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which are delivered to every
household in the location of
Mendlesham.

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John Taylor

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speed with the URC and
Parish Church from page 39
onwards.

Editorial

Welcome to the November issue. We brace ourselves as colder and darker weather descends even as we cautiously venture out to communicate face to face with friends and family. We stay alert and socially-distanced but humankind was not made to exist in total isolation.

Perhaps encouragement to move forwards can be found in Albert Einstein's quotation, "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow".

*Best Wishes
Gemma*

SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Paul Allen tel 766543
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- David Nunn (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham Green, Tan Office and outlying properties) tel 767158
- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562
- Sabrina Webb

Meetings:

Wednesday 4th November 2020 Ordinary PC meeting virtual meeting via Google Meet 7pm

Wednesday 9th December 2020 Ordinary PC meeting virtual meeting via Google Meet 7pm

At the time of writing ,we are waiting for yet another announcement from the Government.

Hopefully whilst the Suffolk rates of infection are increasing, we will not suffer some of the measures that will be taken for other areas of the country. However, please take care and follow whatever guidance in order to protect your loved ones, yourselves and the community.

Since March, the support available has become more “ organised” but in case of need please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Parish Council or SCC/D.Cllr Andrew Stringer.

This is normally the time of year when this article reminds everyone to prepare for winter emergencies re medicines, food and fuel supplies but such things this year have become a normal way of life so we will say no more!

Shoebboxes for the homeless and their dogs

It's been a very challenging year for everyone, not least for the homeless and their dogs. With shops shut and very few people about, they really struggled without the help and donations from passers by to help feed themselves and their dogs

It's no life for any person or dog to live on the streets with no home. This Christmas we are again hoping to bring a little Christmas cheer to these people and their 4 legged friends to say that they have not been forgotten.



I am organising shoeboxes for homeless people and their dogs and I am hoping that you will be able to help.

Suggestion of items for the shoeboxes

Thermal gloves, socks, hats, scarf, roll-on deodorant (no aerosols) toothbrush, toothpaste, soft sweets, chocolate, plasters, wet wipes, notepad, pens, envelopes, stamps and a really nice touch would be to include a Christmas Card.

Doggy box

Dried dog food, treats, chews, toys, collar, lead, bowl fleece blanket

All the shoeboxes stay local. They are taken to the night shelter in Ipswich and also distributed to the soup kitchens. Amy extra are taken to Bury and Norwich.

If you cannot do a shoebox but would still like to help with a donation, any of the items listed would be very much appreciated. I made an extra 15 boxes from donations last year which really boosted the total.

Boxes or items can be dropped off at my house any time from now
until 12th December.

My contact details are - Julie Williams
17 Front Street, Mendlesham, 01449 766006
neil.williams38@btinternet.com

***Many thanks in advance for your
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Parish Council:

Mendlesham Community Centre and playingfields:

It has been agreed that subject to any changes with the Covid Emergency restrictions, our regular organisation community centre hirers are able to hire the Small Hall from October Half term. There is a wealth of responsibilities on part of the Community Centre Trustees and the hirers re cleaning, restricted numbers and facilities so please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to discuss this further.

In addition, hirers of Mendlesham Playingfields will be able to hire use of a toilet.

All of this will be subject to a financial sustainability review before Easter and a review at any time, if there are concerns that the facilities are not being kept Covid safe.

A Mendlesham Childhood 1935 - 43 ~ Part Five (of seven)

(In 1939, in West View, Chapel Road, Mendlesham, lived Arthur and Cicely Hurrell and their daughter, Mary, who was 6 years old. Mary Hurrell later married Michael Joyscelyne. These are the WWII childhood memories of Mary Joyscelyne (nee Hurrell), continuing from previous parts, published in the previous edition of this Newsletter).

Next to Kent's, the Bakers, was the Post Office. It was run by two Miss Martins. One Miss Martin was tall and thin, but her sister was shorter and dumpy and she only had one arm. I think they lived in Mr Braybrooke's old house. One day my father helped the taller Miss Martin with something and she said that she wished he would come and live with her. My father duly reported this to my mother, who said "Well, why don't you?" to which he said perhaps he would. At this. I burst into tears and had to be reassured. The mail sorting was done in Mendlesham Post Office in those days and when I was older and an important letter had to catch the post, I sometimes had to tear along to the post office at the last minute, burst open the door and gasp out, "Has the post gone?" . I didn't like doing this.

Coming down Back Street and just before the Alley, was Mr Jackaman's shop. Mr Jackaman sold delicious custard ices, the only ice creams in the village then. Mrs Jackaman helped him in the shop. She was tall and thin and spoke in rather a brisk, prim way. I think Mr Jackaman had a shoe repairing business next door. In the middle of the road was a big work shed where Harry Dick kept planks of wood. I think he made coffins.

Of notable people in the village I can remember Sunshine who always dressed in a rusty looking black coats and hat and Wellington boots. I have an idea that her real name was Mrs Clements and that she had been very smart as a young woman.

Mendlesham Walks



Saturday 7 November 2020

In the morning

Subject to Covid-19 Rules

We will be walking within our parish

You will need to book a slot to walk with us

Autumn is here and so are we!

Please contact Judith at mendleshamwalks@gmail.com for more information

or telephone 01449 766327 or text 07770 746619

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and condolences since the passing of my partner John Blake. He was a keen walker and willingly supported the Mendlesham Walks as well as participating in the walking activities in Eye and the Ramblers Association.

He is sadly missed.

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A Mendlesham Childhood 1935 - 43 ~ Part Six (of seven)

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Mr and Mrs Mayfield lived in the house next to the Old School Room. Mr Mayfield was the previous headmaster. He had white hair and white moustache and was distinguished looking. Sometimes when their granddaughter Sylvia came to see them. I will be invited to go and play. They had a lovely garden with a Beauty of Bath tree. Mrs Mayfield would give us Beauty of Bath apples every year, which we had to eat immediately as they did not keep. They also had a big dressing up box because Mr Mayfield used to take part in amateur dramatics. This was full of cloaks and all sorts of interesting things which we were allowed to dress up in. I specially remember a big red cloak.

During the war the evacuees came to Mendlesham. Our evacuees came from a school in Dagenham, with three of their teachers, one of whom was called Mr Cohen. I remember seeing all the evacuees waiting patiently in front of the village hall, each with a brown paper carrier bag, while Mrs Pizzy and other members of the WVS arranged which families the children would go to. Our evacuee was called Doreen Stockwell. She was a bit older than I was. Her mother came to visit her once, but I don't know how long the evacuees stayed in the village.

At certain times of the year seasonal games would appear. I don't know who made the first move in bringing out each game. Girls would start skipping and playing hopscotch. Both girls and boys would play marbles. We called the coloured glass marbles "allies". I also had a very small marble that we called the "pipna". Girls would also play with two balls, three balls, even four balls, throwing them against the wall in rotation and catching them. I don't know whether children play these games now.

Parish Council:

Mendlesham Playingfields MUGA and WSA project:

It is hoped very shortly that we will be able to open both of these new facilities for use.

Thank you to Ali Woodley, our project manager, who has managed this project on our behalf, including the unexpected delays and difficulties arising due to Covid.

There is still work to do with landscaping, seating and permanent signage and our new table tennis tables will not be in place until the Spring.

There are also many others to thank, hopefully at an official opening event in the Spring.

Parish Council:

Remembrance events:

At our recent Parish Council meeting, it was reported that poppy selling would need to change this year with door to door sales and local outlets currently in question.

Locally arrangements will be made to honour those lost, including flags, wreaths etc.

However, please try to find a means of donating to the Poppy Appeal this year. It is possible even if you cannot donate directly on line, postal donations are possible to the British Legion if you can ask someone to go online and print a donation form for you.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

Further details will be provided via E News and Parish Noticeboards closer to the time and as soon as we know.

A Mendlesham Childhood 1935 - 43 ~ Part Seven (of Seven)

(In 1939, in West View, Chapel Road, Mendlesham, lived Arthur and Cicely Hurrell and their daughter, Mary, who was 6 years old. Mary Hurrell later married Michael Joyscelyne. These are the WWII childhood memories of Mary Joyscelyne (nee Hurrell), continuing from Part Six, and Parts One to Four in the previous edition of this Newsletter).

A highlight of the year was the visit of Mr Huggins, the chimney sweep, when he came to sweep our chimney. My mother got up early to make preparations. Anything movable was moved, big furniture was pushed back and all the furniture and carpets covered with dust sheets. Mr Huggins, very tall and thin, all in black, arrived on his bicycle with his brushes strapped behind. An annual treat for me was to run outside to watch for when the brush came out of the chimney and Mr Huggins would wiggle it well and make it go up and down so that we knew the chimney was well and truly swept. Afterwards, my father would give Mr Huggins a glass of whisky. As this was one of the rare times I remember seeing whisky in our house, it was surely an important occasion. Mr Huggins would then regale us with a few anecdotes. He described once how he had just finished sweeping the chimney in a big house locally, and the dust sheets had all been removed, when there was suddenly a great fall of soot, which went all over the room. "Oi hetta larf," said Mr Huggins.

Mr Huggins was also the school caretaker. Before Mr Huggins. I think Mrs Lewis was the caretaker. I am not sure who was in charge. On one occasion my father had forgotten to cancel the school milk because of the holiday. Mr Juby duly arrived with the crates of milk. "Yew duzzy owd fewl, yew", said Mr Huggins (or Mrs Lewis). I'm not sure what Mr Juby replied.



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd November at 1900 hours and last about an hour.

The theme for November is autumn images and/or a video (of less than 2 mins.) of any subject. This can be a montage of images or a short video recorded on any device.

The club is a small group of mixed photography ability and new members are always welcome.

For details please log onto the
website:<http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk/> or contact
mike@favager.co.uk



Thank You



Thank you to all that showed up and supported our tractor run on Sunday 13th September to raise money for Cancer Research UK (Breast Cancer Appeal). We could not have achieved it without the support of the tractor drivers that showed up thank you.

A big thank you goes out to Karon from Stackyard Nursery and to Stonham Barns for all your help and support. Also thank you to Daphne Lambert for her wonderful cakes and thank you to our chef on the BBQ.

In total with the help and support of everyone we have managed to raise **£1500.00**

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

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Mendlesham Fish & Chip Shop | 15.15 - 15.30 |
| Mendlesham Playing Field | 15.35 - 15.50 |
| Mendlesham The Green | 16.00 - 16.20 |

The van's next visit is **Thursday 19th November**.

Future dates planned as follows:

17th December and 14th January 2021

Only one customer on board at a time and hand sanitiser to be used before entering.

Face covering is advised.

Shelves are sanitised between each stop and all returned stock is quarantined for 72 hours.

Scouts



1st Mendlesham

Do you have a youngster who would like to join either Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers?

Please see below the details for each section.

BEAVERS

6 - 8 years Thursdays – 5.30 - 6.30pm

cubs

8 - 10^{1/2} years Wednesdays – 6.45 - 8.15pm

Scouts



10^{1/2} – 14 years Mondays –
7.00 – 9.00pm

EXPLORERS

14 – 18 years Thursdays –
7.30 – 9.30pm

All sections currently meet at Mendlesham Community Centre – Small Hall. During the summer months all the sections may meet at the Old HQ at Mendlesham Green, weather permitting.

ADULTS

Would you like to help with a section or help with our fundraising and events? Please do get in touch.

If you would like further information on any of the above, please contact:-

Martyn Bryant – Group Scout Leader – 01379 788998

martyn_bryant@hotmail.com

Elizabeth Evans – Group Chair – 07545 322087 –

elizabeth.evans81@hotmail.com

For those who may be new to the area, Brockford was the next station to the east from Mendlesham on the line from Haughley to Laxfield. Since 1991 there has been a museum at Brockford recreating a representation of what the railway was like. We had an extremely successful open day on January 1st 2020 but unfortunately we have had to remain closed this season. However, we now have some good news which is we will be running

SANTA SPECIALS AT THE MID SUFFOLK LIGHT RAILWAY 6th, 13th & 20th December, 8 trains per day, first train 10.00

For a magical Christmas treat for children up to 10 years old, a trip on a Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Santa Special is not to be missed.

Steam trains run from Brockford Station to 'North Pole Halt', where the children will have an individual meeting with Santa at his Christmas Guards Van. The Stations, Brockford and 'North Pole Halt' will be fully decorated in full 'Christmasy' style.

Visitors can enjoy the unique atmosphere created at Suffolk's only standard gauge (full sized) award winning railway museum. The Santa Special's genuine Great Eastern Railway Victorian four wheeled coaches are a historical experience for any passengers, especially younger ones and there will also be other entertainment including a traction engine and model railway.

All seats must be booked in advance. To be Covid -19 safe, bookings will be by compartment with a minimum of £50.00 for four persons per compartment + £12.50 per additional passenger with a maximum of 6 passengers, or up to 8 if they are from the same household. We also have availability of up to 11 passengers in our first class compartment.

Trains run from 10.00 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. on 6th, 13th and 20th December. Passengers will be asked to arrive 15 minutes before their booked departure. We respectfully request visitors to be as punctual as possible due to the extra cleaning regime we have to operate to be Covid compliant and we ask all visitors to wear masks in and around the railway's public areas and to their train.

All seats will be padded, but there will be no blankets. Passengers may bring their own if required. Also due to coronavirus restrictions we are unable to provide any refreshments.

Bookings and compartments will be identified by a number and reindeer name (non-transferable). To book, or for more information, visit [www.msrl.org.uk/Santa Specials](http://www.msrl.org.uk/SantaSpecials) or call 01449 766874 between 9.00a.m and 6.00p.m.. Bookings will commence Thursday 15th October.

Mid-Suffolk Light Railway, Brockford Station, Station Road, Wetheringsett IP14 5PW (Off the A140, follow the brown signs). www.msrl.org.uk 01449 766874

It is also hoped that we will be open again on January 1st for another New Year's Steam and Historic Lighting Festival.

Of course this is subject to any further restrictions due to Covid 19.

Brian Scott

Village resident and volunteer at the Middy

TOTE RESULTS

| Mendlesham Lottery September 2020 | | | |
|--|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 5th September | | 19th September | |
| Brian Mayes | £35.00 | Dannie Fletcher | £35.00 |
| Simon Colchester | £25.00 | Mike Lawrence | £25.00 |
| Gillian Child | £15.00 | M. Rouseau | £15.00 |
| Tracey Shepperd | £10.00 | Kirsty Lummis | £10.00 |

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.

THANK YOU

To all who sponsored me on the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride day on 12th September, including several people who gave through my JustGiving page and wished to remain anonymous.



I visited 14 churches
and chapels and cycled
25.9 miles.

Sponsorship totalled an
amazing £1,120 - and as
some was Gift-Aided,
the final amount will be
even higher.



Half will go to SHCT to help with upkeep of historic churches and chapels throughout Suffolk and half will go to St Mary's Mendlesham for the ongoing restoration, conservation and maintenance of this beautiful and historically important Grade I [building](#).

Anne Gray

| <u>MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY</u> | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
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| 3 rd Monday Book Club | Doug Williams | 766498 |
| Annual Parish Party | Rachel Roshier | 07881 816622 |
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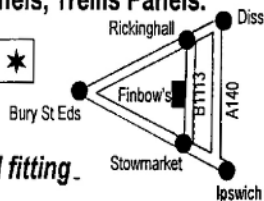
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¹ Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

Dear Friends

Remember, remember the fifth of November
The Gunpowder treason and plotter.
I see no reason why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.

The opening of this poem is one that we all remember from childhood, and it could be said that the first 2 words sum up the month of November, (Remember, remember), in the Christian calendar. It starts with All Saints Day on the 1st of November (mainly for Roman Catholics, Lutherans and Anglicans) and is a universal Christian Feast that honours and remembers all Christian saints, known and unknown.

On 2nd November, it is All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed, (again, mainly for Roman Catholics, Lutherans and Anglicans).

Then, of course, there is bonfire night on the 5th of November, not a Christian Festival. In 1605, Guy Fawkes, also known as Guido, and a group of conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. After Queen Elizabeth I died in 1603, English Catholics who had been persecuted under her rule had hoped that her successor, James I, would be more tolerant of their religion. James I had, after all, had a Catholic mother. Unfortunately, James did not turn out to be more tolerant than Elizabeth and a number of young men, (13 to be exact) decided that violent action was the answer.

One of the group members even sent an anonymous letter warning his friend, Lord Monteagle, to stay away from Parliament on November 5th. The warning letter reached the King, and the King's forces made plans to stop the conspirators.

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Guy Fawkes, who was in the cellar of the Parliament with the gunpowder when the authorities stormed it in the early hours of November 5th, was caught, tortured and executed. On the very night that the Gunpowder Plot was foiled, on November 5th, 1605, bonfires were set alight to celebrate the safety of the King. Since then, that date has become known as Bonfire Night.

Then we have Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday when we, as a nation, remember the guns falling silent on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 minutes past the 11th hour to mark the end of the First World War and all the wars after that right up to the present day. This year, we remember that it is 75 years since end of World War 2.

This year, perhaps, our remembering will be more poignant as we remember those we have lost with the Covid 19 pandemic (both those who are known to us and those we do not know) and how has changed the world.

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| 6th Nov | <p>9.30: Requiem Mass for departed members of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham, Society of Mary etc.</p> |
| 7th Nov | <p>3.00 pm: 1st Mass of Sunday (32nd of year A) Roll of honour read at Mass & 2 minutes silence</p> |
| 8th Nov | <p>9.30: REMEMBRANCE – Requiem Mass for the fallen in WW1, WW2 and all wars since. Wreaths will be laid at our parish memorial and the American memorial.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Although acts of worship are exempt from the current 'Rule of 6' there is still a limited number of seats available in church because of social distancing. We intend to welcome a representative from Lakenheath, the Parish and Community Councils and uniformed organisations to the church and as many parishioners as can safely be accommodated. Others are welcome to socially distance in the South churchyard, where the service will be broadcast, but it is difficult to make precise plans as rules are constantly changing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE SEE UPDATES ON CHURCH WEBSITE AND VILLAGE E-NEWS NEARER THE TIME</p> |
| 11th Nov | <p>9.30: Mass 10.30: A short act of Remembrance in St Mary's including the reading of the Roll of Honour and 2 minutes silence at 11.00, though sadly the school will not be able to attend this year.</p> |
| 13th Nov | <p>9.30: Requiem Mass: November anniversaries</p> |
| 16th Nov | <p>9.30: Requiem for departed priests</p> |
| 19th Nov | <p>9.30: Requiem Mass for those who have taken their own lives</p> |
| 22nd Nov | <p>9.30: Parish Mass followed by PCC meeting</p> |
| 26th Nov | <p>9.30: Requiem Mass for departed relatives and friends.</p> |

Fr Philip Writes

Jesus said, "There are many rooms in my Father's house."

By his Father's House, Jesus meant heaven. The Jews held a belief that in heaven there are different grades of blessedness – stages upon the way to glory. The hymn "Love Divine" expresses stages in these words, "**Changed from glory into glory, 'til in heaven we take our place....**" Speaking in earthly terms we sometimes feel we would be too dazzled with too



much splendour if, immediately on our death we were ushered into the very presence of God, and that we need to be cleansed and purified until we can face greater glory.

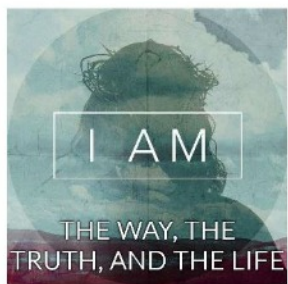
An earthly house can be overcrowded; an earthly inn must turn

away a traveller if the accommodation is exhausted. In God's house there is room for all, because heaven is as wide as the heart of God.

Many harbours are very difficult to approach. When great ships come in, a little pilot boat is sent out to guide them in. It goes before them and they follow it as it leads them through the channel into safe waters. That is an illustration of what Jesus did. He showed the way to heaven for us to follow.



St Thomas found this difficult to understand. Jesus said, "**I AM THE WAY.**" What did he mean? Just imagine you are in a strange town and ask for directions. A person may say: "1st right, 2nd left, go past the church and then 3rd left and 4th right." I imagine most of us would be lost before we got half way. But if that



person were to say, **“Come with me, I’ll take you there,”** we can’t go wrong. That is what Jesus does, as he walks with us. He does not tell us which way to go, but is there alongside us, for he IS the way.

This month is dedicated as a month of prayer for the dead on their journey. They need purification; they need to grow and hence we sprinkle their graves with holy water as a sign of cleansing and growth. They need prayer; hence we use incense, which is a sign of

prayer: many grains burning together to form a single vapour. The vestments at Mass are black, which symbolises sin. We pray that the departed may receive complete healing of body, mind and spirit in God’s kingdom.

I am often asked about people who seemed to have little or no faith in God. It is not for us to judge or jump to the conclusion that God has rejected them. I have often found more faith in the most unexpected people. Jesus spoke of faith **“like a grain of mustard seed.”** (Matt 17 v 20) It might be tiny at present but is capable of tremendous growth.



I believe we should be positive and optimistic rather than negative and defeatist, for God is just and merciful.



“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3 v 17)

CHRISTMASS

As Government advice is still changing, it is too early to confirm plans. Please see the December newsletter for more details.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2020

| Date | Church Festival | Mass | Intention (we pray especially for...) | Front Street / Old Orchard | Parish Intention |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 | ALL SAINTS | 9.30 and 6.30 pm | Parish and Congregation | | |
| 2 | ALL SOULS | | The Departed | | Old Market St / Braybrooke Close |
| 3 | St Victorinus | 9.30 | a deeper love of Scripture | | Mill Road and Hobbies Lane |
| 4 | St Charles Borromeo | 9.30 | Christian Unity | | Chapel Road |
| 5 | | 8.00 am | The Guild of All Souls | | Church Road / St Mary's Gardens |
| 6 | | 9.30 | departed members Society OLW / SOM | | Brockford Road |
| 7 | of 32nd Sunday | 3.00 pm | Parish and Congregation | | Glebe Way |
| 8 | 32nd of Year A - REMEMBRANCE | 9.30 | Fallen in War | | Freelands |
| 9 | DEDICATION OF 1ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH | 9.30 | church conservation societies | | Ducksen Road |
| 10 | St Leo the Great | 9.30 | our bishops | | Horsefair Close |
| 11 | St Martin of Tours | 9.30 | the homeless | | Mason Court |
| 12 | St Josephat | 9.30 | prisoners of conscience | | Mayfield Way |
| 13 | | 9.30 | the departed - November anniversaries | | Mead Way |
| 14 | | 3.00 pm | Forward in Faith & the Society SSWSH | | Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close |
| 15 | 33rd of Year A | 9.30 | Parish and Congregation | | Middy Close / The Sidings |
| 16 | | 9.30 | departed priests | | Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane |
| 17 | St Elizabeth of Hungary | 9.30 | HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government | | Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane |
| 18 | | 8.00 am | the forgotten dead | | Mendlesham Green |
| 19 | | 9.30 | those who have committed suicide | | Tan Office |
| 20 | ST EDMUND | 9.30 | the Church in East Anglia | | Outlying houses |
| 21 | Presentation BVM | 3.00 pm | Walsingham | | Farms in Mendlesham |
| 22 | CHRIST THE KING | 9.30 | Parish and Congregation | | Local industries |
| 23 | St Clement | 9.30 | generosity in giving | | Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation |
| 24 | St Andrew Dun-Lac | 9.30 | readiness for Christ's coming | | Mendlesham School & local High Schools |
| 25 | St Catherine of Alexandria | 8.00 am | persecuted Christians | | SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham |
| 26 | | 9.30 | departed relatives and friends | | Village Organisations |
| 27 | | 9.30 | the sick | | Fr Philip |
| 28 | | 3.00 pm | our observance of Advent | | Other places of Worship |
| 29 | ADVENT SUNDAY | | Parish and Congregation | | PCC, Parish and Community Councils |
| 30 | ST ANDREW | 9.30 | the mission of the Church | | Local Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare workers |

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