

# **MENDLESHAM NEWSLETTER**



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**Deadline for September Issue  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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

**Front Cover**

Meg Clarke

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**Editorial**

Welcome to the August issue. We seem to be speeding through the summer months so I hope that you are taking advantage of warm sunny days to venture out and about with more freedom. Now that school holidays are here, make happy family memories to hold for the future.

Have you taken a few minutes to fill in the parish questionnaire enclosed in our last issue? It is so important to hear from everyone in order to plan future events in our parish. Closing date is 1st August.

*Best Wishes & Thanks Gemma*

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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### Meetings:

*Please note during the Covid Emergency numbers attending the meeting are currently limited and additional precautions are in place to keep everyone safe. Please contact the Parish Clerk in advance of the meeting if you wish to attend to discuss further. Tel 01449 766139*

**Wednesday 11th August 2021** Ordinary Parish Council meeting Old School Room, Mendlesham 7pm.

**Wednesday 8th September 2021** Ordinary Parish Council meeting Old School Room, Mendlesham 7pm.



## MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd  
August - in the Old School Room at 1930.

The challenge for August is 'the colour yellow' - we submit the photos to a Dropbox, these will be displayed and discussed. In the second part of the meeting Alan's presentation will be ideas for postcards.

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](mailto:mike@favager.co.uk)

Meeting will, of course, be subject to Government guidelines in place at the time.

## Mendlesham Walking Group

No walks in August but we will be back in September

**A Wednesday Walk**

**And**

**A Saturday Walk**

Meanwhile, look out for Footpath markers showing the Mendlesham Circular Walks and the leaflet in the village shop and at the edge of the Mendlesham Wood



Contact Judith on 07770 746619 or email [mendleshamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:mendleshamwalks@gmail.com)

To be added to the Email Circulation List or for more information

See Mendlesham Parish Website for further information about local walks

<http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/clubs-and-organisations>

Select 'Walking Group' or just Google 'Mendlesham Walks'

**Parish Council:**

**Mendlesham Community Centre:**

We are extremely conscious that the Parish Council as Trustee of the Mendlesham Community Centre Charity, has not communicated with residents and regular hirers recently, further to the decision in principle to sell the charity owned parts of the Community Centre.

At the time of writing, this is because whilst there is a huge amount of work being undertaken, currently there is nothing definite to communicate or ask for your thoughts and help for.

As soon as possible, we will let you know about forthcoming works to the building, hire of the existing building to the community, sale and the exciting opportunity to build a new community facility.

We are aware that after such a long wait, things are likely to move very quickly so please sign up to E News via the Mendlesham website, watch the Parish Noticeboards and local Social Media. We will also provide an update in the next edition of this newsletter.

**Parish Council:**

**Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) update:**

The Parish Council has submitted our revised NDP to Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC), MSDC has checked all our our NDP Paperwork ( see <https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/mendlesham-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/july-2021/>) and satisfied itself that it is both complete and complies with all of the relevant statutory requirements.

MSDC is now proceeding with the next stage in the process by commencing their Regulation 16 submission consultation which is sent to all statutory consultees ( those organisations and bodies, defined by statute , which local planning authorities are legally required to consult before reaching a decision on relevant planning applications. The notice can also be sent to residents, local businesses and local interest groups.

At the end of the consultation MSDC will provide formal comments on the process which may lead to further adjustments being made to the NDP. Upon a satisfactory conclusion to the overall consultation process the reviewed NDP could then be put forward to a local referendum.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AMENDED BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011)  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (as amended)

### CONSULTATION UNDER REGULATION 16 of the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (as amended)

on the

### MODIFICATION SUBMISSION DRAFT MENDLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2018 - 2037

Notice is hereby given that Mendlesham Parish Council have submitted a modification draft version of their Neighbourhood Development Plan [the 'Plan'] to Mid Suffolk District Council under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

#### Consultation on the 'Plan Proposal'

**In accordance with Regulation 16, the District Council will commence formal consultation on the submitted modified draft Plan on Monday 12 July 2021.**

Comments are invited from both statutory consultees and from those who live, work and carry out business in the area on whether the modified draft plan as submitted fulfils the Basic Conditions required by Paragraph 8(1)(a)(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011).

- The draft Plan and other documents can be found at: [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/MendleshamNP](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/MendleshamNP)
- Copies of the same documents may also be accessible via the [Parish Council website](#)
- While Covid-19 restrictions now appear to be easing please note that we will continue to take a precautionary approach so will not be making printed copies of the Plan available for viewing at the Council Office in Ipswich or at other locations in Mendlesham. If there are specific reasons which prevent you from accessing the consultation documents online, please call us on 0300 123 4000 (Option 5, then Option 4) during normal office hours to explore ways we can help you.

**Written comments only** (preferably using the 'Response Form' available online) should be sent by e-mail to: [communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk) / or by post to: "Mendlesham NP Consultation", c/o Mr Paul Bryant, Spatial Planning Policy Team, Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX ... **to arrive by no later than 4:00pm on Friday 3 September 2021.**

#### **Please note that it will not be possible to accept late representations**

All comments received will be forwarded to the appointed Examiner. You should not assume that there will be a further opportunity to introduce new information, although the Examiner may seek clarity on certain matters.

All information collected and processed by the District Council at this stage is by virtue of our requirement under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). All comments received will be made publicly available and may be identifiable by name / organisation. All other personal information provided will be protected in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. For more information on how we do this and your rights with regards to your personal information, and how to access it, please visit our website or call customer services on 0300 123 4000 and ask to speak to the Information Governance Officer.

**Effective date: Monday 12 July 2021**

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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 26<sup>th</sup> August**

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## Proud to be in our Parish

The man behind the camera, the high flyer, the one you want to see in a health crisis, the person who gives you the needle - he lives here in our parish and we are proud of him: **Mike Favager**.

Mike and his wife Mo (a retired nurse) moved to Mendlesham in 2003. A 'scouser' from Liverpool whose career has taken him to Germany, Belize, Shropshire, Yorkshire and Hampshire before finding Suffolk said 'moving to Mendlesham was an accumulation of the right house in a lovely area at the right time of our lives'.

A military pilot for 26 years initially Mike trained as an Aircraft Engineer changing roles in the 1980's to become a helicopter pilot and then a helicopter flying instructor. On retirement from the army he worked in the Defence Helicopter Flying School training new Army, Navy and Airforce pilots. More recently he worked for Aviation Training International Ltd as Training Centre Manager for the Apache Flight Simulators. No wonder his calm, orderly approach to life made him just the man you want beside you as a **Community First Responder**. He completed his training in 2009 and now is a coordinator, trainer and assessor for other responders. If you would like to know more about this organisation and may be volunteer yourself, visit <https://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/join-the-team/community-first-responders> But if that is not for you, familiarise yourself with the location of a Defibrillator - outside the Community Centre/School and in the old telephone box at Mendlesham Green. You may be asked to fetch one!

Mike is often on call at weekends but you may meet him in a non-emergency situation and one of equal importance: a **Covid Vaccination Centre**. When the pandemic struck, as someone who, when faced with a problem, immediately wants to become part of a solution, thought 'How can I help?' and trained as a Vaccinator.

Using his skills as a communicator and understanding technology, in 2015 Mike set up a **Camera Club**. The club meets monthly in the Old School Room and, undeterred by the pandemic, has kept going using 'Zoom'. [www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk).

So does this busy man have time for hobbies? Yes – wood turning! Working with the **Street Forge Workshop Ltd** in Thorndon Magnum (see Facebook page) alongside disabled adults. They make bird boxes and beautiful items which you can see for sale at Nutshell Cafe, Stowupland.

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Mike is also **Clerk to Trustees** for two well established charities: **Mendlesham Education Foundation** and **The Church and Town Estates Property**. Quietly and behind the scenes, these charities have supported young people under 25 years to access educational opportunities and provided support to people who are bereaved or struggling to manage health issues. If you know someone in our parish who might welcome some support, give Mike a call 01449 766007

What is Mike most proud of? His family – son, daughter and 3 granddaughters. But I have a feeling that they are just as proud of him as we are.

If you would like to feature someone you know who is proud to be in our parish, let me know. [Judith@milllodge.co.uk](mailto:Judith@milllodge.co.uk) or give me a ring on 01449 766327 or Text/WhatsApp on 07770 746619

## Thank You for helping to shape the future of the Mendlesham Community Council

By completing the **Questionnaire** in the previous newsletter

If you have not yet done so,  
there is still time!

The consultation is open until  
1st August

Results will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting in  
September

Return to the Box in Village Shop or Mill Lodge Beehive Letter box  
(IP14 5RB)

OR

Google Mendlesham Community Council and follow the link

OR

Visit 'Spotted in Mendlesham' or 'Mendlesham Green Residence'  
Facebook page and follow the link

OR

See E-news and follow the link

# Rural Coffee Caravan

Making a difference to rural communities throughout Suffolk

*Come and share a pot of tea, our welcome is warm and our friendship free!*

We'll be visiting  
**10am - 12 noon**  
**Friday 6th August 2021**  
**Mendlesham Community Centre Car Park**

It's a great source of information as well as a chance for a chat and some company over free tea, coffee and delicious cake. Please bring along your own chair for this visit. Feel free to bring your own mug too, though we will provide disposable cups.

**Anyone and everyone welcome!**

## Coffee and Cake anyone?

The Rural Coffee Caravan paid its first visit to Mendlesham on 2 July. A lovely Summer's morning saw around sixteen people enjoy drinks, cake and a well-needed socially distanced chat on the Community Centre car park.

The next visits are:

6<sup>th</sup> August 1000 to 1200

3<sup>rd</sup> September 1000 to 1200

1<sup>st</sup> October 1000 to 1200

The caravan crew have information on lots of topics. The drinks and cake are free and everyone is welcome.



## **Church Goers and Chapel Goers (Mendlesham) by Walter Tye (1950s)**

*Continued from page 10 in the July newsletter*

A simple service of prayer and praise followed, consisting of hymns, psalms and chance, which they knew so well, but of which they never tired. And so, it was that masters and men, mistresses and maidservants, worshipped together for one brief hour, forgetful, for the time being of the barriers that so often divided them. Alas: how soon forgotten. For the old idea that “God made us high and lowly, and ordered our estate” was far too engrained to be easily forgotten.

Mendlesham was fortunate in the 90s in having a broadminded and sympathetic Vicar, who made but little distinction between Anglicans and dissenters, regarding them all as part of his flock. Tall and priestly, with a voice like a bell, he could be both seen and heard the length of “The Street” when meeting the funeral court charged at the church gates. Of his many good qualities, tact was outstanding. The following incident will bear this out.

For some time, the Independents had doubts as to whether the vicar was really a “saved man” in accordance with their long-cherished tenets that “sudden conversion and confession of the same” were the main essentials of salvation. Hence their decision to call a special prayer meeting on behalf of the vicar. As in most villages, news like this soon spread, soon reaching the ears of the vicar. To everybody’s surprise, particularly the dissenters, the vicar was in no way offended. On the contrary, he sent a message to the pastor saying how grateful he was for their kindly thought, and that he could do with all the prayers they cared to raise on his behalf. This so dumbfounded the Independents that boast Astor and Deacons decided to postpone the meeting, till they had given the matter further thought. Needless to say, no further doubts were expressed in the village as to the Vicar’s qualifications as a Christian leader.

Various methods were tried out by the villagers when seeking “charities” from the vicar. For advice, they often approach the Sexton, the liaison officer. One old villager, known as the cadger, did very well for a time, but was eventually turned down by the vicar, whose patients was last exhausted. “Go to church regularly”, commented the Sexton and ask again. But the vicar remained adamant. As a last chance the wily old Sexton said, “Well, bad, all I can say now is, you’d better try the early service”.

Both chapels had their own pastors in the 90s. Whatever their shortcomings, as far as academic qualifications were concerned, they were more of experience, enthusiasm in the “cause”, strong convictions and a marked sense of vocation. They had, moreover, an extraordinary knowledge of the Bible, from which they could quote freely, giving book, chapter and verse from scores of well-known texts, referring to them, as for example, “John 3 -16”, assuming that’s their heroes were as well acquainted with the Scriptures as they were. In religious views. The two pastors were inclined to be intolerant, even with one another, and especially so with the Anglicans. That their followers were mostly of humble origin in no way disturbed, for they considered that the Calvinists at the Green and the Independents of the Street were the elite of Mendlesham’s spiritual realm, having far better sense of salvation than the church folk who put away their religion on Sunday night, along with their Sunday clothes.

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Chapel sermons in the 90s were lengthy, seldom less than three quarters of an hour. Slowly, but persistently, the pastors laboured on, from point-to-point, till they reached the peroration, the grand climax. The older members relished these long addresses, hanging on to every word, often making audible ejaculations, such as “Amen”, “Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”, “Praise the Lord”, etc. Younger folk found it hard to sit through the long address, coming, as it did, soon after the long prayer. Even the Sunday school superintendent who wielded a long cane, sales to stop shuffling feet, constantly opening and shutting of hymn books and, of course, gazing at the clock. To all hints the pastors remained in different, for on no account could be peroration be foregone. At last, the climax was reached, usually heralded by such a remark as, “and just a few more words the friends”. There, with arms upraised and eyes uplifted, and in tones halfway between speech and song, they seemed for a brief spell to belong to another world. Denunciation and admonishment were followed by exhortation and expectation. Thus, at last, with a solemn “Amen, amen”, at last, the Bible was closed.

No picture of the religious life in Mendelssohn, 60 years ago, would be complete without mention of two Missioners, Mr J. H P Cutting and Brother John Harris of the Evangelical Society. Although vastly different in appearance, and type of service, they had much in common, viz the awakening of spiritual life in the remote villages of mid-Suffolk.

Mr James Cutting, travelling in a horse-drawn caravan, complete with tents, harmonium etc devoted the summer months to religious work amongst children and young people. Old East Anglia magazine readers will remember his visits to mid-Suffolk villages and the Felixstowe beach during the season.

Tall, good-looking, a prepossessing manner, with a pleasant tenor voice, he was always a welcome visitor in Mendlesham and district, despite the fact his religious views were somewhat stern. A game of rounders, however, with the youngsters more than compensated for his severity. Many a mid-Suffolk youth of those days owed there awakening in spiritual matters to Mr James Cutting of the Children’s Special Service Mission, otherwise farmer and miller of Abbots Hall, Pettaugh. Brother John Harris, ex-farm labourer and Missioner, was a man not easily forgotten. Almost every summer he pitched his “gospel tent” in Mr Thomas Lingwood lawn at Brockford. There, on Sunday afternoons, crowds of country folk gathered to hear him, many sitting amidst the trees and flowers, round about the tent. Brother John was by no means orthodox. I can still visualise him, on hot afternoons, removing his jacket and peeling up his sleeves, as a preliminary to the address, in which he declared war in the Devil and all his works. Then, with beads of perspiration rolling down his face, he appealed to all to join “the noble army of Christ” and join him in “fighting the good fight” with all their might. Yes! Brother John was beloved by all, especially the farm workers when leaving the village, seated high in a farm wagon, drawn by Suffolk Punches, people living by the wayside came to their garden gates to bid him adieu and God-speed.

## New to our Village

We met on a dog walk – and what a lovely noisy welcome Mollie and Noche gave me! Miniature Schnauzers who brought their owners, **Julie and Hayden**, to Mendlesham from Sussex. Do they regret it? No! Walks every day in a lovely friendly village with wonderful countryside footpaths, what more could they want? And when their owners go out for the day, they even have a Dog Sitter, found amongst the adverts in the Parish Newsletter.

Julie and Hayden married in 2008 and created a blended family of 3 sons and 2 daughters. Suffolk was not new to them as Julie's grandparents came from Suffolk and her daughter is getting married this August to a man from Mendlesham Green. What a sensible girl!

What was their first impressions of moving to Mendlesham? Without a doubt, getting to know their neighbours and noticing that, even in lockdown, when meeting someone in the street, always getting a smile and a warm greeting ..... something not always apparent in busy and bustling towns. They also appreciated just how, when visiting in the past, vibrant our villages are; full of volunteers from litter pickers to putting on events such as the street fair, coffee mornings and other clubs and organisations.

Julie and Hayden are no strangers to participating and contributing to a local community. Hayden, a Mechanical Engineer working for Glaxo Smith and Kline after a short stint in the army, has run 38 Marathons! Julie has been a 'Bobby on the Beat' for Surrey & Sussex Police force and then worked as a Community Centre Manager. Her proudest achievement was setting up a local support group for women subject to domestic violence <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support/>. Now with a bit more time to spare, Julie would welcome the opportunity set up a Craft and Jewellery making group and Hayden to join a cycling group – so watch this space!

Welcome to our Village! And thank you for completing the **Mendlesham Community Council Questionnaire** helping to shape the future and retain all the great things about living here.

To feature someone you know who is new to our villages and would like a mention, contact me at [Judith@milllodge.co.uk](mailto:Judith@milllodge.co.uk) or give me a ring on 01449 766327 or Text/WhatsApp on 07770 746619

# TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery June 2021			
12 <sup>th</sup> June		26 <sup>th</sup> June	
Derek Allum	£35.00	Margaret Cutting	£35.00
Jilly Newstead	£25.00	Chris Dawson	£25.00
Tina Blackley	£15.00	Jan Kelly	£15.00
Phil Webb	£10.00	Andy Fox	£10.00

## Mendlesham Community Council Looking to the future, can you help?

Nominations are being sought for the following roles:

### **Chairman**

To oversee the management of the MCC and build on the success of the past. In particular enable a review of the Constitution, decide the format for future operation and develop plans for 2022 and beyond based on the feedback from the recent Questionnaire.

### **Secretary**

To provide General Administrative support for the activities of the MCC including taking the minutes of meetings and dealing with correspondence.

### **Treasurer**

To keep the accounts and prepare for end of year audit following receipt and payments of monies associated with the MCC.

**Application form can be found on page 15 of this newsletter.**

If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact the current Honorary Officers who will be vacating their roles in September but will be staying on as MCC members to support the new officers.

Carolyn Triscott      01449 766563  
Nancy Bagnall        01449 766524  
Meg Clarke            01449 766447

We continue to meet via zoom and have even been able to meet outside once during June. First on the calendar was our zoom knit, stitch and yarn group when we caught up with everyones handicraft projects and news.

Then our monthly meeting followed on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The urgent news from that meeting was the need for new committee members. All members should consider helping out in some way to ensure the future of Mendlesham WI. We were then introduced to Bernice Harrison who demonstrated face yoga to us. We all joined in and there was much laughter as we worked on our facial muscles to reduce wrinkles. Unfortunately as Bernice signed out she pulled the plug on the meeting so we ended early.

Mendlesham were not alone in technical glitches, the National Annual Meeting – often held in the Albert Hall, happened virtually on 8<sup>th</sup> June and the feed was lost early on and the meeting had to continue on YouTube. The trustees met, socially distanced, in a lovely room decorated with frescos at the Royal Society of Arts with guest speakers joining in person. Ruth was our delegate and her report has been circulated and the meeting will be reported in the national mag.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> members met under the gazebo at the bowls club for a chat and cup of tea. It was a bit chilly but no one seemed to mind – it was good to see friends and catch up.

And for August – knit, stitch and yarn will still be on zoom on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the main meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> is planned to meet in the U.R.C., 7.30pm. The dog jackets we have all been knitting during lockdown will be the competition; these will be donated later in the year to charity for homeless dogs. There may be another outside gathering – subject to weather and Government guidelines. All plans, of course, are subject to Government rules at the time. Updates will be circulated by e-mail and a notice posted on the board outside the Old School Room. Please pass on to anyone not able to access these.

We continue to be grateful to Giles for facilitating our zoom meetings.

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



**Mendlesham Community Council**  
**Annual General Meeting 27 September 2021**  
**Nominations for Honorary Officer positions**

I would like to stand for the position of Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of the MCC <input type="checkbox"/> I have applied for membership of the MCC <input type="checkbox"/>
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My 2 Sponsors are:

Name: .....

Contact details: .....

Name: .....

Contact details: .....

Signed ..... Date.....

Printed Name .....

Contact Details .....

**Please return form to the current Secretary, Nancy Bagnall,  
 19 Old Market Street, Mendlesham by Monday 20 September**



**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 details from the clerk Mike Favager, by email [mike@favager.co.uk](mailto:mike@favager.co.uk). or phone 766007

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

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
**MENDLESHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**St Mary's Church**

**ALL WELCOME: If you haven't been before,  
why not come this year?**



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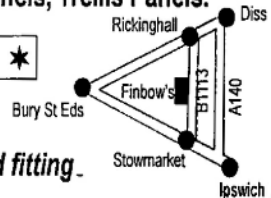
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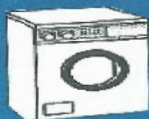
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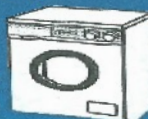
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### August

Services as shown below

1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00pm	Mr William Glasse
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Rev'd Richard Edwards
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.45am	Mrs Nichola Glasse

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

### A Time for Everything

*<sup>1</sup> Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses.*

*<sup>2</sup> He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up, <sup>3</sup> the time for killing and the time for healing, the time for tearing down and the time for building. <sup>4</sup> He sets the time for sorrow and the time for joy, the time for mourning and the time for dancing, <sup>5</sup> the time for making love and the time for not making love, the time for kissing and the time for not kissing.*

*<sup>6</sup> He sets the time for finding and the time for losing, the time for saving and the time for throwing away, <sup>7</sup> the time for tearing and the time for mending, the time for silence and the time for talk. <sup>8</sup> He sets the time for love and the time for hate, the time for war and the time for peace.*

The above passage is one of my favourites, and reminds us even though at times it may not feel like, that there is a rhythm and pattern to our lives, also that things do happen in God's time, and not ours. Even though we want things to occur in our time we must learn to be patient.

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Over the last 17 or so months, our patterns and rhythms of life have certainly changed, and at times we have not known where things are heading, but now as we start coming out of this uncertain time, but learning to live with the Covid virus we still need to take time, and space and place it all in the hands of God, because it will still be a time of uncertainty, worry and even fear for some, we must give others the space to regain their patterns and rhythms of life.

Our passage reminds us that along with the bad does come the good, but sometimes we need patience to wait for the good to happen again, and we will come through this stronger and better people with the help of God.

Yours, Robert.

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Wednesday - 10am

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Friday - 10am

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Sunday 8.30am and 10.15am (at Our Lady's in Stowmarket)

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## SUNDAYS

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address

**First Mass of Sunday:**

Saturdays: **10.00 am**

*(This is an experiment, as the time  
seems better for more people)*

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

**Daily Morning & Evening Prayer**  
see porch notice.

For Pastoral visits, Baptism  
(Christening), Marriage, Anointing of  
the Sick & Holy Communion from the  
Reserved Sacrament, contact Fr Philip

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 4.00 pm

Before Festival:

12<sup>th</sup> Aug – 4.00 pm; 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – 3.00 pm  
or contact Fr Philip



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## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Mass offered daily. Sunday Parish Mass is also LIVESTREAMED**

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<b>From August I intend to experiment with the timing of the first Mass of Sunday, which will now be anticipated at 10.00 am each Saturday</b>	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	10.30 am – Requiem Mass for Fr Timothy van Carrapiett
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	9.30 am – Monthly Requiem – August anniversaries
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<p><b><u>Vigil of the Assumption of Our Lady – Patronal Festival</u></b></p> <p><b>7.00 pm – Blessing of Beer, Sung Mass, Address, Procession of Our Lady &amp; Benediction. Preacher: The Bishop of Richborough.</b></p> <p>9. 00 pm - BBQ &amp; Beer Tent in South Churchyard</p> <p>9.15 pm approx - Fireworks to music.</p> <p>Further details on website nearer the time</p> <p><b>*PLEASE KEEP PETS INDOORS DURING FIREWORKS*</b></p>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<p><b><u>ASSUMPTION of OUR LADY - Patronal Festival</u></b></p> <p>9.30 am – Parish Mass</p>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Pilgrimage of Healing and Renewal at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Please see website for further details.

### FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

#### Patronal Festival

**7.00pm Sung Mass, Blessing of Beer, Procession & Benediction**

*Celebrant & Preacher:*

*The Rt Revd Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough*

**9.00 pm**

BBQ, Beer Tent (wine & soft drinks also available)

**9.15 pm approx.**

Fireworks to music

BUCKETS FOR DONATIONS

### 11th September Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Day

Cyclists, walkers, horse riders and motorists can be sponsored for visits to churches. Half sponsor money to SHCT & half to the church of your choice.

Forms from Andi Elstone.

More details in Sept Newsletter

Father Philip writes...

Our beer label for this year's Summer Festival Weekend (13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August) is copied from the gate in the Lady Chapel

given in memory of John Herron. AMR under a crown. Ave Maria Regina – the Latin for 'Hail Mary, Queen'. St John, in the Book of Revelation, writes:

**“A great sign appeared in Heaven – a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet – and on her head a crown of 12 stars.”** Revelation 12 v 1



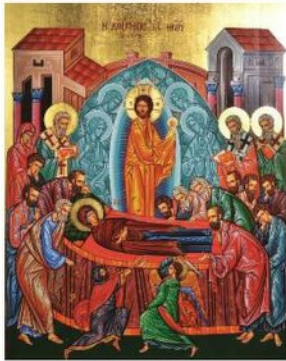
These words apply to the Church and to Mary, who is a sign of the Church. We must not think of her in isolation but close to Jesus. It is generally believed that Mary died but that like Elijah in the Old Testament, she shared bodily in Christ's Resurrection by being

assumed into Heaven after death. Her body is no longer mortal, subject to the limits of space and time. It is glorified and immortal – a sign of what lies in store

for all who are saved by the grace of Jesus Christ.

The Assumption may be compared with the resurrection of the body which St Paul describes in 1 Thessalonians 4 v 7, speaking of those who will be alive at the end of time. They will, he says, ***“be caught up in the clouds together... to meet in the air, and... will be with the Lord forever.”***

Of course this language is symbolic, as any language must be in dealing with such a mystery, but it expresses reality. Mary has experienced fully what we will all experience at the end of time.



Mary is Queen of Heaven. This means Our Lady is greater in dignity than all the angels and saints. The story begun at Nazareth had for her reached its climax. To many it had ended with the Cross, but for her it is an ending in glory.

### Thoughts on 2 Corinthians 8 v 1-9 & 2 Corinthians 9 v 6-11

Owing to Covid-19 we have had no fundraising events for nearly 2 years and St Mary's Mendlesham is always in need of money. We were the only parish in the old Stowmarket Deanery which did not manage to pay our share of the diocesan quota and we have not been able to start to raise funds to replace the lead on the Nave roof which is leaking.

In the Bible passages cited above St Paul is asking for money as he takes up a collection for the nearly bankrupt Jerusalem Church. He points to the example of the Macedonian Christians who showed phenomenal generosity despite their own financial problems. *“God loves a cheerful giver.”* Our giving acknowledges that our wealth is a gift and not something to be hoarded for our own benefit. It symbolises the work we do and enables us to share in the mission of our church. Above all it demonstrates our faith in God’s continuing generosity to us. Our festival will be our first opportunity for months to contribute to the work of St Mary’s. Everything we own today will some day belong to someone else, but our relationship with the Lord which we have shaped over a lifetime remains with us through life, death and into eternity.

Bishop Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich, in a sermon here on Giving told this story which sadly reflects many people’s attitude to giving. He said it was so easy to leave responsibility to someone else:

“A man and woman had marital difficulties. They came to see the local Vicar. After a while it became apparent to the Vicar that the man’s wife needed chiding and affirming, so he came round from his desk and without saying anything hugged the wife. He then resumed his seat and turning to the husband said, “Now that’s what your wife needs at least 3 times a week.” ... The man paused for a thought and said, “All right, Vicar; I’ll bring her here Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays!”



We can easily be blind to our own responsibilities. There is sometimes an assumption that things will carry on as they are, whether we give or not, and this is not the case. **Please give generously.**

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I shall offer a Requiem Mass  
in St Mary’s on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
July at 10.30 am.

<b>PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2021</b>				
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	18th Sunday Year B	9.30	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Front Street / Old Orchard</b>
2		S.B	Christian Aid	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3		S.B	Missions to Seafarers	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	St John Vianney	S.B	Parish Priests	Chapel Road
5	Dedication of St Mary Major	S.B	All pilgrims	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	S.B	Peace of the world	Brockford Road
7	St Sixtus	10.00	Communicants	Glebe Way
8	19th Sunday Year B	9.30	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Freelands</b>
9	ST TERESA BENEDICTA	9.30	People of Europe	Ducksden Road
10	ST LAWRENCE	9.30	Persecuted Christians	Horsefair Close
11	St Clare	8.00 am	Forgiveness and Reconciliation	Mason Court
12		9.30	The departed - August anniversaries	Mayfield Way
13	VIGIL OF ASSUMPTION	7.00 pm	<b>Societies of Mary and OLW</b>	<b>Mead Way</b>
14	St Maximilian Kolbe	10.00	Friends of St Mary's	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	9.30	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Middy Close / The Sidings</b>
16	St Stephen of Hungary	9.30	HM the Queen and her Government	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		9.30	Departed benefactors	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18	St Helen	8.00 am	Society of the Holy Cross	Mendlesham Green
19		9.30	All preparing for marriage	Tan Office
20	St Bernard	9.30	Schools, colleges & universities	Outlying houses
21	St Pius X	10.00	Christian Unity	Farms in Mendlesham
22	21st Sunday Year B	9.30	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Local industries</b>
23	St Rose of Lima	9.30	Mission of Christ's Church	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	ST BARTHOLOMEW	8.00 am	All bishops	Mendlesham School
25	St Louis	9.30	Readiness for Christ's coming	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		9.30	The sick	Village Organisations
27	St Monica	9.30	All mothers	Fr Philip
28	St Augustine	10.00	Forward in Faith	Other places of Worship
29	22nd Sunday Year B	9.30	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>PCC, Parish and Community Councils</b>
30		8.00 am	The Walsingham Renewal Pilgrimage	Local Doctors and Nurses
31		9.30	Ministry of Deliverance	Neighbouring parishes

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