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Jennie Lummis

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speed with the URC and  
Parish Church from page 44  
onwards.

**Editorial**

Welcome to the September issue.  
I have a few things to say so please go to page 3 for more from Me.

Best Wishes  
Gemma

## THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Norman Foster tel 768978
- Brian Gardiner tel 766648
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- Helen Orton tel 767741
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- Sabrina Webb

### Meetings:

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

**Wednesday 7th October 2020** Ordinary PC meeting virtual meeting via Google Meet 7pm

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# MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF' AND COMPUTER CLUB

**Sadly these two village activities, both involving large numbers of customers sitting together in a confined space, will remain closed until it is safe to re-open without social distancing. The organisers continue to re-appraise the situation in line with government guidance.**

## **Message from the Editor**

Well what a strange and trying few months it has been!

From what I have seen and read the whole village has rallied when needed, from clapping for key workers to grocery runs for the shielding, well done everyone.

Obviously we are getting used to the new 'Normal' and rules & guidance are changing daily it would seem, therefore some groups are not able to have their usual meet ups yet, but some are having online meet ups, information on these are in the newsletter.

Some of our advertisers understandably and unfortunately are also unable to continue with their services at the moment, if you are one of these people and wish to suspend your advert for the time being, please can you let me or

Keith Shelton know by 6<sup>th</sup> September, thank you.

Lastly, as we have less items to go into the newsletter at the moment, if you have any photos, recipes or articles that you wish to share, please email them to me at [gemma.green1202@gmail.com](mailto:gemma.green1202@gmail.com) and I will see if I can get them into a newsletter soon.

*Stay Safe Everyone, Be Kind  
Best Wishes  
Gemma*

## **Mendlesham Scout Group Update**

As with other organisations, we had to stop our weekly meetings back in March due to Covid 19. However, this did not mean that scouting came to a halt.

Our young people have been getting involved in various activities at home and online whilst not being able to meet in person. We have had garden campouts and we participated in the national 'Hike to the Moon' challenge. Our Beavers took part in a district virtual campout via Zoom, and we made a loo roll challenge video. With our annual St George's Day parade cancelled, we took part in the 'Clap for Carers' instead, wearing our uniforms and renewing our scout promise. You can see photos of what we have been up to on our Facebook page.

The leaders and executive committee have been busy behind the scenes too, continuing planning work on our scout hut project, keeping up to date with our mandatory training and ensuring we keep in touch with our young people. This involved getting to grips with new technology such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams, which was challenging at times.

With lockdown starting to ease, we are awaiting confirmation of when we can safely return to weekly meetings. The Scout Association have stipulated that we must have a Covid 19 Risk Assessment, which the leaders and Executive Committee are currently working on. This must be approved by our District team and all parents will be informed of the arrangements we will have in place. It is hopeful that we will be able restart face-to-face scouting later in September.

I know that all our young members and leaders have missed scouting activities since March including camps, parades, hikes etc, so it will be great to meet up with the sections again.

We do have spaces available in all sections, so if you would like your youngster to join in and develop 'Skills For Life' then please see the details On next page.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We currently have 2 volunteer vacancies within our Scout Group.

- **Scout Section Leader** – planning and delivering a programme of events at weekly term time meetings, undertake essential training, attend some overnight camps, attend approx. 6 committee meetings during the year.

- **Secretary (Executive Committee)** – prepare and email agendas, take minutes at meetings and send to committee members, undertake other tasks as needs arise.

If you are interested in either role above, would like to assist with a section or are able to support us for our fundraising events, once we restart, then please get in touch.

## Scout Hut Project Update

Great news! We have had planning permission for our scout hut granted, as you may have seen in the recent online EADT article.

We feel the design that we have chosen will sit really well in the surroundings of the HQ site at Mendlesham Green.



We are now able to start our major grant applications for capital funding in earnest, with our Project Coordinator, Noel Fletcher, using his wealth of knowledge of funding sources. We have also been looking at ways we can fundraise whilst we are unable to run face-to-face events and are currently working on some ideas. If anyone would like to help out with our fundraising, please let us know. Thank you to those who have already been in touch.

We have also recently been running an online survey to gather the thoughts and opinions of the local community, which will help support our applications for grants and funding. We hope to bring you the results of this survey soon. There is still time to fill this in if you haven't yet done so. We will be

closing the survey on 10<sup>th</sup> September. You can find the survey

here: <https://forms.gle/n8TrNxm3ivHGTJpi9>

Lil Evans – Group Chair

Martyn Bryant – Group Scout leader



# Mendlesham Walks



**Saturday 5 September 2020**

In the morning

In this crazy world of lockdown I hope that you have been able to keep safe and well. It has been nice to see so many people out and about enjoying the footpaths.

We have been busy! Condition Surveys of all the Parish Footpaths has been completed and a Discover Suffolk Walking Leaflet for Mendlesham is in the pipeline.

Look out for Walk Leaflets outside the village shop and near the Mendlesham Woods.

For more information just google: Mendlesham Walks.

*Note: the Webpages are being updated but the forms and maps are still relevant.*

**We must remain Alert.**

**You will need to book a slot to walk with us**

Please contact Judith at [mendleshamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:mendleshamwalks@gmail.com)  
or telephone 01449 766327 or text 07770 746619



Thank you to Keith Shelton and his glamorous assistant Lorraine for putting up the new leaflet box in the Mendlesham Wood.



## MENDLESHAM COOKING CLUB

It seems a long time since we had the last Cooking Club session in the village hall. Coronavirus struck back in March, which meant that all planned cooking club sessions were cancelled. Thinking that I would have to wait until the virus was under control and life was back to normal before we had another cooking club session, I started researching recipes, using my sister and her husband as my “chief tasters” (thanks Sandra & Michael)

I then received a call from Avi Knizk, who asked if I would be willing to do live cooking sessions on Facebook. I do have a Facebook account, but am not very active, so asked Avi to explain how it would work. Once it was explained to me, I said ok, let’s have a go. Avi set the Facebook page up, making sure it was secure and only those invited could join. We started with a few people, it then snowballed from there. Having every Wednesday for cooking club gave me a focus, especially as I was shielding. I was a little nervous on the first session, parents soon put me right and gave me confidence. We ran 13 sessions, with a variety of children, grandparents in the village and my godchildren in London, and on occasions my son & his girlfriend joined in from London.

The children were amazing, we have some budding chefs in Mendlesham. Each week pictures of the foods we cooked were posted on the club page, it was amazing to see how well the children managed and improved over the weeks.

I do not think there will a cooking club session in its old format this year, so I will post on the club page towards the end of August to see what we can do for the Autumn term.

Thank you Avi for suggesting this to me, it was a real learning curve for me, one that I thoroughly enjoyed. I must also say thank you to Michael, who was my glamorous assistant every week, this was allowed as we are classed as one household and Michael is my nominated career.

Sylvia Lyons

**Parish Council:**

**Where do we start?**

**Community thank you's :**

Thank you to everyone who has helped take care of the vulnerable and indeed those not so normally vulnerable over the past few months and in the future as we move forward to whatever. These include:

Mendlesham Health Centre

Mendlesham Primary School

Mendlesham shop

Mendlesham religious organisations

SCC/MSDC Andrew Stringer for co ordinating volunteers and those in need, before the County/National support systems became available and even now keeping a “watching brief”.

Parish Councillors who emptied litter bins (including dog poo), placed notices on Parish Noticeboards and generally acted as the community ears and eyes.

All volunteers

Those who continued with their jobs including milkmen, postmen, delivery men, dustmen and farmers ( and ladies).

Apologies if we have missed an organisation, person or service. This is not intentional.

At the time of writing, the community is starting to move away from lockdown, with residents returning to places of work/religion, our pub, shops and businesses opening and community organisations positively thinking about how they can operate in a different, new way.

Our Community Centre currently remains closed with much work being undertaken to try to open as soon as possible. Initially it is thought this will be the Small Hall and toilets for the Changing Rooms only, in line with the guidance at the time, to keep everyone Covid safe. Initially priority will be given to the existing organisation hirers to enhance our community well being for the young, elderly and indeed all of us. Numbers using the facilities will also be very much reduced. It has been agreed that Mendlesham School can have exclusive use of the Main Hall areas for the Autumn term, to help them open for all children in September.

However organisations are meeting/playing football on Mendlesham Playingfields -please contact Rachel 07506388119 to book, as we need to ensure we do not have overcrowding.

Parish Council business has been undertaken throughout. We have a new chairperson, Cllr Andy Davey. Congratulations Andy and so many thanks to Cllr Mike Exley for his commitment whilst undertaking this role previously.

Decisions were initially agreed via email and we then rose to the challenge of meeting formally virtually, in line with Government legislation. This will continue until further notice. For those unable to join us virtually, we are sorry this is not possible at present. Agendas are placed on the Parish Noticeboards, so please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or a Parish Councillor by telephone as required.

Details of all parish council meetings and community information has been circulated via E News, which now has a circulation of over 280 contacts ( sign up via the web site). Social media has also been a valuable means of communication between residents. Paper notices have also been placed on the Parish Notice Boards by Parish Councillors. Circulation of this edition of the Mendlesham Newsletter is also welcome.

As a Parish Council we need to review what has been successful but more importantly what has not gone so well and could be improved for the future. This includes reviewing our Emergency Plan. We were well placed for a weather related physical emergency, but as with many others had not anticipated a virus pandemic! If you have thoughts, positive or negative, please contact the Parish Clerk via email before 1 October. Email [parishclerk@mendleshampc.org](mailto:parishclerk@mendleshampc.org).

Dog poo, anti-social littering, and communication means are already on the list.

*Please stay safe, wash your hands  
and remember to socially distance.*

**Volunteers Urgently Needed**  
**Community First Responders (CFR's) and Fund Raisers**  
**Join a ZOOM meeting 19:00 2nd September 2020 for more information.**

My name is Mike Favager, I have been an active **Community First Responder (CFR)** in Mendlesham since 2009. In 2009 the Mendlesham and Wickham Skieth CFR group was formed from 9 volunteers. The group were trained by East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST) paramedics, assessed and given the callsign NZ572 which remains extant. For the last 3-4 years I have been the sole responder in the group as others have moved on to pastures new. It has always been the aim to achieve 24/7 cover for the community which may well have been achieved in 2009/10, however, as the numbers have decreased over the years, so has the number of hours covered. As a one man band for the last 4 years or so, the cover has reduced to a few hours a week, which is quite woeful in a village of this size. The role is purely voluntary, not paid, all equipment is supplied by EEAST, uniform is not required or currently worn by NZ572 responders, as uniform would have to be paid for by funds raised by the group.

**What does a Community First Responder do?**

A CFR responds to an emergency call initiated by a Dispatcher based in the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in Norwich from a 999 call. The request comes via a dedicated phone on loan from the Ambulance Service and the CFR is requested to attend a limited range of emergencies in the local area (normally with 5 miles). These calls are limited to cardiac arrest, difficulty in breathing or shortness of breath, chest pains, strokes, diabetic, choking, anaphylaxis, seizures, feeling unwell and a few other minor emergencies. All classified as Category 1 or 2 by the EOC. A CFR does not respond to trauma, road traffic accidents, potential or suspected COVID-19 cases and many other lower category emergencies. Each CFR group will hold at least one emergency pack including Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), Oxygen Cylinder and suitable masks, a limited amount of bandages and other bits and bobs.

**Are CFR's Trained by the Ambulance Service?**

Yes, the EEAST currently delivers training over 5 days, and responders are continually assessed throughout. The training is very thorough, comprehensive and relaxed this will give a responder the confidence required to support the local community in attending an emergency. The course is certificated which can be used to further advance you own training if required.

**What do I need to do to become a CFR?**

You must be over 18 with a full driving licence and willing to use your car to respond. Your insurance company will not increase your premium for volunteering and will provide a letter to EEAST to say you are covered by insurance. A DBS check is required. An occupational health questionnaire is also required to be completed.

**What would be my commitment?**

You would have to commit to giving up some of your spare time to volunteer each month, however, this can be as much or as little as you want. You would also be required to attend a monthly training meeting for about 2 hours per month (not all sessions are mandatory). You can opt out of attending a call if you feel you are unable or unwilling to attend that specific emergency.

**Join a ZOOM meeting to see and hear more on 2nd September at 19:00. Please contact [mike@favager.co.uk](mailto:mike@favager.co.uk) for the meeting details.**

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 24<sup>th</sup> September**.

Future dates planned as follows:

22<sup>nd</sup> October 19<sup>th</sup> November 17<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

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### **Mendlesham Writers Group**

Meetings of the Mendlesham Writers Group will remain in suspension until further notice and will resume when confidence in group gatherings has increased to a point when all members are, once again, comfortable with the idea of a communal meeting.

In the meantime, members have been encouraged to create an on-going A to Z listing of interesting, significant or otherwise memorable situations, places, activities etc. experienced throughout their lives, with the aim of eventually being able to pass these personal histories onto their descendants so that questions such as "What did Granddad do in: the war / isolation / Turkey / the 1960s?" or whatever, can be answered with some modicum of accuracy.

I look forward to meeting up again and to being able to present the, now long awaited, 2019/20 Writer of the Year Award.

Keep your pen(cils) and little grey cells sharp and stay safe.

Noel

MWG Coordinator

# 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<sup>1/2</sup> years    Wednesdays – 6.45 - 8.15pm

### Scouts



10<sup>1/2</sup> – 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](mailto:martyn_bryant@hotmail.com)**

**Elizabeth Evans – Group Chair – 07545 322087 –**

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Places available from September

Please contact Julie Ponton on 07977 641381 or email: [stonham-aspal@btconnect.com](mailto:stonham-aspal@btconnect.com) for further information

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# TOTE RESULTS

## Mendlesham Lottery June/July 2020

18th June		16th July	
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Emma Cracknel	£25	Barbara Mack	£25
Lisa Hauwert	£15	Gwen Ives	£15
Hannah Gadie	£10	Fred Arbon	£10

### **Mendlesham Community Council**

The Community Council's fund raising has been hit badly by Covid-19. We had to cancel the Street Fayre, close the 50/50 Shop, stop Film Nights, Tote and Newsletter. The Cookery Club was able to continue for many weeks by live streaming thanks to Sylvia Lyons sharing from her kitchen. We have cancelled the Harvest Supper in October but have not made a decision on the Firework Display yet. Restrictions are being lifted so the Newsletter magazine will be starting again with September issue. The 50/50 Shop may open one afternoon a week but not until our Insurance has been checked and an intensive Risk Assessment following government guidelines. The Tote will resume with some changes: The Draw will take place twice a month and the prize money is 1st £40; 2nd £25; 3rd £15; 4th £10. This means the total prize money awarded each month matches that of previous weekly draws. You can still help the community council by continuing to stay in the Tote or joining if you are not already a member. £10 per year. Contact Jean 766895.

### **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

Unfortunately we have not been able to meet for the last five months due to Corvid 19. As yet we can see no way of meeting in the near future. Only 30 people are allowed to meet and as we usually have 45 to 50 members at our meetings we cannot say some can come and not others. It will be very hard to keep two metres apart in the small hall and the big hall is not available to rent as the school is using it. We know everyone misses our monthly meetings and, please God, it will not be too much longer until we can meet again and work out a new list of outings and speakers.

Tina wishes to thank everyone who supported her over a very hard time. Russell will be missed by all.

When all is safe we will contact all members. So for now be patient. We will be back and please take good care of yourselves.



### MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The meetings have started again on Zoom, the next one being on Tuesday, September 1st at 1900 hours. The club is a small group of mixed photography ability and new members are always welcome. The photo theme for September is your five favourite images you have photographed in 2019-2020.

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

## Film Nights



We are so sorry that at this time we are unable to run film nights –  
but watch this space!

We'll be back

Mendlesham WI plans to decorate a tree again this year at the Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival. Our tree will be in Abbots Hall where the theme is Christmas music. We like to craft our decorations and at the moment are thinking 'bells' and 'angels' Who could forget last years knitted farm animals! If any members are willing to knit or sew decorations or have suitable patterns we would love to hear from you. Please contact Shirley or Ruth.

The festival will be open November 20<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup> - obviously subject to any restrictions in place at that time.

At the time of writing we would normally be preparing for our August Grow, Cook and Sew – our show that showcases member's talents. Are your nasturtiums prize winners? - maybe this year can be a practice and we can try it again next year!

Our WI also hopes to take part in the Federation Plant a Tree in 2020 programme to help the environment and climate change. A bare root tree is provided for us to plant and our commitment is to nurture it to maturity. The planting will take place in this autumn.

Stay safe.



## 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. To apply for consideration please request an application form from the clerk Mike Favager, by email [mike@favager.co.uk](mailto:mike@favager.co.uk). or phone 766007

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

## SUFFOLK HARVEST – REMEMBERED

I remember the cornfields – dawn mist of a Summer's day

Poppies – red

Speedwell – blue

Cobwebs rainbowed with morning dew.

I remember the cornfields – a binder clanked it's way

Sails – red

Sky – blue

The heat of sunshine's burning hue.

I remember the cornfields – men pitched sheaves all day

Faces – red

Wagons – blue

Hardworking horses, sweating too.

I remember the cornfields – scared rabbits raced away

Eyes – red

Swallows – blue

And high above a skylark flew.

I remember the cornfields – the end of a harvest day

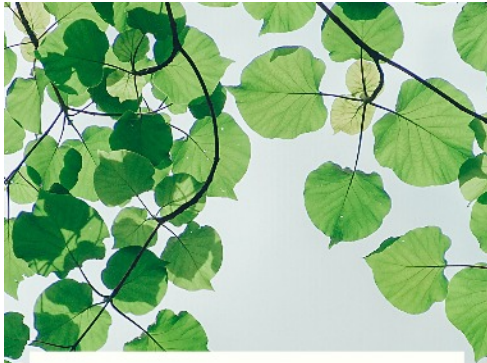
Sunset – red

Moon – silver blue

A swooping owl – too-whit, too-who.

## MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

1 <sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Guides	Emma Munday	766096
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday Book Club	Doug Williams	766498
Annual Parish Party	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Ancient Order of Foresters	Dawn Smith	766466
Bar - Community Centre/Social Club	Rachel Brown	07506 388119
Bowls Club	Peter Coleby	766985
Brownies	Brenda Stannard	766308
Carpet Bowls	Kenny Ager	766146
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Community Council	Carolyn Triscott	766563
Community First Responders	Mike Favager	766007
Community First Responders Coordinator	Chris Hame	767755
Computer Club/Saturday Cafe	John & Brenda Player	768101
District Councillor	Andrew Stringer	01449 780339
Film Nights	Judith Howard-Rees	07770 746619
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Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre	Phil Tucker	01379 678400
History Group	Sue Michell	766434
Mendlesham Camera Club	Mike Favager	766007
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Martyn Bryant	01379 788998
Mendlesham Explorer Unit	Jonathan Freeman	01449 766676
Mendlesham FC	Tim Mack Angela Lockwood	07909 810681 07845 471154
Mendlesham Toddler Group	Sabrina Webb	07809 878834
Mendlesham Walking Group	Judith Howard-Rees	07770 746619
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Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	766139
Rainbows	Becky Froude	01473 747772
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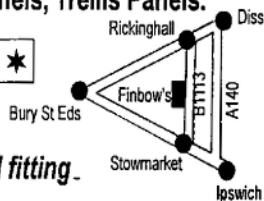
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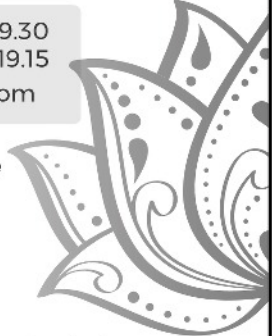
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## MENDLESHAM CHAPEL

Minister: The Rev'd Robert Sheard  
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### SEPTEMBER

*We are very pleased to welcome our new Minister, the Rev'd Robert Sheard to the Stowmarket group of churches. We were not able to welcome Robert in the traditional way by attending the Induction Service at Stowmarket on 4<sup>th</sup> July. We were, however, able to sit in our own homes and follow the proceedings on Zoom.*

*We are planning to hold our first service after lock-down on **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.45am** when our new Minister will conduct a short act of worship. Prior to this, of course, a full risk assessment will be carried out and the chapel thoroughly cleaned. Other activities will commence as and when the Government allow and we feel it is safe to do so,*

### **Psalm 45: 1-3 & 7- 9 & 11 God is with Us**

1 God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. 2 So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; 3 even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence.

7 The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. 8 Come and see what the LORD has done. See what amazing things he has done on earth. 11 The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Dear Friends

We are living in strange times at the moment, and life is so very different to what we are used to, things aren't happening in the way we expect. I feel that I have crept into being Minister of Stowmarket, Stowupland, Mendlesham, Haughley, and Debenham United Reformed Churches.

I moved into the manse with my wife and daughter on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. We also have a dog called Jakey, who since moving here has had 2 cataracts removed. I originally come from Halifax, (as coincidentally did the last Minister). This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> pastorate, my 1<sup>st</sup> was with 5 Churches in Cumbria and I have just moved from a 3 Church pastorate at Spalding, Bourne & Boston in Lincolnshire.

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In these unusual times it is not easy to move around and get to know surrounding places and the people within. I am having to do meetings over zoom and in August, at Stowmarket, we started a short act of worship. Hopefully between September and October we shall be starting short acts of worship in the villages.

Always with a new pastorate it takes a time to get to know the people and the communities, which is going to be even harder under the present circumstances.

We hope at some point to be able to get back to our other Church activities, but we are not sure when, we'll keep you posted, but please be assured that within all of our Churches we are thinking and praying for all our communities, and the churches are still very much playing their part even though they are unseen.

I look forward to meeting with you all at some point.

Yours

The Reverend Robert Sheard (United Reformed Church Minister of Stowmarket, Debenham, Stowupland, Mendlesham and Haughley.)

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The church has reopened for public mass with social distancing measures and under COVID 19 guidelines.

Mass times are as follows - Thursday 10am

Saturday evening 1800 and Sunday at 0830 and 1015.

Face coverings must be worn and a test and trace form filled in when attending holy mass.

Stewards will be directing parishioners in church and we look forward to welcoming you

Please see the parish website for full details and guidance

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## SUNDAYS:

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

**Daily Mass:** *see calendar on inside back page & check porch notice, website & bulletin.*

**Daily Morning & Evening Prayer**

*see porch notice.*

**Baptism (Christening), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament or any pastoral need - contact Fr Philip**

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## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

✳️ **COVID-19 prevention. Some events may have to be cancelled or altered at short notice. Please check website** ✳️

	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 9.30: <b>Requiem Mass</b> – September anniversaries 9.00 – 5.00 pm: <b>Ride and Stride day</b>. Cycle, ride or walk between churches in Suffolk. Half sponsorship money goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and half to your nominated church (which we hope will be St Mary's Mendlesham). See <a href="https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/">https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/</a> for details and sponsor forms or contact Andi Elstone.</p>
<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b></p>	<p>9.30: <b>Parish Mass</b>. We welcome Bishop Mike, Bishop of Dunwich, to preach</p>
<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b></p>	<p><b>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</b>. 9.30 Mass, followed by (socially distanced) meeting of our cell of the Society. Please make every effort to attend, as we cannot make a pilgrimage to the Shrine.</p>
<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b></p>	<p>9.30: <b>Parish Mass</b>. PCC meets after to prepare for postponed Annual Parochial Church Meeting</p>
<p>Mass will be offered daily in church during September, as it has been since 8<sup>th</sup> May when lockdown restrictions were eased. See calendar for times on inside back cover. However, because of the difficulty of social distancing, we cannot currently arrange healing services.</p>	

## LOOKING AHEAD

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY , ADVENT & CHRISTMASS

We are actively looking at ways of observing Remembrance Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> November), Carol singing at The Green & The Street and the Christmass Eve Carol Service so as to include as many as possible in a safe, socially distanced way and are in discussions with representatives of the Parish Council and others in the Community.

Full details will be included in the October Newsletter.



## Friends of St Mary's

As we cannot hold fund raising events for the restoration of the church, I hope we will have a bumper result when the Friends of St Mary's boxes are collected – to be blessed on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Immediately after the lockdown we had to authorise emergency work on the lead roof of the nave which cost over £1,000.

### Fr Philip Writes

## In the parables told by Jesus of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price (St Matthew's Gospel Ch. 13 v 44

and 45-46) both have the same message: the Kingdom of Heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. St Augustine wrote: **"Christ is not valued at all unless he is valued above all."**

Christ loved searchers and He had sympathy for those who were looking, even if they were searching in the wrong places and for the wrong things. He was able to point them in the right direction. Jesus could do nothing, however, for the smug and self-satisfied. He compares the Kingdom of God to a rare pearl or priceless treasure that is worth everything we have. To enter that Kingdom is to accept and do God's will.



## Where do we discover God's will?

An elderly lady in Scotland was so poor that her neighbours had to support her.

They were happy to do this, but what bothered them was her son had gone to America and become rich. The mother defended her son, saying, "He writes to me every week and always sends me a little picture. I keep them all in my Bible." Between the pages of the Bible were hundreds of US bank notes. The woman had a treasure in her Bible and did not realise it. We all need to ask



ourselves: **"To what extent do I need to discover the treasure in my Bible – Jesus Christ?"**

In the town of Swaffham in Norfolk, according to legend, there was a pedlar in the Middle Ages named John Chapman. He dreamed that if he went to London he would hear on London Bridge something to his advantage. He duly made the long, arduous journey to London and when he arrived at London Bridge a stranger asked him what he was doing there. He told the stranger his dream. The stranger said that if he were a dreamer he should go to Swaffham in Norfolk and seek the garden of John Chapman the Pedlar, for in it, under a tree, was buried a crock of gold.

John then returned home, dug under the tree and found not one pot of gold, but two. The moral of the tale is that rather than going on a long journey to find treasure, it is **IN OURSELVES** – waiting to be discovered. **We shall never be happy unless we find the treasure that God has hidden in our own field – the treasure of our own worth as God’s children.**



Some people believe the Kingdom of God is only for saints. Jesus always welcomed sinners – and a church which admitted only saints would make as much sense as a hospital which admitted only people who were well. The church is not a museum for saints but a school for sinners.

A little girl was painting all good people orange and all bad people purple. Her teacher asked her what colour she was painting herself. After a pause, the little girl replied, “Streaky!” We are all streaky, so we must look for the good in others rather than the bad. It was Billy Graham who said,

**“If you find a perfect church, by all means join it... then it will no longer be perfect!”**



A precious diamond became deeply scratched, but a famous diamond-cutter took it and engraved a beautiful rose, using the deep scratch as the stem of the rose. It was not just a clever cover-up but it took the diamond’s fault and transformed it into something beautiful. In the same way, God can transform our worst fault to bring us closer to Him.



God can turn everything to the benefit of those who trust Him. He helps us pick up the pieces and gives us a sense of who we are and where we are going. **When we say**

**a situation or a person is hopeless, we are slamming a door in the face of God.**

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

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1		9.30	all who are possessed by evil	Front Street/ Old Orchard
2		8.00 am	The Guild of All Souls	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	ST GREGORY	9.30	the conversion of England	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4		9.30	all who are married	Chapel Road
5		9.30	children at risk	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6	<b>23rd SUNDAY of YEAR A</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Brockford Road</b>
7		9.30	all who are disabled	Glebe Way
8	BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY	9.30	The Society of Our Lady of Walsingham	Freelands
9		8.00 am	all with mental health concerns	Ducksen Road
10	<i>(World Suicide Prevention Day)</i>	9.30	The Samaritans	Horsefair Close
11		9.30	forgiveness and reconciliation	Mason Court
12		9.30	the departed - August anniversaries	Mayfield Way
13	<b>24th SUNDAY of YEAR A</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Mead Way</b>
14	HOLY CROSS DAY	8.00 am	The Society of the Holy Cross	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	Our Lady of Sorrows	9.30	all who are bereaved	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30	respect for the earth and all creation	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		9.30	those we find hard to forgive	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		9.30	ministry of Deliverance	Mendlesham Green
19		9.30	all who farm the land	Tan Office
20	<b>25th SUNDAY of YEAR A</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Outlying houses</b>
21	ST MATTHEW	9.30	all preparing for ordination	Farms in Mendlesham
22		<u>9.00</u>	Walsingham	Local industries
23	Padre Pio	8.00 am	the sick	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30	all pilgrims	Mendlesham School and Pre-School
25		9.30	all who are homeless	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		9.30	the elderly	Village Organisations
27	<b>26th SUNDAY of YEAR A</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Fr Philip</b>
28	St Wenceslaus	9.30	HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government	Other places of Worship
29	Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	9.30	those who are dying	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30	St Jerome	8.00 am	Bible study groups	Local Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare workers

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