All welcome.
25 th Mar	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD (Lady Day)
	9.30: Mass (said)
	7.30 pm: Sung Mass, Address & Confirmation (Bishop of
	Richborough)
28 th Mar	CLOCKS GO FORWARD: ONE HOUR LESS IN BED!
29 th Mar	LENT V – Passiontide
	9.30: Sung Mass & Address, followed by Annual Parochial Church
	Meeting ('AGM')
	11.45: Benediction
	12.00 noon: PCC lunch & meeting.

LOOKING BACK

The Friends of St Mary's Coffee Morning on 1st Feb made £295 profit. Thank you to all who helped at and supported it.

Fr Philip Writes

"The time has come," Jesus said, "and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News." (Mark 1 v 15)

Jesus calls us all to repent, and we think especially of this during Lent. Real repentance means that a person has come not only to be sorry for the consequences of his or her sin, but to hate the sin itself. Jesus tells us to believe the Good



News – that we take him at his word. Repentance involves getting rid of what is unclean and prevents Jesus from entering our lives, such as hatred for others, lack of forgiveness, grudges, jealousy, greed for material objects and obsession with money.

We need to open our hearts to all people and not be exclusive. Above all we need to acknowledge Jesus is the real Lord and Master of our lives.

The Kingdom of God is not something that can be seen, for God rules over people's hearts. An unknown poet wrote the words:

"How I wish there was some wonderful place called *The Land of Beginning Again'*, where all our mistakes and all our headaches... could be dropped like a shaggy coat at the door and never be put on again."

There <u>IS</u> such a place – in God's heart, as revealed in Jesus Christ. What convinces me most that God isn't interested in what I was, but in what I can become; not in what I was, but in what I am becoming?

Alexander Pope wrote:

Teach me to feel another's woe To hide the fault I see; That mercy I to others show, That mercy show to me."

(The Universal Prayer)

It is a real discipline to allow yourself to be forgiven. To believe that God wants to wipe out all your guilt and give you a new heart and a new spirit is a challenge. It means you give up being

in control and respond by saying: "Yes, Lord, I need your help."

The more you discover God's light and forgiveness, the more you discover that part of you that you keep hidden to yourself.



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He then added: "If people would absorb its message, a lot of us psychiatrists would close our offices and go fishing." To clarify this point, he said that if patients plagued by guilt feelings took the heart of the prodigal son (Luke 15 v 11-31) they would be healed overnight. God's forgiveness is infinitely greater than any mistakes we can make.

Remember the lovely quotation from St Isaac the Syrian:

'Our sins are but a handful of dust thrown into the ocean of God's love."

This Lent, please ask yourself:

"What is the one thing I find hard to forgive myself?"

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	PARISH CHURCH	I OF ST MARY	HURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2020	ENDAR FOR MARCH 2020
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for)	Parish Intention
_	LENTI	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Front Street / Old Orchard
2		9.30	Christian Aid	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3		9.30	Bible Study Group	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4		8.00 am	repentance & reconciliation	Chapel Road
5		9.30	a greater commitment to prayer	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
9		2.30 pm MC	peace of the world	Brockford Road
7	Ss Perpetua and Felicity	5.00 pm	the future of St Joseph's Centre	Glebe Way
8	LENT II	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Freelands
6		6.30 pm	the Additional Curates Society	Ducksen Road
10		9.30	the departed - March anniversaries	Horsefair Close
11		8.00 am	HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government	Mason Court
12		9.30	all who are homeless	Mayfield Way
13		9.30	persecuted Christians	Mead Way
14		5.00 pm	our churchwardens	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	LENT III	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Middy Close / The Sidings
16		9.30	all who suffer from leprosy	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	ST PATRICK	2.30 pm	the Healing Ministry	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18	St Cyril of Jerusalem	8.00 am	our Baptism & Confirmation candidates	Mendlesham Green
19	ST JOSEPH	6.30 pm	all fathers, foster parents and guardians	Tan Office
20		2.30 pm MC	greater love of God & neighbour	Outlying houses
21		5.00 pm	Walsingham	Farms in Mendlesham
22	LENT IV Mothering Sunday	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Local industries
23		9.30	all who are dying	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24		9.30	Bishop Norman	Mendlesham School and Pre-School
25	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD	9.30 (said) 7.30 pm (sung)	those being Confirmed; the Society of Mary	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
56		9:30	Christian unity	Village Organisations
27		11.00 am	The Society of the Holy Cross	Fr Philip
28		5.00 pm	our APCM & all elected to office	Other places of Worship
59	LENT V - Passiontide	9.30	Parish and Congregation	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30		9.00	those falsely accused	Local Doctors and Nurses
31	0	6.30 pm	all who reject the faith	Neighbouring parishes
		MC	MC = MASON COURT SB = SEE BULLETIN	

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