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Jennie Lummis

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speed with the URC and
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Editorial

Welcome to the June issue. At this time of writing the hospitality industry is welcoming back customers and hoping for a return to pre-covid normality. While some may throw themselves enthusiastically into meeting friends and family inside after all these months, for some the return to social life will take a longer more cautious approach. Whatever you choose have patience and put safety at the top of your agenda.

*Best Wishes
Gemma*

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Meetings:

At the time of writing, as a Parish Council and Trustee, we are now planning to meet in person for our forthcoming formal meetings. At present we do not know what mitigation steps we will need to take with regard to Covid and how this will work. However, this is an extremely welcome step forward as whilst virtual meetings have worked and indeed have been attended by more members of the public for most agenda items than a physical meeting, debate should be much easier face to face.

It is important for transparency and representation reasons that members of the public are able to attend meetings so when we risk assess each meeting/location this will be a high priority. We also expect that any Covid mitigation actions we need to put in place will “ dilute” as the summer progresses.

Agendas and notices of any meetings will continue to be published on the Mendlesham web site, via Mendlesham E News and Parish Noticeboards and we will keep you informed of any processes we may need to follow as and when by E News. Locations may also need to change, if we perceive a high interest in a particular agenda item in advance of a meeting.

Please ease note the majority of our meetings will be held in the Old School Room so we have a challenge as to how many attendees we can safely have at any one time but as always will try to do our very best.

Wednesday 9th June 2021 Ordinary Parish Council meeting Old School Room,
Mendlesham 7pm.

Wednesday 14th July 2021 Ordinary Parish Council meeting Old School Room,
Mendlesham 7pm.

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Parish Council:

Quiet Lanes:

Thank you to everyone who provided comments with regard to this project. At our Ordinary meeting on 5th May, Mendlesham Parish Council agreed to nominate to the project coordinators, the following two locations as Quiet Lanes.

- A. U5217/Hoggars Rd
- B. Oak Farm Lane/Wash Lane/Tan Office Lane

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Proud to be in Our Parish

Have you visited the 50:50? It is now open Tuesdays and Fridays between 2-4pm. It was opened many years ago and during those years numerous volunteers from our two villages have helped keep it running and fun to visit. One of them is Pat Winslett.

Pat and her husband moved to Mendlesham 32 years ago having previously lived in Onehouse for 17 years. Born in Surrey she went to school there and, little did she know that one day, with 2 children of her own at Stowupland School, she would leave her career as a shorthand typist and train as a teacher. Gaining her qualifications via Ipswich College/Leeds University she is proud to have taught so many young people in Ipswich schools, many who still live in Suffolk.

Retirement brings a new way of life. Serving in the 50:50 Shop and running the accounts for the village newsletter for over 10 years, typing up many an article to submit to the newsletter on behalf of various groups such as the Over 60's Club and Mendlesham Lottery Results, Pat has put her professional skills to good use.

Pat was also involved in helping to start up the Internet Café for youngsters after school. This evolved into a Computer Day Club for all ages which we have today. The café bit (in normal times!) transformed into a SatCaf which offers wonderful lunches and cakes-to-die-for in the Old School Room once a month.

Despite enjoying traveling to far flung parts of the world (including Hawaii) to visit her daughter and her family, she loves living in Mendlesham. With easy access to the A14, visiting her son and his family in Bury St Edmunds is a pleasure, especially now there is a great-grand child. 'I feel comfortable living here' she says, having made many good friends and enjoyed walking her dog in this lovely area. She has also enjoyed playing golf and badminton, uses the village shop, post office and the King's Head! When she has time, enjoys art work and generally contributing and accessing the many events and organisations that, pre Covid, take place throughout the year.

When you next visit the 50:50 shop to pick up that bargain, to find increasing sizes of school uniforms or want to sell on goodies of your own, think of Pat and all the years she enjoyed contributing and perhaps become a volunteer yourself?

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



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 1st June at 1900 hours and last about an hour. The photo theme for this month is for photographs suitable for a jigsaw - we submit the photos to a Dropbox, these will be displayed and discussed. In the second part of the meeting Brian will do a presentation for Julys subject of 'minimalism'.

We hope that in July or August we may be able to return to face to face meetings, but have been grateful to keep in touch via zoom.

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

3rd Monday Book Club



We are a group of villagers, that have become friends.

**We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month
at 7-8pm in person when we can – or on line**

We talk about the book that was chosen for us all to read at the previous meeting. We're relaxed and informal (and we have biscuits). If you've ever wondered about joining a book club, why not join us?

Information: 01449 766498, doug.l.williams@outlook.com

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:

Mid Suffolk District Council Consultation :

Mid Suffolk District Council have just launched a public consultation around cycling and walking Infrastructure.

They hope this will give residents and communities the opportunity to let them know about improvements they would like to see regarding their local walking and cycling routes and facilities. The consultation will help them to develop their Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

The platform for engaging with this consultation, as well as further information and context about the consultation, is available online and will remain open for two months:

<https://baberghmidsuffolkactivetravel.commonplace.is/>

In order to contribute to this consultation, people simply need to click on “[View map and comment](#)”, then “[Have your say](#)”. The platform will then invite users to place a ‘pin’ on the map, to identify the location that any comments or suggestions refer to, and then answer a few short questions about how Walking or Cycling can be improved in this location.

It is hoped this will be an agenda item for the Mendlesham Parish Council meeting to be held on 9th June. Please do not hesitate to copy the Parish Council into any views you may provide direct to Mid Suffolk District Council.

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 3rd June**

Friends of Debenham Library

See www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus for the latest details

Our shelves are full, so why not come and take some books out? We are open for browsing, computer use, printing and collecting reservations.

Did you know....?

Ancestry and Find My Past can both be used in the library subscription-free.
Discover your family history and ancestry!

Outside the library on the wall of the school hall there are four new swift boxes—we hope to see some occupants soon! The garden is looking good too.

We hope to resume films and other events when circumstances permit, hopefully in the Autumn.

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Mendlesham Walking Group

Hope you have been able to enjoy the
Discover Suffolk Mendlesham Village Walks Leaflet

It was delivered with last month's newsletter
For more copies visit our Village Shop or the entrance to the
Mendlesham Woodland and you can download it from
the Parish Website.

We are restarting the walks!

At first they will be short, slower walks of about 1 hour and local .

Come and join us!

Saturday 12th June 2021
Community Centre Car Park 10.30am

Stay safe and keep walking!



Contact Judith on 07770 746619 or email
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'

New to our village

The recent expansion within our village has brought new people from all walks of life and places. My experience of meeting these ‘incomers’ has been wonderful – namely because they all seem to *want* to come and live here. In short they have *selected* to move here because it is such a nice place to be – it has a real sense of community.

One couple in particular stands out: Tom Peers and Ashley West-Evans. They moved here in 2019. Hailing originally from Northern Canada (Tom) and South Africa (Ashley) they met on a Wild Life Conservation project. With Ashley’s family being in Buckinghamshire and after a ‘long distance’ romance they eventually settled in the UK and came to Mendlesham.

Through volunteer work and then paid work associated with wild life conservation and rehabilitation projects, Tom soon qualified in Forestry Management and was able to leave his role as a Registered Nurse to work exclusively in wildlife conservation. Tom is now the Conservation Officer at the East Anglia Museum in Stowmarket (a great place to visit - see <http://eastanglianlife.org.uk/visit-us/opening-times-admission/>). Ashley is a freelance artist.

In addition, together, Tom and Ashley have created their own business providing Foraging and Folklore Tours around Mendlesham (see <https://www.forageandfolklore.com/>)

‘Why did you chose Mendlesham?’ I asked. The answer came without hesitation – the rural setting, the strength of the community and the direct connections with the seasons. On their regular foraging and folklore tours, they are constantly surprised by the reaction of their customers. The most notable reactions are ‘We’ve never been to Mendlesham before!’, ‘The history and heritage is amazing, especially St Mary’s Church!’, ‘The peace and quiet! We can’t hear anything but the birds while eating our picnic!’ By promoting our lovely village and surrounding countryside, Tom and Ashley feel that they are making a difference for the future. Tom and Ashley feel that by opening people’s minds to the countryside, recognising the importance of wild life and agriculture, appreciating the peace and quiet and giving time to connect with friends and neighbours that they have helped people make lifestyle choices that maintain the essence of rural communities like ours.

The Discover Suffolk Mendlesham Village Walks leaflet covers some of the areas where Tom and Ashley lead tours and highlights the importance of following the Countryside Code as they walk the public footpaths.

Tom and Ashley, it’s been great to meet you!

If you would like to feature someone you know who is new to our villages, let me know. Judith@milllodge.co.uk or give me a ring on 01449 766327 or Text/WhatsApp on 07770 746619

Bike / Hike 2021



Raising money for Mendlesham Scout Hut project

During the month of June we are challenging people to complete a sponsored bike ride or walk.

We have 4 challenges for you to choose from:

- Mini Miles
- Choose Your Own Adventure
- District Challenge
- Super Suffolk

You can find out details of each challenge on our website.

You can complete your walk or ride any time throughout the month of June, to suit you.

You can do your chosen challenge all in one go, or break it down into a number of rides / walks.

For more details, to register and download a sponsorship form please visit www.1stmendleshamscouts.org.uk

Past Times

The preaching was that known as 'liberalism' or 'fundamentalism'. Often the sermon consisted of a string of isolated texts with utter disregard for their context, quoted to bolster up a pre-conceived theory of the preacher. Conversions were often the result of the reaction from fear of some possible disaster in a future existence or the longing for a state of bliss as a reward for good behaviour while on earth. Before the introduction of a musical instrument in the Nonconformist chapels, the singing was led by a deacon who sounded a note on a pitch-pipe and read out the verses one by one. The reason for this was that many of the congregation were unable to read or could not afford to buy a hymn book. Much controversy was evoked by the introduction of the pipe organ into some of the chapels. It was considered to be an instrument of the devil; and the singing of 'amen' at the end of the hymn raised protests on the ground that it savoured of Romish practices. At the close of the morning and evening services, weather permitting, a walk around the town or a visit to the local cemetery was the chief form of exercise for the day. The visit to the cemetery was actually a morbid ritual. All the latest graves were inspected, the wreaths and flowers admired and the captions on the attached cards eagerly scanned. Comments, adverse and favourable, on the departed individual were freely exchanged. All the relatives of the deceased person, dressed in deep mourning, would gather round the grave. Perhaps the most enjoyable part of the Sabbath day came after the close of the evening service. Our parents would invite some of their friends to our home and we would sing, unaccompanied, a number of our favourite hymns. It was a fitting close to a worshipful and busy day, for we sincerely believed that 'A Sabbath well spent, brings a week of content'. All very commendable, but were they worshipping God or Sunday? As the Blacksmith in Akenfield lamented: "Suffolk used to worship Sunday not God. Any'oody with a mite of common sense could see how useless it was. Chapel, chapel, chapel, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. Best suits. What were they trying to do? There were so many of them they could have set the whole village on its ear had they followed Jesus. But all you heard them say was Sunday."

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

Almost everybody in the Mid-Suffolk village of Mendlesham, during the nineties, went to church or chapel on the Sunday. Should anyone stay away altogether, s/he was suspected of evildoing or infidelity, which was rare. Thus, it was that the three places of worship, St Mary's Church and the two chapels (the Strict Baptist and Independent) were usually full. In fact, unless you went early on the Sunday evenings, it was difficult to find a seat in the church, although the seating capacity was close to 500. Certain families for generations, had sat in the same pews, where any attempt to intrude was met with a scowl. Although Mendlesham was well provided with places of worship, the more fastidious went as far as the Plymouth Brethren Meeting House at Stowmarket, to satisfy their spiritual appetite. Others attended Mr Thomas Lingwood's barn at Brockford, which he had fitted up as a Chapel. Most Mendlesham folks those days looked forward to the sabbath, not only as a day of rest and worship, but as an opportunity for meeting old friends. What a lot of handshaking, and vigorous too, they had in those far-off days, particularly amongst the dissenters. It was not unknown for the visiting preachers at the anniversary services to return home with a right arm in a sling.

Like most mid Suffolers in late Victorian times, the Mendlesham folk were very puritanical, both as regards religious views, a relic of Cromwellian times, when most East Anglia's leaned towards Puritanism. Maybe too, the Mendlesham folk had not forgotten the Marion persecution, when 24 villagers suffered either martyrdom at the stake, or death in the cornfields through privation. Even as late as the 90s. One often heard amongst the older inhabitants. How that "Bloody Queen Mary" could still be seen driving her headless horses at midnight down the Hundred Lane to Gipping Hall, who meet her confederate, Sir Walter Tyrrell. (To test this ancient belief, my father placed sheep hurdles across the lane. Sure enough, next morning they were found knocked down. But there was a strong suspicion that human hands had been responsible, to prove their case).

Anyhow, whatever the cause, Mendlesham was still puritanical in the 90s. In consequence, horseracing, theatre going and card playing for money were taboo. I cannot remember a single villager ever going to the Newmarket racecourse during the 90s. As for reading, this was still confined to the Scriptures, Foxe's book of martyrs, old Moore's almanac and the weekly paper, the Christian Herald which is still read in the village today.

A few young people read Margaret Catchpole and Maria Martin and the Red Barn, but not openly. As for Shakespeare, Dickens and Scott, they were only read by the so-called educated, who were relatively few.

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The observance of the sabbath in late Victorian times, was regarded much more seriously than today. No one ever thought of doing any but essential work on the Lord's Day. Whatever the circumstances, the fourth Commandment had to be obeyed. Should anybody merely suggest that a valuable crop might be got in on the Sunday. He was quickly reminded of the "man in the moon", who, as it was often said, was banished there for gathering sticks on the Sunday.

The women folk to have their own ideas about "keeping the sabbath day holy". On Friday they carried out the weekly bake in the old brick oven. Saturday was set apart for scrubbing and cleaning to keep the Sunday clear. On no account would they cook on the sabbath. Even the visiting local preachers had to put up with a cold dinner or a warmed-up rabbit pie. One local preacher, when asked to save the usual "Grace before meals" was reported to have said

*"rabbit hot and rabbit cold,
rabbit young and rabbit old,
rabbit tender and rabbit tough
thank the Lord. I've had enough."*

Although welcomed by adults, the Victorian Sunday was rather trying to children, especially boys, who missed their weekday activities. Dressed in their Sunday best clothes with strict orders not to "dirty" them. They were expected to attend the normal church or chapel services as well as the Sunday School.

To be continued in July's newsletter.....

TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery April 2021			
3rd April		17th April	
Eileen Clements	£35.00	Sarah Percival	£35.00
Mary Harrill	£25.00	Mr & Mrs T Saunders	£25.00
Mark Kendall	£15.00	Emma Blyth	£15.00
Chris Avery	£10.00	Pris Colchester	£10.00

1st May	
Jess Bryce	£35.00
Mike Lawrence	£25.00
Brian Palmer	£15.00
Kim Monksfield	£10.00

MENDLESHAM OVER 60s CLUB

It has been a very long time since we have been able to meet. We hope all our members have stayed safe.

I have to inform you that our Chairperson, Tina Russell, has resigned and also our Vice Chair. The rest of the committee are hoping that once things ease we will endeavour to keep the Club going. So we would like all of you to think of persons who could be willing to take on these roles.

Unfortunately, during lockdown, the council has sold the small Community Hall so we have to secure a new venue because the large hall will not be available during school hours. They have promised a new village hall to be built but I cannot see that happening in the near future. However, rest assured that as soon as we are allowed to meet again, and find a new venue, we will be in touch with all our members.

We hope you can come up with suggestions for new Chairpersons and ideas as to where we go from here. All proposals will be welcomed.

Take care and we will be in touch as soon as we can.

Over 60s Committee



Stowmarket Wildlife Group – Suffolk Wildlife Trust

JUNE 2021

We expect to be able to hold meetings again from June. Our first talk will be:

Wasps on Wednesday 30 June at
7.30pm in the Village Hall, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ

The speaker will be Hawk Honey

Please check the Suffolk Wildlife Trust website at
www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events for updates about this event.

We hope to be able to enjoy further meetings and events in 2021, including celebrating the anniversary of the formation of our group. Up to date information will be available on the website.

CONTACT

John Thompson - 01449 676471 - swtstowmarket@gmail.com

WI continues to meet via zoom – our knit, stitch and yarn group ‘yarned’ this week (5th May) and plan to meet at least once more on zoom on Wed., 2nd June.

Our April full meeting had 20 members log on and we started with a minutes silence to remember our fellow member and dear friend Dizzy Morgan. We completed some WI business – a plea for volunteers to join the committee; a vote on the resolution being proposed at the National AGM regarding a call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer; and a look at our bank balances – which look healthy. Members are able to log onto the National AGM on June 8th via zoom for £9 per log on, and need to apply via the National ‘My WI’ web site for access. Guest speakers include HRH Countess of Wessex, Dame Cressida Dick and Rt. Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond.

Discussion followed regarding the anticipation of face to face meetings from July and if we should have a competition of some of our Grow, Cook and Sew classes at the August meeting. It was decided to have just one class – the knitted dog coat with the Joan Rogers Memorial award being presented to the winner. The dog coats will be donated to charity for homeless dogs. The pattern was in our 2020 schedule, but if you need a copy please talk to Shirley.

The Easter card, bunch of daffodils and chocolates delivered to all members were much appreciated and we thank the committee for this lovely thought.

Our speaker was introduced – Sarah Clarke of FCC Environment – the Recycling Centre side of waste disposal - to talk to us about recycling and what goes where. Glass and tin still seem to be the best containers as they form a closed loop and can be recycled forever. The talk proved very interesting and Sarah answered many of our questions. She posed us a quiz about recycling – the winner being Maria – now the proud owner of a pink dustbin shaped pen tidy. The answer to the tie breaker question – how much of Suffolk’s waste was recycled last month – an extraordinary 73%! We must all work harder to reduce waste.

The June full meeting will be on zoom on the 15th at 7.30pm. Depending on the weather and legislation at the time it is hoped to hold an outdoor meeting in May and/or June and in anticipation of groups being able to meet indoors, the U.R.C. has been booked for July and August. Fingers crossed!

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) for the link into the meeting. You will be welcome.



EADT Token Collection



1st Mendlesham Scout Group are collecting EADT tokens to raise money to build a new scout hut.

Please save your tokens for us.

They can be dropped through
the door at
9, The Green, Mendlesham
Green

MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

1 st Mendlesham Guides	Emma Munday	766096
3 rd Monday Book Club	Doug Williams	766498
Annual Parish Party	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Ancient Order of Foresters	Beatrix Wrinch	07885 909869
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
F.O.M.S.A	C.P School	766224
Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre	Phil Tucker	01379 678400
History Group	Sue Michell	766434
Mendlesham Parish Party Committee	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Mendlesham Camera Club	Mike Favager	766007
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Mendlesham Explorer Unit	Jonathan Freeman	01449 766676
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Mendlesham Toddler Group	Selina Cannings	07925 198581
Mendlesham Walking Group	Judith Howard-Rees	07770 746619
Mendlesham Writers Group	Noel Fletcher	766968
Old School Room Bookings	Daphne Lambert	766320
Over 60's	Tina Pipe	766339
Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	766139
Rainbows	Becky Froude	01473 747772
School Governors	Sharon Jones	766139
St Mary's Parish Church	Father Philip Gray	766359
St Mary's Church Council	Hazel Spalding	768616
Trustees of Charities	Mike Favager	766007
United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	766321
Village Recorder for Mendlesham	Geoff Clarke	766447
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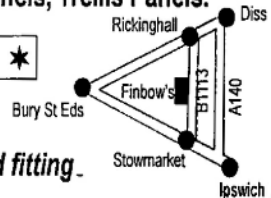
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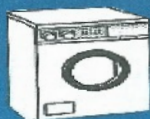
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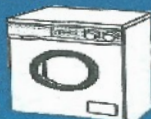
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⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

Can you believe it we are now half way through the year! And we are into our 17th Month of the pandemic, and we only now have some signs of getting back to “normal life”.

I used to work as an enabler, with people living with learning disabilities, one of my clients asked me what normal was, I could not answer him, as everyone's normal is different, from the way we live our lives to our daily routines. Certainly, over the last 17 months, our “normal” has changed a lot, and it depends on who you listen to, we could never get back to normal again, or we get back to a new normal.

But if you think about it, our normal constantly changes, when you move school, start a new job or retire, move house, take up a new hobby, in fact the list is endless, so in every part of our lives, our normal never stays the same, which at times can seem very scary.

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So, as we start to do more things, see more people and travel further afield, we may feel anxious, of what the future holds, as long as we remember that Jesus walks with us in all that we do, and God is ever present to comfort and uphold us, it may make our life journey a little easier to bear, knowing that we do not walk it alone.

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those unable to be in church.

LOOKING AHEAD

THURS 22ND JULY

7.00pm: Mass &
Confirmation

FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST

Patronal Festival 7.00pm



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I thoroughly recommend the book 'Seasons of the Soul' by Sue Johnson – a beautifully produced collection of memories and musings, short Bible readings and prayers. Available at Mendlesham Village Shop - £6.50.

Father Philip writes...

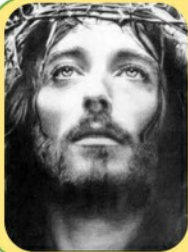
June is often dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – a feast that draws us to think about God's great

love for us as shown in the life of Christ.

There is a story of a park keeper whose job was to pick up litter on a spiked pole. He was surrounded by the glorious beauty of flowers and trees, with the sun sparkling through the leaves. Sadly he had eyes only for the litter he had to collect and the damage it did. He could only say, ***"This litter destroys the nature in this park!"*** Unfortunately he was blind to its beauty because he didn't lift up his head to look around.



The Pharisees in Jesus' day were so focussed on the wickedness of other people – tax collectors and sinners – that they couldn't see the fresh Spring leaves of God's love changing, forgiving and healing. ***They could only see litter.***



When Jesus was criticised for keeping company with sinners he said that he had not come for those who thought they were righteous but for those who humbly recognised the need to change their lives..

"It is not those that are well who need the doctor, but the sick. I have come to call not the upright but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5 v 31-31)

We must never let our sins paralyse us. Fr John Powell tells the story of a woman who decided to swim out into the ocean beyond the point of return. Before doing so, she walked along the deserted beach to say her tearful farewells to the world. Suddenly a voice seemed to say, ***"Look back!"*** She did and saw her own footprints. While she watched, a wave erased them. Then a voice seemed to say: ***"As that wave erased your footprints, so I will erase your past."*** That event was the starting point of a new life for her.



The Book of Jonah in the Old Testament is a story that reminds us of God's love and forgiveness. It

reminds us that God's love is not limited to a particular group of people

– in which we usually include ourselves – but is offered to everyone who desires to do what is right; those we may not like and those the other side of the world. Jonah tried to run away from that kind of God, but God wouldn't let him get away with it. Jonah was delivered to the very people he sought to avoid – the hated Ninevites in Assyria.

St Augustine wrote: **“To him who is everywhere men come not by travelling but by loving.”**

In this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus we can ask ourselves:

- *Am I like Jonah, running away from something God wants me to do?*
- *What is my attitude toward people who are different from me?*
- *How can my understanding of them grow?*

At St Mary's there is a warm, non-judgmental attitude to all who are searching for a deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

You are welcome to experience it for yourself.

**A Thought for Corpus Christi (6th June)
from a very early Christian Saint, St Justin Martyr (AD 100 – 165)**

**St Justin describes how the early Church celebrated Mass see
how closely our worship today follows this format!**

“On Sundays there is an assembly of all who live in towns or in the country and the memoirs of the Apostles or the writings of the prophets are read as long as time allows. Then the reading is brought to an end and the president delivers an address in which he admonishes and encourages us to imitate in our own lives the beautiful lesson we have heard read.

Then we stand up together and pray. When we have finished the prayer, as I have said, bread and wine and water are brought up. The president offers prayers and thanksgiving as best he can and the people say “Amen” as an expression of their agreement.

Then follows the distribution of the food, over which the prayer of thanksgiving has been recited; all present receive some of it and the deacons carry some to those who are absent.”

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

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	St Justin	9.30	HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government	Front Street/Old Orchard
2	Ss Marcellinus and Peter	8.00 am	those in broken homes	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	St Charles Lwanga	9.30	the Church in Uganda	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4		9.30	all searching to faith	Chapel Road
5	St Boniface	7.30 pm	the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6	CORPUS CHRISTI	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Brockford Road
7		9.30	all who are bereaved	Glebe Way
8		9.30	the mission of the Church	Freelands
9		11.00	Requiem: Russell Pipe - 1st anniversary	Ducksen Road
10		7.30 pm	the Society of the Holy Cross	Horsefair Close
11	MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.30	All who reject God	Mason Court
12		7.30 pm	Additional Curates Society	Mayfield Way
13	11th SUNDAY OF YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mead Way
14		9.30	the departed (June anniversaries)	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15		9.30	all who try to harm us	Middy Close / The Sidings
16		8.00 am	our churchwardens	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		9.30	a deeper prayer life	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		9.30	our Confirmation candidates	Mendlesham Green
19		7.30 pm	future of St Joseph's Center	Tan Office
20	12th SUNDAY OF YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Outlying houses
21	St Abysius	9.30	those who suffer from AIDS & HIV	Farms in Mendlesham
22	Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	9.30	Christian unity	Local industries
23	St Etheldreda	9.30	Walsingham	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	8.00 am	The Guild of All Souls	Mendlesham School
25		9.30	the sick	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		7.30 pm	the ministry of Healing	Village Organisations
27	13th SUNDAY OF YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Fr Philip
28	St Irenaeus	7.30 pm	FIF and The Society	Other places of Worship
29	Ss PETER AND PAUL	9.30	Parish and Congregation	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30	First Martyrs of Rome	8.00 am	those newly ordained	Local Doctors and Nurses

SB: Please see Church website and weekly bulletin



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