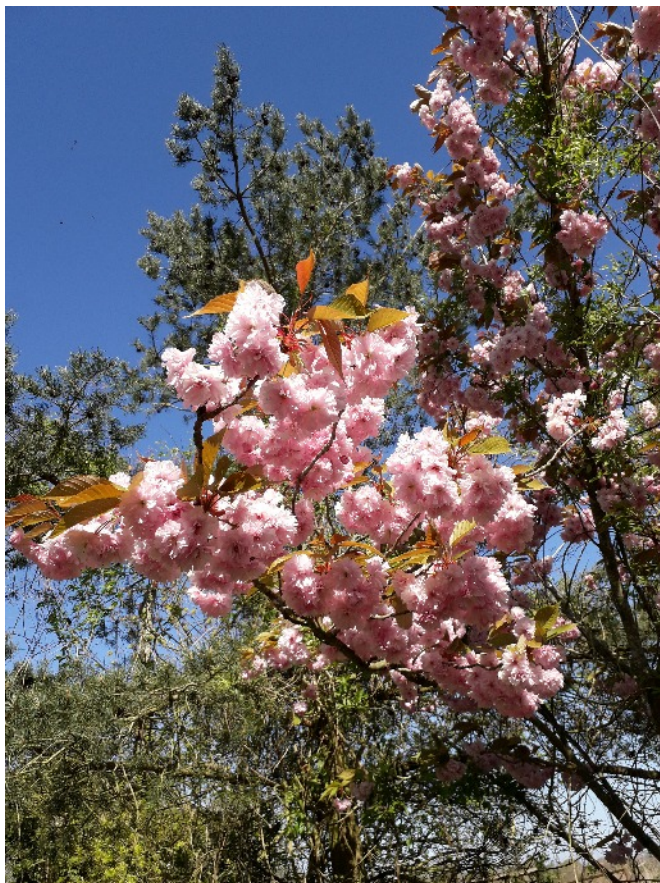


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Front Cover

Meg Clarke

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Happy Easter



Editorial

Welcome to the April issue on line. There is definitely a stirring of hope in the air. The Road Map out of Lockdown continues and evidence of Spring is all around. Days are becoming sunnier to highlight the fresh green shoots and colourful early flowers of the season. Perhaps we dare start to plan a future now?

Best Wishes
Gemma

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Meetings:

We have provisionally agreed dates and times for 2021 for our regular, planned Ordinary meetings. However, at this stage we do not know when we will be able to meet physically rather than virtually. Further details can be found on the Mendlesham website.

At present all meetings, those planned monthly and any additional meetings required due to unanticipated parish council work load, have to be held virtually with agendas published on the Mendlesham website and also circulated via E News. If you have not signed up for E News, you can do so on the home page of the website.

Wednesday 14th April 2021 Ordinary PC meeting virtual meeting via Google Meet 7pm

Wednesday 12 May 2021 Annual Parish Council meeting 7pm followed by AGM's for Mendlesham Community Centre Charity and Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity and Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

In case of need:

Please remember the "**Home, but not alone**" support, is still available
Tel 0800 876 6926 . Details also found on the Mendlesham website.

Take care and stay safe.

Parish Council:

MUGA/WSA areas: we are keeping everything crossed that these areas will be able to be opened on 29th March.

Parish Council:**Traffic: Front Street, Mendlesham**

We have received further concerns from residents regarding damage to parked vehicles and the highway, plus noise due to larger vehicles using Front Street. Please would also users of the highway, particularly when driving through residential areas, respect the amenity of those living in the nearby properties and either keep to or below the speed limits.

If you are concerned about a particular issue, please remember residents are able to report regular offenders direct to Suffolk Police via 101 or the Suffolk Police website with information regarding the potential offender (number plates/photos etc). We understand Suffolk County Council Highways are aware of the continual damage to the Highway and are reviewing types of repair materials and techniques used.

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MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday
6th April at 1900 hours and last about an
hour. The photo theme for this month is Colour Pop or a colourful
picture - we submit photos on this subject to a Dropbox, these will be
displayed and discussed. In the second part of the meeting a member
of the group will talk about a photography related technical subject
aimed to help us all.

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



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

**Unfortunately the Mobile Library will not be able to run
at the moment.**

Watch this space for updates though.

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Previously: 'The Trouble with Goats and Sheep' (*Suburban*); 'Our House' (*Howdunnit*); See Jane Run (*Psychological thriller*); Conversations with Friends; The Hopes and Dreams of Lucy Baker (*Romantic Fiction*), Milkman.(tbd), The Western Wind (*historical whodunnit*); We have always lived in the castle (*mystery Thriller*); The Mars Room (*Prison novel*); Free read (summer); All That Man Is (*literary fiction*), The Wall (*Science fiction*); Mrs Palfrey at The Claremont (novel); The Catcher in the Rye (*coming of age novel*)

Parish Council:**Future of Mendlesham Community Centre:**

Further to a meeting of the Mendlesham Community Centre Charity, 24.2.21, which was itself the culmination of a series of public meetings, the Trustee of the Community Centre Charity, Mendlesham Parish Council has unanimously agreed, in principle, to sell the following areas of the building, plus the old Preschool garden, as owned by the Charity to Suffolk County Council (SCC).

The request from SCC has originated due to SCC and the John Milton Academy Trust (JMAT, responsible for Mendlesham Primary School) needing to find premises for a SEND unit based at the school.

This offer has needed to be considered within an extremely short time scale, at a time when physical meetings are not possible. We have tried our best to communicate this matter via the Mendlesham E News, Social Media and Parish Noticeboards so we hope this will not be a complete shock and very much appreciate these have not been ideal circumstances.

The decision has been made to sell and build a new “Small Hall” for many reasons, including that this is a one-off opportunity for a new building more suited to the community needs for the 21st Century, with improved construction and “green” features, therefore reducing running costs and also avoiding the need to update a financially unsustainable building of some 35 years, now needing major investment.

We have obtained a commitment from the JMAT that the Community will have first preference over hire of the Main Hall and Changing rooms outside of school hours. This includes assurances, all to be legally agreed, that the Changing Rooms and Main Hall with associated toilets, kitchen and storage cupboard will remain available for community hire. However, we do understand that the bar and associated corridor to the Small Hall will be used for other purposes and therefore not available for community use. Works to the Small Hall would need to take place very shortly, so if everything goes to plan, even when the Covid road map and dates allow hire of community facilities, the Small Hall will not reopen for community hire.

All other details such as contact details to arrange community hire are still to be obtained. As soon as we are able to provide you with this information, we will let you know. Please note there may need to be some flexibility on behalf of our existing regular hirers to fit everyone into the Main Hall pending a new Small Hall being built.

We are very much aware, this news will mean more questions and uncertainty regarding the existing building hire as well as a new build. At present, details including facilities, location, design for the new build have still to be finalised. We will keep you all informed accordingly and consult accordingly as soon as we can.

Apologies for this, but we thought it better to at least share where we are now rather than later. We will advise as soon as we can, the contact details you will need to hire the Main Hall and Changing Rooms from the JMAT, when legally possible.

Parish Council:

Parish Meeting:

The Annual Parish meeting 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, but the parish council are obliged to organise and host the meeting between 1st March and 1st June.

Last year the meeting was cancelled due to the first National Lockdown.

This year we have provisionally set a date of **Tuesday 20th April 7.30pm.**

At present, we cannot hold physical meetings and whilst the Covid roadmap promises a way back to holding such meetings, as we write, we cannot guarantee this will be possible before 1st June and don't know what if any, Covid mitigation steps we would need to take, such as numbers allowed in any room available to hire.

Therefore this year the Parish Meeting will be held virtually and links to the meeting will be circulated closer to the time via E News (sign up via the Mendlesham website). We are really sorry that this meeting will not make the normal Parish Awards. Not only do we have the outstanding nominations due to be presented last year, but there will be nominations for this year, including contributions to the Community during the Covid Emergency. However, it may be that we can all get together physically to celebrate the Awards and a return to our new lives later in the year?

What we can do is provide the opportunity for residents and parish organisations to ask questions and report on where they are on plans for the future including any support required.

So whilst different, you will need to supply your own refreshments, hopefully still a meaningful opportunity to get together?

Further information will be sent out via E News closer to the time. We do appreciate that not everyone will be able to participate virtually but feel something for some is better than nothing.

Mendlesham Walks

We have had some beautiful winter days, but oh, my, we have had some very wet and cold ones to say nothing about wind and frost! However, I am so pleased to see more and more people out walking. It is a simple form of exercise with so many benefits – fresh air, great things to see and a booster to both mental and physical wellbeing. Sadly it has not been possible to run regular group walks due to the need for us to minimise the spread of this dreadful virus.

Remember though, that within our daily exercise there are many walks we can choose from – take a look at a local map of Mendlesham Parish or visit the webpage below for walks that you can follow.

Whenever you can, despite the mud, please stick to the public footpaths. This means you avoid trespassing or potentially damaging the farmland. Keep you dogs under control to avoid chasing wild life or farm animals. Our farmers have not stopped work during the pandemic and we need to respect their working environment. Take any rubbish home, close gates and report any missing footpaths signs or seek clarity if you are unsure of a route. Members of the Walking Group are always happy to help.

By the time you are reading this there will be many signs of the spring that is just around the corner. Enjoy.



Contact Judith on 07770 746619 or email
mendleshamwalks@gmail.com

To added to the Email Circulation List or for more information

See Mendlesham Parish Website for further information about local
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<http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/clubs-and-organisations>
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Mendlesham Baby and Toddler Group

Meets in the large hall of the Community Centre.

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

9:15 - 11:30



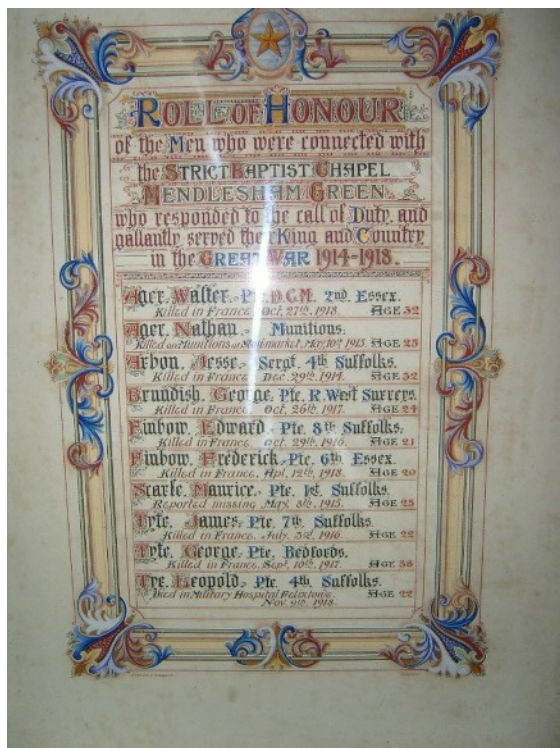
Come and join us for a drink, snack, activities and a large space to play in.

Contact Selina Cannings on 07925198581

MendleshamBabyGroup@gmail.com

Facebook; Mendlesham baby toddler group
for further information.

In addition to the plaque in the Church another plaque, for the WWI fallen in Mendlesham Green, was erected in the Mendlesham Green Chapel. The location of this plaque is no longer known. If you know where it might be please let us know.



Roy Colchester's book *A Landscape and General History of the Parish of Mendlesham, Suffolk* confirms that a 'District nurse' was also funded as part of the memorial to the fallen in WW1.

"So rather than paying for the "usual" kind of stone memorial for our Fallen, the Parish council, with support from the Parish community, paid the donations into a War Memorial Fund to employ a nurse for the parish. We know that one of the nurses employed was Nurse Keeble of Tower House, Church Street. This community provision was in place until the beginning of the National Health Service. Although the NHS officially began in 1948, the duties of our nurse continued well into the 1950s.

WW11

The plaque in St Mary's Church Mendlesham also commemorates the fallen of WW11 and the Crimean War.

Mary Bishop Hunt also informs us that a plaque was erected in the Chapel Cemetery in Mendlesham Green to remember the fallen of WW11. Three of the men were from neighbouring homes in Mendlesham Green. She writes about the loss of *'My uncle Gordon Hunt from Woods Farm, Norman Salisbury and Edric Wright. Rowley Scott lived further down the Green'* This plaque can still be seen in the wall of the entry to the cemetery at Mendlesham Green.

In addition to these plaques and to commemorate the villagers who fell in World War II, in a deed of trust dated 1 May 1952, the trustees of the Mendlesham Village Hall was gifted 16 and a half rods of land from Victor Pizzy, with the intention, with money raised from public subscription, to build a village hall for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Mendlesham. At the bottom of the deed of trust the community representatives were listed as:

Column 1 Names and addresses of Representatives	Column 2 Organisations.
Wareham (Canon) Percy T. E. The Vicarage, Mendlesham	The Parochial Church Council
Baker (Pastor) Victor J. "	The Trustees of the Baptist Church
Thorpe, Robert "	The Trustees of the Congregational Church
Hurrell, Arthur "	The Managers of the Primary School
Cutting, Charles E. The Hollies, Mendlesham	The Governors of Endowed School Estate Charity
Cutting, Alfred G. 'Beecholme', Mendlesham	The Trustees of Church & Town Estate Charity
Pizzy, Victor Mendlesham	The Parish Council
Arbon (Mrs) Florence M. "	The Committee of the Womens Institute
Lockwood, Thomas "	The Committee of the British Legion
Wareham (Mrs) Edith M. "	The Committee of the Mothers Union
Knock, Robert ",	The Committee of the Badminton Club
Hunt, Leonard J. "	The Committee of the Dramatic Society

Signed Sealed and delivered by the said }
Victor Pizzy in the presence of :- }

Victor Pizzy

L.S.

*Arthur Hurrell, Schoolmaster
Mendlesham.*

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TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery February 2021			
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Dannie Fletcher	£15.00	Loise Shepperd	£15.00
Bill Foster	£10.00	Sandra Morgan	£10.00



MENDLESHAM WI

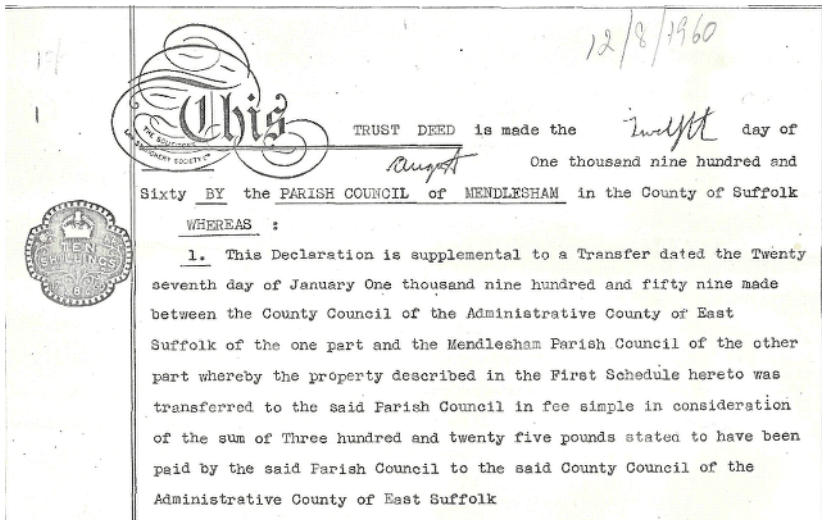
Our first knit, stitch and yarn zoom meeting had nine members logging in. It was good to catch up with everyone and see some members working on card making and knitting and the rest of us yarnning! Ruth had prepared a ten question quiz to entertain us. We did miss our usual half time coffee and delicious cakes.

Following from this success we plan to have another virtual knit, stitch and yarn on Wednesday 7th April at 10.30am and the next WI meeting will be on Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm when it is planned to have a quiz and a virtual speaker.

If you are a member or a prospective member who would like to be included please contact president Anita (766902) for the link into the meeting. You will be welcome.

In 1958 £250 was allocated from the War Memorial Fund for the Mendlesham Green Play Field.

The Mendlesham Memorial Playing Fields Charity was set up in 1960 with the aim to provide playing fields for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Mendlesham, to improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants.



The trust deed suggests that the playing fields were purchased from East Suffolk Council for £325, with the money coming from the Mendlesham War Memorial Fund. The deed was signed by two members of the Parish Council, George Edward Thorpe and Russell Fenning. The area of the playing fields is described as 3.215 acres and was known as "Mendlesham Memorial Playingfield". The trust deed also includes a list of Organisations in Mendlesham and the name of a representative member of each, as shown to the right::

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Representative Member</u>
Women's Institute	Gladys Ivy Tye
British Legion (Mens Branch)	Robert Charles John Lushey
British Legion (Women's Branch)	Ethel Lewis
Baptist Chapel	Victor Baker
Parochial Church Council	Bernard James Jolley
Parish Council	George Edward Thorpe
Mothers Union	Florence Maud Arbon
Congregational Chapel	Daisy Elizabeth Thorpe
Village Hall	Catherine Hendry
Baptist Chapel Women's Fellowship	Emma Ethel Baker
Congregational Chapel Women's Fellowship	Daisy Elizabeth Thorpe
Green Institute	Leonard Joseph Hunt.
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<u>MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY</u>		
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Bowls Club	Peter Coleby	766985
Brownies	Brenda Stannard	766308
Carpet Bowls	Kenny Ager	766146
Com. Centre/Small Hall Bookings	Sharon Jones	766139
Community Council	Carolyn Triscott	766563
Community First Responders	Mike Favager	766007
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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History Group	Sue Michell	766434
Mendlesham Parish Party Committee	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
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	Selina Cannings	07925 198581
Mendlesham Walking Group	Judith Howard-Rees	07770 746619
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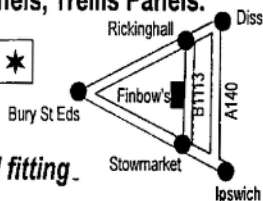
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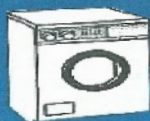
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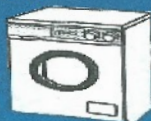
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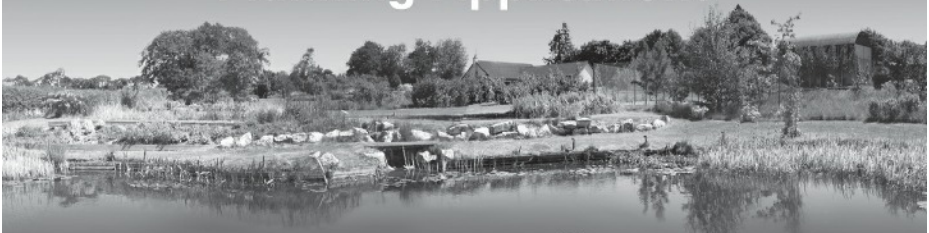
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Mark 16: 6-7

⁶ “Don't be alarmed,” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here — he has been raised! Look, here is the place where they put him. ⁷Now go and give this message to his disciples, including Peter: ‘He is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ ”

Dear Friends,

As we approach Easter, we prepare to celebrate the biggest festival in the Christian calendar, we look forward with joy to celebrating that our sins are forgiven. For most people Easter is just a time to eat chocolate, so for those people they don't realise, what Easter is truly about, all the things that are associated with Easter, eggs, flowers, lambs, baby chickens, all are to do with new life. Sadly, the other day I saw food covering for an Easter item which had a dinosaur on it, this is more with selling the item than anything to with Easter.

Easter is very much to do with new life, that was bought about by the death of Jesus, and his resurrection, which means that all of us can start again. The Easter message is about the hope that this brings, that we are all saved.

Last Easter we were unable to celebrate Easter in our Churches because of the Covid 19, hopefully this Easter will be different that we will celebrate Easter with a church service taking place within our churches, even though it will not be totally in the way that we would wish.

As we celebrate Easter perhaps the message of Easter will resonate with us more, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who took on our sins so we can have new life in Him, that from His death gives new life!

We can now see a light at the end of the tunnel with Covid 19, and the roll out of the vaccines, but we all need to continue praying, so that we can soon be out of this international crisis that we find ourselves in. May the Easter story show that there is still Hope, Love and Grace and that things will get better and we will see new life in the world.

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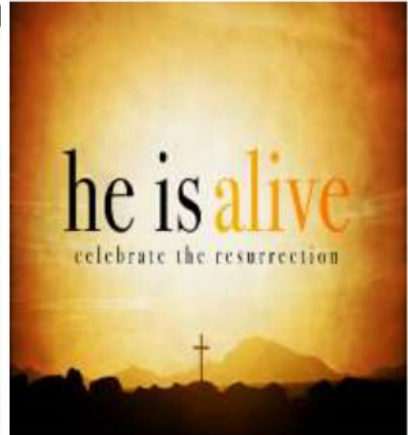
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2nd Apr	GOOD FRIDAY 2.00 pm Liturgy: readings, prayers, Holy Communion
3rd Apr	HOLY SATURDAY 7.30 pm: Blessing of Easter (Paschal) candle, new fire, Easter vigil, blessing of font, Easter garden & first Mass of Easter
4th Apr	EASTER DAY 9.30: Blessing of Easter candles in memory of departed loved ones, Parish Mass & address
11th Apr	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.30 Parish Mass; 10.20 (approx.) Vestry meeting to re/elect churchwardens. 10.30: Brief meeting of PCC to approve 2020 accounts.
19th Apr	9.30: Requiem Mass: April anniversaries
22nd Apr	9.30: Mass will be offered for Walsingham
23rd Apr	ST GEORGE 9.30 Mass will be offered for HM Queen Elizabeth & the country.

Funeral arrangements for Michael Denny

Thursday 8th April: 4.00 pm: Michael's body will be received into St Mary's church for a short vigil service. The church will remain open until 8.00 pm to allow people to pay their respects and light candles in a socially-distanced way, as only a limited number can attend the funeral service.

Friday 9th April: 11.00 am: Funeral Service in St Mary's church, followed by cremation at Risby.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be on 9th April at 10.20 approx. after the 9.30 Parish Mass.

Father Philip writes...

A boy said to his father, “Dad, is it really true that when you were

a boy, you went to church every Sunday?” His dad replied proudly: “Yes, I went every Sunday!” The boy thought a minute and said: “I’ll bet my going every Sunday won’t do me any good either!”



What a contrast much formal religion of just going to church has been to what should happen to us at Easter. We are told in the Gospels that Jesus appeared to his disciples and the power of Easter began to work miracles in their lives. They ceased to be despairing men and became daring missionaries and preached the Good News. Jesus’ resurrection invited them to open their hearts to new life. That same power of Easter continues to work miracles in people’s lives wherever it is preached and whenever people open their hearts to it. The Good News of Easter is that Jesus wants to work miracles in you and me. The boy questioning his father had not seen any change in his father’s life. There was no evidence



of new life in Jesus Christ. A question for us all is: **What keeps me from displaying the Risen Life of Christ more vividly in my life?**

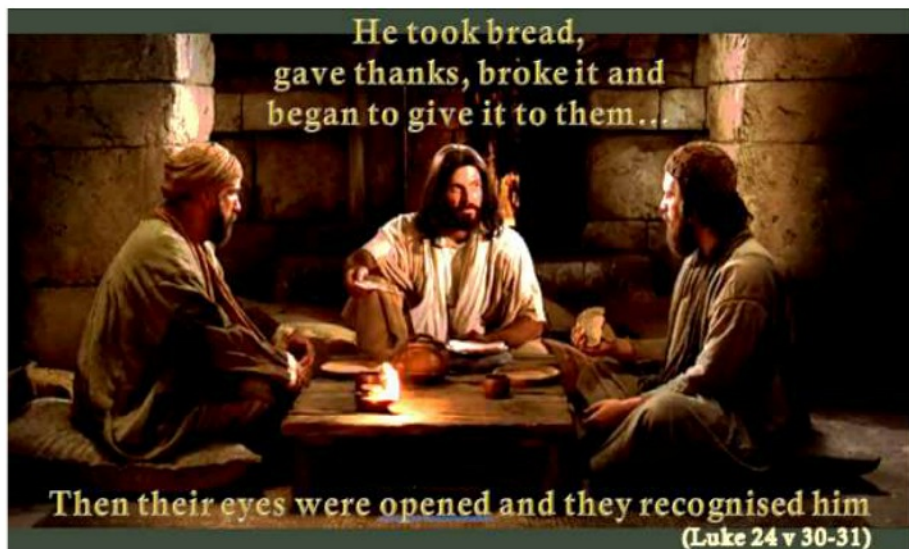
Maybe our reticence to live the Easter Life is that we give in to doubt. When the disciples came to the tomb, expecting to find Jesus dead, they did not find him at all and shortly it dawned on them that He had risen/ The empty tomb also offered another lesson. They would have to go on in His absence but empowered with His Spirit.



We are called to witness to the Risen Lord by passing on our faith rather like a baton is passed from one runner to another in a relay race. The

baton of God's kingdom is passed by Jesus to His disciples. They are to complete the work He began while living among us. John Henry Newman said: "God has created me to do some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another."

The early Christians knew Jesus in the Breaking of Bread – the Mass –



and unlike the boy talking to his father, the world saw they were changed by their worship. If we respond to Jesus, Easter will be evident in us, rather like the way described by the following little poem:

**"I am my neighbour's Bible: he reads me when we meet.
Today he reads me in my house, tomorrow in the street.
He may a relative or friend, or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name, yet he is reading me."**

May we be more aware of our part in Christ's mission and realise others judge him by what they see in you and me.

Come Holy Spirit and fill us with your Love!

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2021

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for...)	Parish Intention
1	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30 pm	Communicants	Front Street / Old Orchard
2	GOOD FRIDAY	2.00 pm	all for whom Christ died	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	HOLY SATURDAY	7.30 pm	The Guild of All Souls	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	EASTER DAY	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Chapel Road
5	EASTER MONDAY	9.30	all searching for faith	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6	EASTER TUESDAY	9.30	the bereaved	Brockford Road
7	EASTER WEDNESDAY	9.30	the sick	Glebe Way
8	EASTER THURSDAY	9.30	peace of the world	Freelands
9	EASTER FRIDAY	9.30	the mission of the Church	Ducksen Road
10	EASTER SATURDAY	7.30 pm	the PCC	Horsefair Close
11	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mason Court
12		9.30	all preparing for Baptism	Mayfield Way
13		9.30	the Church in Kagera	Mead Way
14		9.30	all in prison	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15		9.30	persecuted people	Middy Close / The Sidings
16		9.30	Christian Aid	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		7.30 pm	diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mendlesham Green
19		9.30	the departed: April anniversaries	Tan Office
20		9.30	greater devotion to the Blessed Sacrament	Outlying houses
21		9.30	all in Parliament	Farms in Mendlesham
22		9.30	Walsingham	Local industries
23	ST GEORGE	9.30	HM Queen Elizabeth & the country	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24		SB	Forward in Faith	Mendlesham School
25	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30	Parish and Congregation	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		SB	Additional Curates Society	Village Organisations
27		SB	more vocations to the priesthood	Fr Philip
28		SB	the homeless	Other places of Worship
29	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	SB	people of Europe	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30	St Plus V	SB	Christian renewal	Local Doctors and Nurses

SB: Please see Church website and weekly bulletin



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