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

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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with the URC and Parish Church  
from page 39 onwards.

Every Tuesday & Friday  
**50/50 shop open -**  
see page 10 for further details

**Editorial**

Welcome to the February issue. I often think that this is the toughest month of the year when we battle with post-Christmas blues and challenging weather. We need to concentrate more on the positives like a warm home to return to or hibernate in if that is your choice. In the gardens can you spot the Snowdrops, Forsythia, Hellebores, Primulas and Crocus bravely pushing their way through the frozen earth and air. These sights never fail to make me smile and remind me that Spring is on its way.

*Best Wishes Gemma*

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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### Meetings:

**Wednesday 9th February 2022** Ordinary Parish Council meeting Old School Room, Mendlesham 7pm.

**Wednesday 9th March 2022** Ordinary Parish Council meeting Old School Room, Mendlesham 7pm.

**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

### **United Reformed Church**

#### **MURCies Coffee Bar**

Friday - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 10am - 12pm

#### **Knit and Natter**

Monday - 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 2pm - 4pm

# 'SAT-CAF' IS BACK !!

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 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.**

**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED BOTH TO OUR  
'REGULARS' AND TO ANY NEWCOMERS TO OUR  
LOVELY VILLAGE!**



## **MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB**



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st February - in the Old School Room at 1930. The challenge this month is to share pictures of 'something musical'. We submit the entry 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 Walking Group

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Meet at  
Community Centre Car Park 10.00am**

**2 hour 'Out of Parish' walk led by Keith & Lorraine**

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

**AND**

**Walking on a Wednesday**

Shorter, slower walks of about 1½ hours led by Alan

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 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

Thank you to the young couple with their family from Station Fields who were out litter picking in Stowmarket Road over the New Year break. Of course litter picking should not be necessary - why cannot people use the litter bins, or take home their rubbish? but it was so pleasing to see someone caring enough for the community to do something positive.

Shirley Furze

How lovely to see the village post box yarn bombed with a nativity scene by anonymous crafters over Christmas . Well done, it was great and much admired.



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 10th February**

## **Parish Council:**

### **Annual Parish Meeting.**

The Annual Parish Council meeting is an opportunity for the electors of the Parish of Mendlesham to meet and discuss items of interest to them. It is not a Parish Council meeting, although it is organised by the Parish Council.

In the past, for many years, part of this meeting has included awards to individuals and organisations of the Parish for their service to the community.

Unfortunately the Parish meeting due to be held in April 2020 , during the first lockdown had to be cancelled due to Covid and the inability to meet in public. The Parish meeting held 20th April 2021 had to be held virtually, again for Covid reasons and the then available legislation covering public meetings, which then included the ability to meet virtually.

Whilst this virtual meeting was attended by members of the public, the decision was made to defer presentation of any awards until we could meet physically and hopefully more would be able to attend the meeting.

So with everything crossed, for Tuesday 19th April , the Main Hall, Mendlesham has been booked and provided we can meet, we will be presenting awards for the years ending April 20, April 21 and April 22. The awards will include an individual award, an organisation award plus a “ one off” additional category for work for the community specifically related to the Covid emergency.

We do already have the awards that were due to be presented for the year ending April 20. Some nominations have already been received for April 21 and recognition for contributions to the community for Covid work. However, if you wish to nominate either an individual or organisation for whatever category, please can you send your written nomination to the Parish Clerk by **15th March**. If you wish to double check we have received and will be considering a nomination you have already made, please also contact the Parish Clerk by 15th March.

Further details and agenda will be available much closer to the time.



# Mendlesham Community Charity Update

## Welcome to our new Trustee and Treasurer – Sally Lovatt

Sally and her partner Mark moved into Mendlesham Green at the end of September. The move to Suffolk was prompted by a strong desire to be in a more rural location, and nearer to the sea - having spent many years in a small village in Derbyshire, as well as wanting Mark's mother Liz, now 92, to join them.

Both Sally and Mark are Pharmacists, and work remotely from home, having adapted to this during the Covid epidemic. Sally works for a GP surgery and Mark is in Higher Education, teaching future healthcare practitioners.

They are keen to contribute to the local community. Sally, having previously been involved in Guiding (as a Brownie leader and District Treasurer), and as Secretary to a Patient Participation Group, and has volunteered to become a Trustee for MCC taking up the role of Treasurer. After meeting members of the Board of Trustees and providing excellent references, we are delighted to welcome Sally.

**Would you like join the new team of trustees?** If you are community minded, have experience and skills in decision making, enjoy working with people or have a creative and caring flair, we need you!

With up to 6 Board Meetings a year plus General Meetings open to the Community, your time and commitment will make a real difference to the place where we live.

An application form can be found on our webpage (just google Mendlesham Community Council) and you would be welcome to chat to any of the trustees for more information

## Mendlesham 2022 Come Back!

Our first **General Meeting**, open to everyone, will be held on **Friday 18 March**, 7pm in the Main School Hall.

We are clear where we're going and we want to share it with you!

If you would like to help us set up for this event please contact Julie Waghorn, secretary or a member of the Board of Trustees. They are:

Judith Howard-Rees (Lead Trustee) 01449 766327 <a href="mailto:judith@milllodge.co.uk">judith@milllodge.co.uk</a>	Julie Waghorn (Secretary) 07752 335489 <a href="mailto:juliesplace@hotmail.co.uk">juliesplace@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Sally Lovatt (Treasurer) 01449 541725
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	Carolyn Triscott 01449 766563	Andrew Cullum 01449 767877

**Parish Council:****Mendlesham Community Centre Charity**

**Update:** Re the decision in principle to sell the areas of the building owned by Mendlesham Community Centre to Suffolk County Council for provision of the new SEND unit, located in what was the Small Hall, plus the Changing Rooms and 50 % ownership of the charity for the Main Hall.

**Hire:**

From 1st September 2021 , community hire for the Main Hall and Changing Rooms is being managed by the John Milton Academy Trust. Booking information, including the ability to book online can be found on the Mendlesham Website

<https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/clubs-and-organisations/community-centre/>

**Or direct at** [https://schoolhire.co.uk/all-](https://schoolhire.co.uk/all-facilities?categories=all&area=Stowupland&date=)

[facilities?categories=all&area=Stowupland&date=](https://schoolhire.co.uk/all-facilities?categories=all&area=Stowupland&date=) and scroll down to find the Mendlesham hall.

**Or telephone** 01449 672531 and ask to speak to the Sports Manager.

**Small Hall:**

This is now not available for hire by the community as it is being used exclusively to home the Mendlesham Mulberry SEND unit.

However, extensive works have been completed to adapt these premises, paid for by Suffolk County, under a Licence for Works which has now come to the end of its term and a Licence to Occupy covering the current occupation by the SEND unit.

**Sale:** Now that the Licences mentioned above are in place, legal work can now concentrate on the Sale documents including continuation of hire of the building after sale by the community and obtaining third party permissions to agree the Charity can sell.

**New Build:**

Progress has also been made with regard to the New Build.

A preferred Architect and Project Manager has been agreed, but we will not formally appoint them and start to pay fees for their work , until we know the third party permissions as required ( potentially Charity Commission and Fields in Trust) are available. The aim is to ask the Architect to initially obtain planning permission which will involve further consultation with residents and potential users of the building.

We have also investigated potential funding sources in addition to the sale proceeds, and visited other village halls, asking questions of others who have completed similar builds locally and relatively recently.

**Communication:**

In addition to using this newsletter and E News to reach as many of you, we also hope to be able to communicate updates and news by different sources.

So much achieved, we are making progress, but still much work to do. We will let you know as soon as we have more to share.

# TOTE RESULTS

<b>Mendlesham Lottery December 2021</b>			
<b>11th December</b>		<b>25th December</b>	
Drawn at Mayfield Way		Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Catherine Bowyer	£35.00	Jennifer Shave	£35.00
Sarah Green	£25.00	Cheryl Deeks	£25.00
Sian Williams	£15.00	Phil Webb	£15.00
Emma Palmer	£10.00	Liz Hails	£10.00

## **Mendlesham Over 60s – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Paul welcomed 20 members to this meeting and new member, Sue Cuthbert.

Our speaker, Mr Mike Wabe was introduced. He told us how the birth of Jesus was worked out by a Russian monk who decided it was nine months after Rome was created. He gave us explanations for all our Christmas traditions. Rudolph the red nose reindeer was not Santa's reindeer until 1939 and at one point tinsel was made with real silver. In 1750 turkeys were walked from Norfolk to London for Londoners' Christmas dinners. He gave us an alternative to the twelve days of Christmas, which was very funny. It was a very interesting talk, also very informative.

We had sausage rolls and mince pies with our tea.

The competition was a bell in any medium and the winners were – First: Ray Mayes, Second: Jean Martin and Third: Laurence Salisbury.

Our next meeting will be 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 when Mr Gerry Baxter will speak on Pearly Kings and Queens of London.

The competition – Unusual buttons.

Paul thanked us all for attending and wished us all a Happy Christmas before we went home.

Our December meeting was cancelled to try and keep members fit and healthy to protect family Christmases, which we hope was successfully achieved. We all enjoyed a surprise Christmas gift and card - hand delivered – we are grateful to the committee for organising this.

10 members met for our January knit, stitch and yarn and caught up with news and enjoyed a coffee and delicious slice of cake. The next knit and stitch will be on Wednesday, 2nd February at 10am – 12noon in the O.S.R.

The February full meeting will be on Tuesday, 15th at 7.30pm in the U.R.C. when the presentation will be led by one of our members and entitled 'All About Me'.

All plans, of course, are subject to any Covid rules at the time. If you are interested in joining us please contact contact president Anita (766902). You will be made welcome.



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FACEBOOK

**NEW STOCK IN FOR WINTER/SPRING**

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

We are also accepting donations of good quality clothing, please only one bag as we have limited space. You will receive 50% of the sale price. Please ask in the shop for more information.

Safety guidelines are in place. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Located in the green pavilion near the play area. What3words: ///novelist.thin.tint

Stocked with new and pre-loved clothing, shoes, jewellery, books and homewares

**I keep seeing on the news that my bills could be going up soon. It's making me really worried, especially as I spent more on Christmas than I should have done. How can I get my spending habits back on track in 2022?**

A lot of people will be asking themselves this question right now. The good news is there are lots of things you can do to be more in control of your money and better prepared for the future.

Firstly, find out exactly what money you have coming in and going out each month. Be realistic about what you need for essentials like food and travel. Then you can set yourself a budget that you can stick to - take a look at the budgeting tool on the National Citizens Advice website to help you do this. This can be found at [citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting).

If any of your bills do go up in the coming year, you can go back to our budgeting tool anytime to create a new plan and stay in control. The website also has tips on how to reduce your regular living costs which you may be helpful if you find you have more money going out than coming in at any point.

If you've been using credit cards, your overdraft or store cards for your spending, it's understandable if these debts are causing you worry. It's important to prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax. Not paying these has the most serious consequences. If you need further support on this, our advisors can explain which bills you need to prioritise and the support available for paying these and other bills. We can also make sure you're getting all the income you're entitled to, such as benefits or government grants.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). For more information and our opening hours go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk).

## 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.

## Friends of Debenham Library

*Please continue wear a face covering in the library, to protect customers and staff. Thank you.*

Covid lateral flow test kits continue to be available in the library during opening hours.

In December they were in considerable demand when the Pharmacy had run out and postal supplies were not always obtainable. But the Library is not just for Covid test kits—come and borrow some books too! If you don't have a library card, apply online, or bring some evidence of address (e.g. driving licence or utility bill) to the library and our charming staff will be pleased to issue one.

**Library online:** For free audiobooks, ebooks, films, newspapers/magazines and other online services, use your library card at [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk). There are also podcasts and videos available on the YouTube channel (SuffolkLibraries).

*Books, DVDs, WiFi, Computers, Printing/photocopying/scanning, A4 Laminating, CDs, audiobooks, downloadable music/audiobooks/ebooks, free reservations, drinks for sale.*

*The room is available for hire outside opening hours.*

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

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The logo for Suffolk Libraries, featuring the words "Suffolk" and "Libraries" in a white, sans-serif font on a black rectangular background.

Shoeboxes for the  
homeless and their dogs

Wooo Hoooo !!

87 Shoeboxes !!

67 for people and 20 for dogs



What kind generous people you are xx

A huge massive thank you to everyone who donated shoeboxes items and money. You helped to spread a lot of joy and kindness at Christmas and it was so very much appreciated.

**You are good people xxx**

**Friends of St Mary's Mendlesham**

The Christmass Draw raised £500.

Thank you to everyone who took part,  
to those who donated prizes  
and to Jean Abbott who organised it.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Back in 2006 I moved to Mendlesham from Norfolk. Whilst in Norfolk, I was a Scout Leader for just over 10 years.



I read an appeal in the Mendlesham Newsletter for a Scout Leader. So I contacted the Group Scout Leader and here I am now 15 years later the current Group Scout Leader.

1<sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Scout Group has experienced a very difficult two years with stop start meetings with some on Zoom and luckily lately more face to face. What is incredible, is that we have grown the Group especially with Beavers and Cubs.

We are now in a position that we do need more Adult help. We have vacancies in each section as Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Section Assistants. We have also started a Family Rota especially for Beavers which has helped, but it would be really helpful to have some dedicated Leaders.

Each section has a very exciting term programme which is 'Youth Lead', which means that the young members decide what they would like to experience and be involved with each term. This will now allow them to gain a new range of badges called 'You Shape', which they are all very keen to gain.

- ◆ Have you some spare time?
- ◆ Were you a Leader elsewhere and have moved locally?
- ◆ Were you Scouting when you were young and would now like to give something back?
- ◆ Would you like to learn a new skill, like archery, air rifles, climbing, kayaking, tomahawk throwing etc, which can result in becoming an instructor?
- ◆ Are you a parent/carer, who would like to help?
- ◆ Scouting can open lots of doors for your future, you will make new friends, give back to the community and shape the next generation.

Why not sign up for the '4 Week Challenge', where you can come along to any section meeting and see for yourself what we do with no obligation. You can then get more involved each week and at the end decide if this is something that you would like to do on a more regular basis.

If you would like to get involved with a National Youth organisation, which offers first class training and new experiences that can give 'Skills For Life' to our young members, with the added bonus of your Scouting role looking great on your c.v., then please contact me for more information.

I look forward to your call.

Yours in Scouting

Martyn Bryant  
Group Scout Leader  
01379 788998

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## 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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History Group	Sue Michell	01449 766434
Mendlesham Community Council	Judith Howard-Rees Carolyn Triscott	07770 746619 01449 766563
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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	Hazel Spalding	01449 768616
Toddler Group	Simona Pounds	07585 093311
Trustees of Charities	Mike Favager	01449 766007
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# Debenham Shed

Our low-maintenance, accessible, composting toilet (similar to the photo) is arriving in January and will be installed this month, thanks to further funding from the National Lottery Awards for All (and other grants already received). This also provided contributions for internet provision, security and other improvements.



If you are shopping at Stowmarket Tesco from January to March please ask for a blue token to vote for Debenham Shed in the Community Grants stand on the way out! We are bidding for funds for heating and ventilation.



We continue to meet on Friday afternoons from 2-5pm. Just turn up (no dogs please) if you'd like to join in or have a look. We will soon start some training sessions, e.g. routers and chop saws; if you are interested, let us know first.

See [www.eadt.co.uk/news/east-together-debenham-shed-open-day-8191418](http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/east-together-debenham-shed-open-day-8191418) for an excellent article and video about our official re-opening on 20 July.

The 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. To receive occasional news by email contact us at [debenhamshed@gmail.com](mailto:debenhamshed@gmail.com).

Like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed](http://www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed).



## 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

Facebook: Mendlesham baby toddler group  
for further information.



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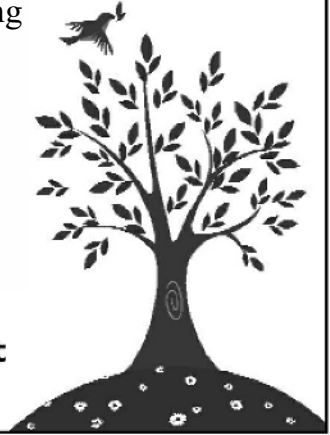
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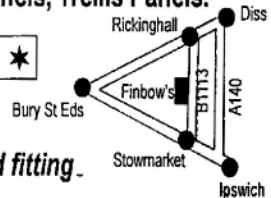
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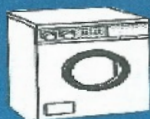
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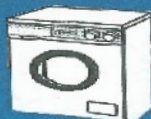
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**6<sup>th</sup>** 4.00pm Mrs Veda Berriman  
**13<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am Mr John Webb  
**16<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship - Mrs Julie Sore  
**27<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am Rev'd David Atkins

**MURCies Coffee Bar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday from 10.00 - 12.00 (11<sup>th</sup> February)**

**Knit & Natter – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 2.00 - 4.00 (14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>)**

### Jeremiah 1: 4-10

*<sup>4</sup>The LORD said to me, <sup>5</sup>“I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born I selected you to be a prophet to the nations.”*

*<sup>6</sup>I answered, “Sovereign LORD, I don't know how to speak; I am too young.”*

*<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say that you are too young, but go to the people I send you to, and tell them everything I command you to say. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I will be with you to protect you. I, the LORD, have spoken!”*

*<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD stretched out his hand, touched my lips, and said to me, “Listen, I am giving you the words you must speak. <sup>10</sup>Today I give you authority over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”*

All through my Ministry, and even before, People have said that the church is dying and it will not survive another 20 years! I was hearing that as a teenager nearly 40 years ago. Of all the Churches, The United Reformed Church is often seen not to have a lot of life left in it. I am glad to say that people are wrong to say this, because this year The United Reformed Church is Celebrating 50 years since it was formed, but the history of the Churches that formed it goes back to the reformation, and also 1662 when many ministers was ejected from the Anglican Church for refusing to use the 1662 prayer book.

The United Reformed Church was formally merged in 1972, when the Presbyterian Church of England, and the Congregational Church in England and Wales united to become the church. One Member of Parliament at that time described this merger as: “one of the most historic measures in the history of the Christian churches in this country.” The Church expanded when The Churches of Christ joined in 1981, followed by Scottish Congregationalists in 2000.

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One driving force behind the union of the Church was to form one united Christian Church, even though this has not happened we still work very closely with Churches of other traditions, and have joint Churches with Methodists, Baptists, Anglican, Moravian and many other traditions use our buildings.

Throughout this year United Reformed Churches throughout the country are hoping to hold events to mark this anniversary, and in Stowmarket and villages we hope to mark it at the Stowmarket Anniversary service in March.

The year Culminates with the United Reformed Church's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. On the afternoon of Saturday 1 October 2022, at Methodist Central Hall , Westminster, London, where the Uniting Assembly of the United Reformed Church took place in October 1972, a chance to give thanks and to celebrate the five decades of the United Reformed Church.

Happy Birthday to the United Reformed Church and here's to the next 50 years.

Yours  
Robert

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#### MASS TIMES

Daily mass - Monday to Friday at 1000 (Our Lady's, Stowmarket)

Saturday - 1800 (anticipatory mass at St Mary's, Woolpit)

Sunday - 0830 and 1015 (Our Lady's, Stowmarket)

Confessions - Saturday 1000-1045 (Our Lady's, Stowmarket)

Please see parish website for the weekly newsletter and further information

<https://ourladystowmarket.org.uk>

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

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**February**



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## SUNDAYS:

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

**First Mass of Sunday:**  
Saturdays at 10.00 am

**Daily Mass:** *see calendar on back  
page & check 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 at 4.00 pm - *or contact  
Fr Philip*

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and  
the glory of thy people Israel.

Jesus

Luke 2:32

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## Fr Philip Writes...

**Let light shine  
out of darkness**



We shall be offering Bible Studies by Zoom during February and March, based on what we can learn from the Seven Churches of Asia in the Book of Revelation. We need to hear afresh what the Risen Christ has to say to his people. It would be easy to use the tough messages to the seven churches as a peg on which to hang complaints about our village church, and I do not wish to do that. As we study the verdict of the Risen Christ on the life of first century Christians, we will see aspects of our own church life mirrored in theirs. I hope we shall hear his challenge and take up the promise of renewal.

Today's Church is under fire from many directions – for being restrictive rather than liberating; for not responding enough to the needs of others; for being out of touch with young people; for lack of vision; for being too inward-looking. The author of the Book of Revelation knows the churches intimately and understands what they face. More importantly, Christ himself understands. He is calling them to bear witness faithfully in the face of everything that threatens them. In Revelation the number 7 symbolises completeness, so the 7 Churches symbolize the whole Church.

**We begin February with the feast of Candlemass - the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple**, 40 days after his birth. He was declared “a light to enlighten the Gentiles” by an old man named Simeon. In Jesus' teaching we are each called to be a light in the world.

I hope St Mary's can reflect the light of Jesus more and more in 2022. I believe the following quote sums up my hopes:

**To all who are weary and seek rest:**

**To all who mourn and long for comfort:**

**To all who struggle and desire victory:**

**To all who sin and seek a Saviour:**

**To all who are idle and look for service:**

**To all who are strangers and want fellowship:**

**To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness**

**– and to whomsoever comes –**

**This church opens wide her doors in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ and says to all of you:**

**'WELCOME! WELCOME!'**

Each Church needs to listen to what God may want to say to it and what it can learn from God's message to others...for the particular danger which may have befallen one Church is potentially a danger for any Church.



### THANK YOU – TO:

- Ralph, John & Cameron Lambert for the lovely Christmass tree in church, to Ray & Martin Clements for bringing it into church, setting it up and taking it down, to Liz & Adrian Palfrey for decorating it and the outside tree and to Amy Nicholson for arranging the figures in both outside & indoor cribs.
- All who decorated the Church so beautifully with flowers and Annette Taylor who organized this, and to all who cleaned the church.
- All who took part in Carol Singing and Santa's visit to the parish – and especially to Anthony & Margo Piggott, Stuart Larkin, Simon Furze, Graham Baker, Annita Scruby and Eric Baully for their painstaking dedication in preparing for it, to those who donated the welcome refreshments and Jean Martin & Amanda King for organizing, arranging and serving them.
- All who gave to **St Martin's Housing Trust**, Norwich, caring for the homeless and vulnerable: Carol Singing - **£355** and 'Sockbank': **100+ pairs socks, 179 hats (mostly hand-knitted) 31 pairs gloves plus assorted bedding**. Thanks to Graham and Annita for taking these to Norwich.
- Stuart & Simon for setting up the Christmass Eve Carol Service outside broadcast, Hugh Percival for arranging the churchyard lighting, the football club for the spotlights & John Allen for playing the organ.
- All who gave to the **Christian Aid** Crib appeal for clean water in South Sudan Total, inc Gift Aid: **£568.22**: (Carol Service Collection: **£126.01**, churn in church: **£184.71 + £25** Gift Aid, online giving: **£200 + £32.50** GA). Thanks to Val Arnold for organizing this.
- Paul Allen for the welcome refreshments at the King's Head after the Plough Sunday procession & the East Suffolk Morris Men who brought and decorated the plough and danced in the Mass & outside the pub.
- Richard Giffin, Chris Elstone, Ferdi Vincent & Wes Donze, the loyal Servers, to Chris for livestreaming the worship and Andi Elstone for editing & updating St Mary's Facebook page.
- To Sharon Jones, the Parish Clerk, for including the notices in the e-news.

**The Christmass period was one of great co-operation in Mendlesham.**

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

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

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysmendlesham/> or click to view via the Worship page on the church website

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<p><b>EVE OF CANDLEMASS –</b>          6.30 pm: <b>Blessing &amp; distribution of candles, procession &amp; Sung Mass</b>, (hopefully with shared refreshments afterwards.. <i>see bulletin nearer the time</i>)</p> <p><b>The entrance of Jesus into his Father's house is symbolised by the procession of candles. Christ is the Light of the World; the candlelight represents this and the light reflected on the face of each person carrying a candle reminds us we are Christians – followers of Christ. Mary gave the Light to the world, though she was not the Light. Simeon made this clear when he spoke of Christ as the Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of his people Israel. By carrying a candle in the church we echo Our Lady carrying Jesus to the Temple in her arms.</b></p>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	9.30: <b>Mass of Candlemass</b> (said)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<p><b>St Blaise - 9.30 Mass with traditional blessing of throats.</b>          St Blaise was Bishop of Sebaste in Asia Minor and met his death during the persecution of Diocletian in or about AD300. St Blaise, patron of wool-combers because he was alleged to have been torn with iron combs, was also invoked to ward off diseases of the throat because of a story that his prayer saved a boy with a fishbone stuck in his throat from choking to death.</p>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>2.30 pm: Mass &amp; Healing Service</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<p>9.30: <b>Requiem Mass</b> – February anniversaries          7.30 pm: <b>Bible Study by Zoom</b>: Revelation 2 v 1-7: what we can learn from the Church at Ephesus - faithful but unloving</p>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<p>9.30: <b>Mass</b>          7.30 pm: <b>Bible Study by Zoom</b>: Revelation 2 v 8-11: what we can learn from the Church at Smyrna – persecuted but rich</p>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<p>9.30: <b>Mass</b>          7.30 pm: <b>Bible Study by Zoom</b>: Revelation 2 v 12-17: what we can learn from the Church at Pergamum – loyal yet compromised</p>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<p>9.30: <b>Mass</b>          7.30 pm: <b>Bible Study by Zoom</b>: Revelation 2 v 18 - 29: what we can learn from the Church at Thyatira – split by false teaching.</p>

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

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	CANDLEMASS EVE	6.30 pm	the mission of the Church	Front Street/ Old Orchard
2	PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD	9.30	home and family life	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	St Blaise	9.30	all who reject the Gospel	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4		9.30	the Additional Curates Society	Chapel Road
5	St Agatha	10.00	persecuted Christians	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6	<b>5th SUNDAY OF YEAR C</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Brockford Road</b>
7		2.30 pm	the sick; Healing ministry	Glebe Way
8		10.00	the departed; February anniversaries	Freelands
9		9.30	HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government	Ducksen Road
10	St Scholastica	9.30	the ministry of deliverance	Horsefair Close
11	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.30	all pilgrims	Mason Court
12		10.00	more faithful discipleship	Mayfield Way
13	<b>SEPTUAGESIMA 6th SUNDAY Yr C</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Mead Way</b>
14	Ss Cyril & Methodius	9.30	the people of Europe	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15		9.30	all Communicants	Middy Close / The Sidings
16		9.30	those who are blind or partially sighted	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		9.30	the homeless; St Martin's Norwich	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		9.30	those who are dying	Mendlesham Green
19		10.00	better stewardship of our time and talents	Tan Office
20	<b>SEXAGESIMA 7th SUNDAY Yr C</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Outlying houses</b>
21		9.30	Walsingham	Farms in Mendlesham
22	Bishopric of St Peter	9.30	Christian unity	Local industries
23	St Polycarp	9.30	our Bible studies	Pub & places of recreation
24		9.30	Christian Aid	Mendlesham School
25		9.30	married couples	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		10.00	deeper penitence as we approach Lent	Village Organisations
27	<b>QUINQUAGESIMA - 8th SUNDAY Yr C</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Fr Philip</b>
28		9.30	that we may have a right use of money	Other places of Worship
			check times on weekly bulletin (available on church website)	



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