

# **MENDLESHAM NEWSLETTER**



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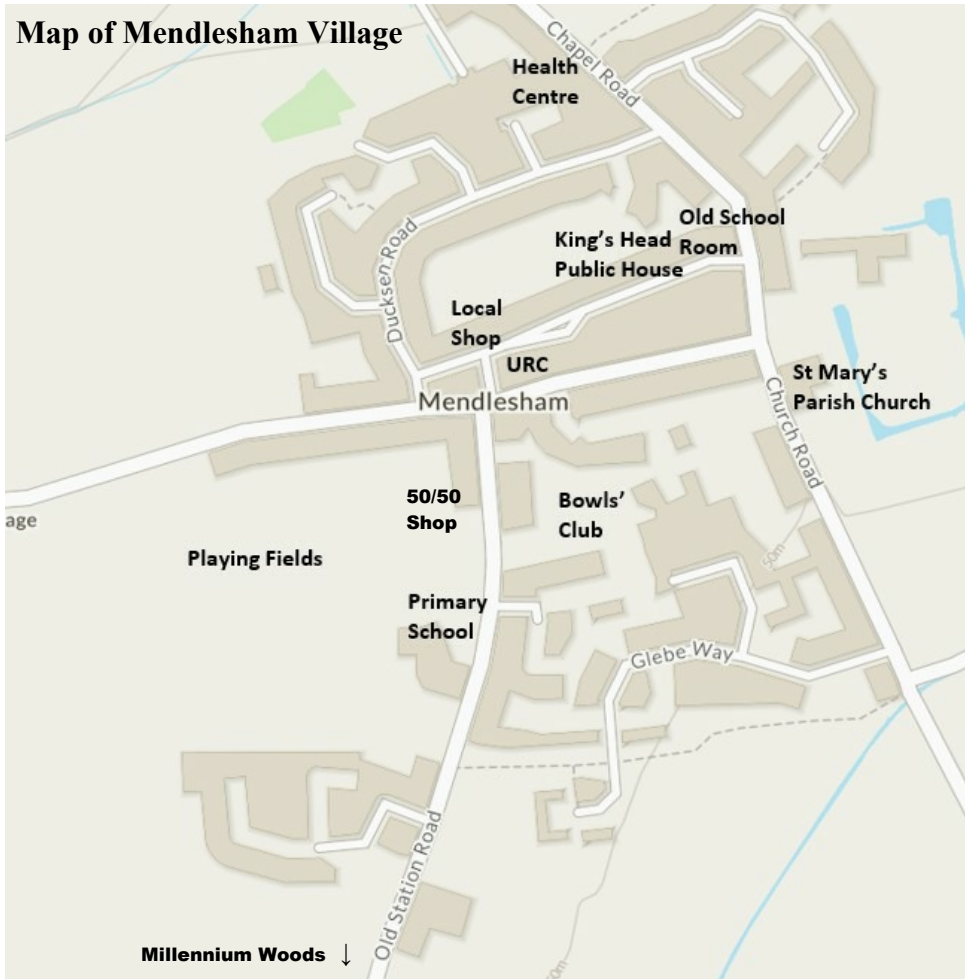
## **CHIMNEY SWEEP**

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Minor repairs around the home  
Including taps, immersion heaters  
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**MANY** more services provided  
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**Deadline for May Issue**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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

**50/50 shop open -**

Every Tuesday & Friday  
see page 3 for further details

Don't forget to keep up to speed with  
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**Editorial**

Welcome to the April issue. There is a buzz of activity around the parish as clubs and social activities for young and old function again.

The sun is bringing us out of home isolation and many plans are being made for events in the months ahead. Browse through the magazine to see what's happening and you can locate the venues on the handy map on the opposite page.

*Best Wishes Gemma*

## THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Andy Davey tel 01449 768862 ( Chairperson)
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- Norman Foster tel 768978
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- David Nunn ( Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham Green, Tan Office and outlying properties) tel 767158
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- Liz Ward tel 766562

### Meetings:

**Wednesday 6th April 2022** Ordinary Parish Council meeting Old School Room, Mendlesham 7pm.

**Tuesday 19th April 2022** Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Main Hall Mendlesham

**Wednesday 11 May 2022** Old School Room, Mendlesham  
7pm: Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by AGM's for  
Mendlesham Community Centre Charity  
Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity  
7.30pm Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Please note whilst this may seem many meetings in a short period of time, if any meetings take longer than originally anticipated, the subsequent meeting start times may be slightly delayed.

The Annual Parish Council meeting deals with the election of the Chair and representatives for various duties/committees for the forthcoming year.

Further details including agendas will be published via E News and the Parish Notice Boards located outside the Old School Room, Old Market Street and the path leading from Glebe Way to Station Road near the St Joseph's Centre, Mendlesham and the noticeboard located at Mendlesham Green playing fields.

# MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

**Saturday, 2nd April, 10.00 – 14.00**

**OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM**

**Pre-Ordering or Take-Away Orders, phone the Café  
on 01449-767727 from 10 a.m.**

**Morning Coffee, Light Lunches and Afternoon Teas, including  
delicious homemade Quiches, Soups, Cakes and Desserts.**

**March Draw Winner (Garden Hamper): Sally Wray**

**(Kindly donated by Andy Davey)**

## MENDLESHAM 50/50 SHOP

Browse our range of clothing and shoes for all the family,  
plus jewellery, accessories, homewares, books and more.

Have clothing to donate? You receive 50% of the sale price,  
with the rest to village community funds. Ask for details.

**Open Tuesdays and Fridays 2 - 4pm**

Find us in the green pavilion near the toddler play equipment on  
Station Road, Mendlesham. What3words: ///novelist.thin.tint.

# Mendlesham Walking Group

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

**Meet at  
Community Centre Car Park **10.00am**  
2 hour 'Out of Parish' Walk led by Richard & Mary**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR SATURDAY WALKS**

**AND**

**Walking on a Wednesday  
Shorter, slower walks of about 1½ hours led by Alan**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Meet at  
Community Centre Car Park **10.30am****

Come and join us!

Stay safe and keep walking!



For more information please contact  
Rachael – 07971 910 279  
Angela - 01449 766483



# Mendlesham Writers Group



## **“That’s a great story – You should write it down”**

**How many times have you been told that in conversation,  
having recalled a fascinating or exciting experience ?**

**Learn a very simple way to ensure that your experiences can be remembered.**

**We offer a free introductory guidance pack, guest speakers, practical exercises  
and a welcoming atmosphere.**

**The Mendlesham Writers Group meets in the Old School Room, Mendlesham  
7.30 – 9.30pm on the Second Tuesday of each month**

**We are starting up again on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

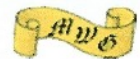
A small annual subscription is payable but your first visit is free of charge.

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Noel K Fletcher

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## **MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB**



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th April - in the Old School Room at 1930. The challenge this month is to produce pictures with texture - either as taken or by editing. We submit the pictures to a Dropbox, these will be displayed and discussed. In the second part of the meeting a member will talk about a photography related topic.

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)

# **Mendlesham Community Charity Update**

## **Mendlesham 2022 Come Back!**

By the time you are reading this we will have had our second MCC General Meeting where everyone in the community was invited to hear about what the MCC does and, hopefully, was able to make a contribution. If you were unable to attend the meeting find out more about what we do and how by googling 'Mendlesham Community Charity' and follow the links on our webpage.

If you would like to put on an event to raise funds or need support for your own organisation or start a group, contact us. An Event planner/Support Request form can be found on our webpage just follow the link or give one of the trustees a call.

We are so pleased to be back up and running, supporting village organisations and events.

### **Have you got your tickets?**

Main School Hall      Listen and Dance to

## **The Beat Deluxe Band on Saturday 26 March**

**Doors open 7pm**

Munch on 'Bagels or Beigels' and  
enjoy a drink from the 'Nags Shed'

Bring your own battery operated table lamp!

Tickets £6 available from the Village Shop or from a  
Trustee

### **Coming up!**



**Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 5 June and  
many more events**

Including a Craft Fair, Family Fun Day

**Watch this space!**



Friends Of Mendlesham School Association

## Easter Treasure Hunt

Come and solve the trail hidden in the Millennium Woods.

Find all of the clues to be entered into the prize draw.

All children receive a prize for entering.

There is also an additional adult trail this year.



Easter refreshments available.

Egg decorating and other competitions.

All proceeds go to Mendlesham School.



**Good Friday**  
**15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Millennium Woods**

**9:30 - 12:00**

**£5 per entry form**

**Start location: The Primary School Large Hall**

**(Entry forms to be collected from here)**

**Parish Council:**

**Jubilee News: Torch Relay Event**

As part of the planned events in the days leading up to the extended Jubilee Holiday Weekend, a torch relay will be visiting 250 parishes across the county.

It will be coming to Mendlesham from Cotton, going on to Brockford on **24 May**. Our section looks to be about 4Km.

Full details can be found at:

<https://www.festivalofsuffolk.org/all-events/torch-relay>

The Parish Council has been invited to nominate a person from the parish, to carry the torch. Nominees will be people who are “local heroes” and have contributed to the local community in some way. The nominee(s) will be able to walk or to run with the torch and an e-rickshaw will be available for nominees as required.

This request has only recently been received with a nomination deadline of 31st March.

Unfortunately, there has not been time to ask for specific nominations for this event, although requests for nominations for the Annual Mendlesham Awards have been advertised with multiple requests for nominations over the past few months. The decision process is now underway and will include the nomination for the Torch Relay event.

We hope that you will support the event on 24th May.

As soon as we know more, including hopefully estimated arrival time for Mendlesham Village, we will let you know via E News and the Parish Notice Boards as above and if publication deadlines/delivery of this newsletter permit via this newsletter.

**United Reformed Church**

**MURCies Coffee Bar**

Friday - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 10am - 12pm

**Knit and Natter**

Monday - 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 2pm - 4pm

# **MENDLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

**Cuttings Lane, Mendlesham  
(parking opposite at the play park)**

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!!**

**New to the village?**

**Always wanted to try your hand at lawn green bowls?**

**Phone John Player on 07747-592899 for details of practice sessions**



## Join the new team of MMC trustees!

### Welcome on board Letitia Goode!

Letitia and her husband Ian, moved to Mendlesham 3 years ago from Colchester having previously lived and worked in Ipswich and wanting to return to Suffolk. With her family grown up and a career as a social worker working with young people and their families behind her, she wanted to enjoy her retirement and take on new challenges. Already meeting people through attending Pilates, the Walking and History Groups Letitia is looking forward to working with the MCC to put on the events and fund raise to support our community.

If you are community minded, have experience and skills in decision making, leadership qualities, enjoy working with people or have a creative and caring flair, we need you!

We meet regularly to hold Trustee Board Meetings and General Meetings which are open to the Community and your time and commitment will make a real difference to the place where we live.

An application form can be found on our updated webpage (just google Mendlesham Community Charity). Feel free to chat to any of the trustees for more information

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**Monday 2nd May 2022**

**10.00 until 1600 in U.R.C. Chapel**

Come and support our local crafters and see what talent there is in our community.

There will also be teas, coffee and a raffle.

If you can volunteer to help on the day or have any questions about the event please

contact organizer Meg Clarke

07979973440 or

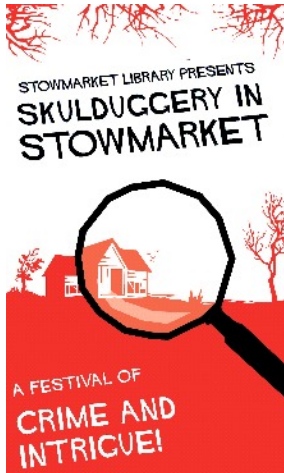
email: [meg.clarke47@gmail.com](mailto:meg.clarke47@gmail.com)

# The Friends of St. Mary's Church

Invite everyone to their coffee mornings in the church every Tuesday between 1000 am and noon



## Announcing Skulduggery in Stowmarket, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 2022



Stowmarket Library's Skulduggery team is excited to announce the return of the live event. Book your place on Suffolk Libraries' website:

[www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/skulduggery](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/skulduggery)

Join us at Stowmarket Library on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> for an evening with Simon Brett. Tickets are £8 each or £15 for two, including a glass of wine on arrival and light refreshments.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> come & meet our guest authors: Rebecca Tope; Imran Mahmood, Tim Weaver, Ruth Dugdall, & Jill Dawson;

and on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> we will have guest authors J M Hewitt, Laura Purcell, Jim Kelly, Louise Millar, and Rory Clements. Tickets are £5 per author, £20 for a full day, or £35 for both days.

*All profits go to Suffolk Libraries (HMRC Charity Number XT34476)*

# TOTE RESULTS

<b>Mendlesham Lottery February 2022</b>			
<b>5th February</b>		<b>19th February</b>	
Drawn at Mayfield Way		Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Madeline Watson	£35.00	Denise Lucas	£35.00
Barry Mills	£25.00	Care Debenham	£25.00
Leslie Palmer	£15.00	Alex Sommers	£15.00
Alison Millin	£10.00	Helen Orton	£10.00

## **MENDLESHAM OVER 60s CLUB** **FEBRUARY 2022**

Paul welcomed 23 members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Jenny and Ray Mayes, Linda Stocker, Hazel Spalding and Di Lambert.

Our speaker, Mr Gerry Baxter, gave a talk about Pearly Kings and Queens of London. Gerry is the Pearly King of Streatam and he became king when he married his wife. He had previously been a pearly on the Isle of Dogs. The title is passed down through the family, his children are princes and princesses and one day one of them will take over his title. He told us it took him about 9 months to sew the 20,000 buttons individually on his suit. One of the jackets was handed round so we could feel the weight of it – it was very heavy. The children all have pearly suits and dresses which they all wear when they are collecting for charity. Every London borough has their own Pearly family. He collects for children’s charities and Guide Dogs for the Blind. In fact, he will do his best to help any charity. He finished up singing “All my life I’ve wanted to be a barrow boy”! A very interesting talk from a very dedicated man.

Competition – an unusual button:

First - Ruth Ager    Second – Jean Martin    Third –Annette Taylor

Next meeting: - 27<sup>th</sup> April – Dr Geoffrey Kay. Topic: “Over paid, over sexed and over here”! Competition – Something to do with America.

Paul thanked us all for coming.

The February meeting was well attended and we were pleased to welcome two visitors. We have been supporting the Blossom appeal raising funds to build a self-contained breast cancer unit at Ipswich Hospital and it is pleasing to learn that they have reached their fund raising target. So what to support next? It was unanimously agreed to raise funds and provide items for the Moses Project – a local charity providing much needed help for new mums referred as in need. A member brought a stocked Moses basket to show us what is included. Our knitting needles will be clicking again.

Plans are in hand for various workshops and outings during the year – trips to Felixstowe for a supervised beach comb, the Sandringham Flower Show and Thursford being investigated. Workshops are a fun session to learn a new skill and ideas considered are flower arranging, archery, hedgerow basketry and, of course, our Christmas workshop with Jane. Lists were circulated for outings and the Group meeting hosted by Bacton on 28<sup>th</sup> April when Charlie Haylock will speak about his work perfecting actors Suffolk Dialect in the film 'The Dig'. Schedules for our August Grow, Cook and Sew were circulated to all members with supplied nasturtium seeds to find members with green fingers

Our secretary then started off our 'All About Me' time – an interactive session when we had time to chat to other members. The hall buzzed with lots of friendly, happy chat. This was our birthday meeting and of course there was a cake – made by Jackie and beautifully decorated by her daughter in law. Enid cut the cake and said what an honour it was for her to do so – she celebrates being a member since 1952 and the toast was proposed to Mendlesham WI celebrating 96 years. We all looked at the photos in the competition – of you as a baby – some were recognisable, most not! The winner was Jackie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda, 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie.

Our next knit, stitch and yarn meet will be on Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> April in the Old School Room 10am to noon. The full April meeting is on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> in the U.R.C. at 7.30pm; the speaker is Hawk Honey, topic the Forgotten Bees, the competition – a honey pot.

At the time of writing the daffodil bulbs planted around the village are coming into bud. We are grateful to members for generously providing bulbs and those who planted them - it should be quite a show.

If you are interested in joining us please contact president Anita (766902). You will be made welcome.



**The Friends of St. Mary's Church are holding a Quiz Night on 22 April at 7.30 pm in the U.R.C. Chapel.**



**Bring your own wine to go with the refreshments.**



**£5 per person**

## **Monday Morning meet-up**



**We are now open again!**

**Every Monday morning  
in the Old Schoolroom  
10am-12pm**

**EVERYBODY** welcome. If you are on your own, retired, widow, widower, new mum/dad, looking for work or whatever your situation...

Come on down and enjoy free tea, coffee, cake and sausage rolls, plus good friendly company.

There is also a selection of jigsaws, books and magazines to take away free of charge.

# Social Morning



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Mendlesham Parish Party Committee would like you to come and join us for a social 'get together' of tea, coffee and cake

**At United Reformed Chapel,  
Mendlesham**

**Between 10am – 12noon**

Even though we have been unable to hold our fundraising events and the annual party, you are still in our thoughts so as a committee we would like to welcome you for refreshment and a chat

**This is NOT a fundraising event so please don't bring any money, we would just like the pleasure of your company!**

**Everyone is welcome, no matter your age; this isn't just for people eligible for the party.**



## *Craft & Chat Group*

**Every Thursday, starting 3rd February  
In the old school room 7-9pm**

Do you knit, crochet, sew, needlefelt,  
make jewellery use a Cricut and so on?

Would you like to bring something along to work on and share your skill  
with others who may want to learn?

The group is open to everyone who is interested. Please come along, It's a  
very friendly relaxed group.

The charge is £2 per session  
with free tea coffee and biscuits.

Any questions please call Julie Waghorn on 07752 335489  
Or Julie Williams 01449 766006

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 7th April**

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# Debenham Shed



Recently a 1976 MG Midget was donated to the Shed for renovation by a member who could no longer continue the project after suffering two heart attacks, and wanted to give it to someone who could undertake the necessary work.

Debenham Shed have the skills but no four-post



lift required to repair a defective clutch. Michael Dunnett, owner of Debenham Garage, was approached and he generously agreed to undertake the necessary repairs on the understanding that any parts requiring replacement would be bought by the Shed. On completion an MOT certificate will be issued.

We are currently in discussion with an international paint company as the paintwork needs attention. See [www.debenhamshed.org.uk/press](http://www.debenhamshed.org.uk/press) to hear an interview on Radio Suffolk featuring the Midget.

Come along to Debenham Shed for an introduction to 3D printing on **Saturday 9th April** 10.30-12pm. We will cover all aspects of the topic from designing components, preparing them for the printer and then the print process itself. Refreshments including bacon butties will be provided. Cost £5 including refreshments. Book your place at [chairman@debenhamshed.org.uk](mailto:chairman@debenhamshed.org.uk) or 01728 861243.



We meet on Friday afternoons from 2-5pm. Just turn up (no dogs please) if you'd like to join in or have a look.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). Affiliated to UK Men's Sheds Association. Debenham Shed Officers: Les Wright 07793 470694, Bernard Rose 07538 974119, Tony Hutt 07906 614328. Visit our new website at [www.debenhamshed.org.uk](http://www.debenhamshed.org.uk), where you can sign up to our newsletters. Like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed](http://www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed).



## MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

1 <sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Guides	Emma Munday	01449 768843
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday Book Club	Doug Williams	01449 766498
Annual Parish Party	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Ancient Order of Foresters	Beatrix Wrinch	07885 909869
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Martyn Bryant	01379 788998
Bowls Club	Peter Coleby	01449 766985
Brownies	Brenda Stannard	01449 766308
Camera Club	Mike Favager	01449 766007
Carpet Bowls Club	Roger Fouracre	01449 766229
Community Centre Hall	Becky Herbert	01449 672531
Computer Club	Giles Godart-Brown	07500 042836
District Councillor	Andrew Stringer	01449 780339
Explorer Unit	Jonathan Freeman	01449 766676
Film Nights	Judith Howard-Rees	07770 746619
Football Club	George Yardley Angela Lockwood	07894 512712 07845 471154
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Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre	Phil Tucker	01379 678400
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Old School Room Bookings	Daphne Lambert	01449 766320
Over 60's	Annette Taylor	01449 776552
Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	01449 766139
Parish Party Committee	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Rainbows	Becky Froude	07774 581503
Saturday Cafe	Brenda Player	01449 768101
St Mary's Parish Church	Father Philip Gray	01449 766359
St Mary's Church Council	Chris Elstone	07530 769676
Toddler Group	Simona Pounds	07585 093311
Trustees of Charities	Mike Favager	01449 766007
United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	01449 766321
Village Recorder for Mendlesham	Geoff Clarke	01449 766447
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# Friends of Debenham Library

We currently have some colourful jigsaw puzzles for sale at £5 each.

Of course we also have lots of books plus DVDs, as well as WiFi, Computers, Printing/photocopying/scanning, A4 Laminating, downloadable music/audiobooks/ebooks, free reservations, drinks for sale. The room is available for hire outside opening hours.



Suffolk  
Libraries

School Corner, Debenham IP14 6PL (next to the Primary School). Opening hours:

Tuesday: 0930 am – 1300 pm

Wednesday: 1500 – 1930 pm

Saturday: 0900 am – 1300 pm

Sunday: 1200 – 1600 pm

Tel: 01728 861940 [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/debenham-library](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/debenham-library)

Facebook: @DebenhamLibraryFriends

Email: [debenham.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:debenham.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk)

## Mendlesham Baby and Toddler Group

Meets in the large hall of the Community Centre.



Tuesday Mornings

9:15 to 11:15



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

Contact Simona Pounds 07585093311

[MendleshamBabyGroup@gmail.com](mailto:MendleshamBabyGroup@gmail.com)

Facebook: Mendlesham baby toddler group  
for further information.



**STONHAM ASPAL**  
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**Please contact us for more information**  
Call: **01449 711593** or Email: **stonham-aspal@btconnect.com**  
[www.stonhamaspalpreschool.org.uk](http://www.stonhamaspalpreschool.org.uk)  
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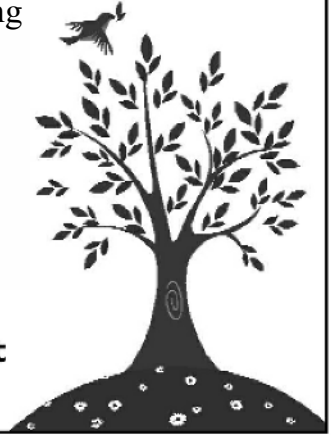
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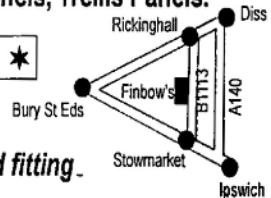
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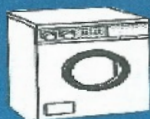
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6 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Afternoon Fellowship – Mrs Helen Marsden
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Palm Sunday - Rev'd Richard Edwards
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Good Friday – Mr William Glasse
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mr Keith Scarff - Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Afternoon Fellowship – Mr John Webb
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.45pm	Mrs Nichola Glasse

**MURCies Coffee Bar – Friday from 10.00 - 12.00 (8<sup>th</sup> April)**

**Knit & Natter – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April - 2.00 - 4.00pm**

Romans 8: 18-25

<sup>18</sup> I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>All of creation waits with eager longing for God to reveal his children. <sup>20</sup>For creation was condemned to lose its purpose, not of its own will, but because God willed it to be so. Yet there was the hope <sup>21</sup>that creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that up to the present time all of creation groans with pain, like the pain of childbirth. <sup>23</sup>But it is not just creation alone which groans; we who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts also groan within ourselves, as we wait for God to make us his children and set our whole being free. <sup>24</sup>For it was by hope that we were saved; but if we see what we hope for, then it is not really hope. For which of us hopes for something we see? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

In March Stowmarket United Reformed Church celebrated 67 years of its current building, the previous building, then Congregational, was hit by 5 German bombs, out of the 6 which were dropped on Stowmarket. Sadly, one person was killed. In some ways it could be said that with the Church being hit it saved the people of Stowmarket from more devastation. The Church still has in its archives the tail fin from one of these bombs.

The Church gets less recognition for this event than does Coventry Cathedral, and as I have read somewhere Stowmarket Congregational Church was the only Congregational Church to be bombed in England.

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With our thoughts of these past events in mind, we can't help but draw similarities to mind (as I write this) to what is happening to Ukraine at this present time. As people and as a Church our thoughts when dealing with others should always be on peace, and with dealing with people that we should always deal with those people with dignity and respect.

We do not know where this conflict will lead to, but we must pray for common sense to prevail, the war to stop, and peace for all across the world.

I leave you all with this prayer:

### **A prayer for Ukraine**

God of all,  
with alarm and concern we bring before you  
the military intervention in Ukraine.  
In a world you made for peace and flourishing,  
we lament the use of armed force.  
We mourn every casualty of this conflict,  
every precious life extinguished by war.  
We pray comfort for those who grieve  
and those who are fearful.  
Hear our longing that leaders and nations  
will honour the worth of all people  
by having the courage  
to resolve conflict through dialogue.  
May all our human failings be transformed  
by your wonderful grace and goodness.  
We ask this in the name of Christ,  
the author of peace and sustainer of Creation.

**Amen.**

This is a prayer from the [Joint Public Issues Team](#) of the United Reformed Church, Methodist Church and Baptist Union.

Robert



## **New USAAF 34th Bomb Group Memorial Mendlesham Flower Rota**

Ken Abbott  
**April**



# ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM

[www.stmarysmendlesham.org.uk](http://www.stmarysmendlesham.org.uk)

You are welcome to worship at any  
of our services.

## SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass &  
Address

### **First Mass of Sunday:**

Saturdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>: 10.00 am;

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

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

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

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 4.00 pm

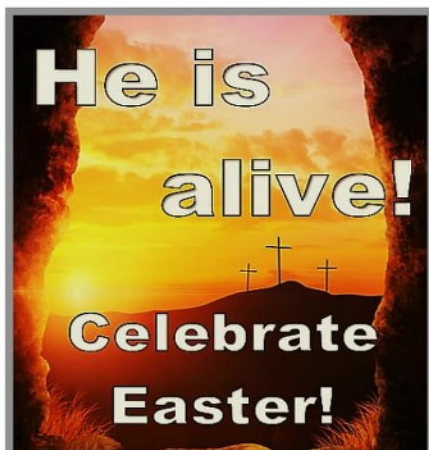
Holy Week: 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>: 6.00 pm;

14<sup>th</sup>: 10.00 & 6.30 pm;

15<sup>th</sup>: 1.00 pm;

16<sup>th</sup>: 4.00 pm

*- or contact Fr Philip*



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## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday worship also **LIVESTREAMED** every week at 9.30.

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	9.30: Requiem – Jim Baker; 1.00pm - Funeral
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>10.00</b> First Mass of Sunday 11.00 – 1.00 pm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> spring cleaning session in church. All welcome. Please bring brushes, dusters etc.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>LENT V - PASSIONTIDE begins:</b> 9.30: Parish Mass
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	9.30: Mass; 10.30 – 12.30: Coffee & cake in church.. 7.30 pm: Bible Study by Zoom: summary of 7 churches of Asia
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9.30: Parish Mass begins in churchyard for blessing of palms & procession into church 11.00: Stations of the Cross & Benediction
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>FIG MONDAY</b> 9.30: Mass 7.00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>TEMPLE TUESDAY</b> 9.30: Mass 10.30 – 12.30: Coffee & cake in church. All welcome. 7.00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>SPY WEDNESDAY</b> 12.00 noon: Mass of the Chrism & renewal of priests' vows at St Mary's parish church, Little Walsingham. 7.30 pm: Mass (said) in Mendlesham
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7.30 pm: Sung Mass of Last Supper 8.30 pm – 11.00 pm: Watch of silent prayer in Gethsemane 10.45 pm: Night prayer
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 2.00 pm: The Liturgy – readings, procession to the Cross & Holy Communion. (lasts 1 hour)
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 7.30 pm: Vigil ceremonies and first Sung Mass of Easter. Shared Refreshments after Mass
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>EASTER DAY</b> 9.30 Parish Mass, Blessing of candles for the departed & blessing of chocolate eggs for children
<b>18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>EASTER WEEK</b> Please see calendar for times of daily Masses
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	7.30 pm: Quiz in URC Chapel – Friends of St Mary's
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	9.30: Parish Mass 2.30 pm: Meet at Rushford for First tour of Norfolk churches
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>ST MARK</b> 2.30 pm: Mass – monthly healing service
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>ST GEORGE</b> 9.30 Mass; 10.30 – 12.30: Coffee & cake in church.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	9.30: Requiem Mass – April Anniversaries



### Fr Philip Writes...



Tomb robbing was not unusual in Jesus' day. Evidence was found of this in 1878 in Nazareth on a marble slab (now in the Louvre in Paris). It contains a Roman decree stating that anyone who has **“extracted the buried, or has maliciously transferred them”** is to be **“sentenced to capital punishment”**. Scholarship relates this to a decree of the Emperor Claudius (AD 51 -54). This puts the resurrection of Jesus in the context of secular evidence witnessing to the empty tomb of Jesus. **For if the Apostles had stolen Jesus' body, is it conceivable that these 11 men would have been prepared to face being put to death with radiant courage**

**– which all of them except St John were eventually to do - simply to promote a doctrine which they knew to be false?**

Good Friday left Jesus' followers in a state of shock. Their dream that Jesus had come from God to inaugurate God's kingdom ended in a nightmare, but in a matter of hours something incredible had taken place. Jesus' followers were amazingly transformed – radically alive with new vision and power to proclaim Jesus had risen. How can we explain this incredible turn of events that took place on the first Easter? The only acceptable explanation is the one the disciples gave: they had seen Jesus alive and could not be silenced.

We may not see Jesus as the Apostles did, but we can experience his risen power. A small boy and his grandfather were flying a kite on a high hill. The kite soared into the sky. Then suddenly a cloud hid it from sight. After a few minutes, Grandfather said, **“Robbie, maybe some thief in the cloud stole your kite!”** Robbie shook his head. **“But Robbie, how can you be sure that the kite is still at the end of your string?”**

The boy replied: **“Because I can feel what you can't; I can feel the kite tug at my string.”**



This story illuminates why many people who did not see Jesus after his resurrection were sure, nonetheless, that he had risen. They could feel the power of the risen Jesus at work in their hearts.



Then there is the power of Jesus beyond death. A man sat in a canoe reading a book and, glancing down, saw a water beetle crawling up the side of the canoe. Halfway up it fastened itself to the wood and died. The man returned to reading his book. Later he glanced down again.

The beetle had dried in the blazing sun and its back was cracking open. As he watched, something emerged from the opening. It was a magnificent dragonfly. The man took his finger to nudge the dried-up shell which was now like an empty tomb.

That is a beautiful example from nature to help us better appreciate Easter, which is admirably expressed in the following extract from a Requiem Mass:



**“Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.”**

Please pray this Eastertide:

**“Lord, at Easter your disciples’ hearts exploded in joy after they had been plunged into sadness on Good Friday...  
Release into my heart the same explosion of joy.”**

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### **DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

- You can give **directly online** via [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)
- There is a **churn** just inside the porch door at **St Mary’s church** where you can put **cash or cheques**. It is being emptied each week.
- **Cheques** should be made payable to: **DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.**

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2022

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1		9.30	Requiem - Jim Baker	Front Street / Old Orchard
2		10.00	all preparing for Baptism	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	<b>LENT V - PASSIONTIDE begins</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Mill Road and Hobbies Lane</b>
4		9.30	all falsely accused	Chapel Road
5		9.30	The Society of the Holy Cross	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		9.30	the people of Ukraine	Brockford Road
7	St John Baptist de la Salle	-	Mendlesham School	Glebe Way
8		11.00	all refugees	Freelands
9		10.00	our observance of Holy Week	Duckseen Road
10	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Horsefair Close</b>
11	FIG MONDAY	9.30	Christian Aid and the DEC	Mason Court
12	TEMPLE TUESDAY	9.30	all who betray others	Mayfield Way
13	SPY WEDNESDAY	7.30 pm	priests renewing their vows	Mead Way
14	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30 pm	all Communicants	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	GOOD FRIDAY	2.00 pm	all - for whom Christ died	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	HOLY SATURDAY	7.30 pm	The Guild of All Souls	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane</b>
18	EASTER MONDAY	9.30	peace of the world	Mendlesham Green
19	EASTER TUESDAY	9.30	all who are bereaved	Tan Office
20	EASTER WEDNESDAY	8.00	all suffering in conflict and war	Outlying houses
21	EASTER THURSDAY	9.30	Additional Curates Society	Farms in Mendlesham
22	EASTER FRIDAY	9.30	Walsingham	Local industries
23	EASTER SATURDAY	10.00	all searching for faith	Pub & places of recreation
24	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Mendlesham School</b>
25	ST MARK	2.30 pm	the sick: Healing Ministry	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26	ST GEORGE	9.30	HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government	Village Organisations
27		9.30	world peace	Fr Philip
28		8.00	the departed - April anniversaries	Other places of Worship
29	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	9.30	peace in Europe	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30		10.00	our May festivities	Local Doctors and Healthcare Workers
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