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**Deadline for June Issue  
6<sup>th</sup> May 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**

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**Editorial**

Welcome to the May issue. Technology has moved on so fast in the last few decades. Worldwide happenings are brought daily to our TV screens almost as they occur but sometimes leave us with a feeling of helplessness and despair.

It is at those times when the natural world can act as a healer. Just when we think that gale force winds and penetrating cold will never leave us, out comes the warming sunshine and once dormant plants spring to life and colour. Enjoy!

*Best Wishes Gemma*

## THE PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Clerk: Sharon Jones, Honeysuckle, Hockey Hill,  
Wetheringsett, Suffolk IP14 5PL

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Email: [parishclerk@mendleshampc.org](mailto:parishclerk@mendleshampc.org)

Web site: <https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud>

Your Councillors are:

- Paul Allen tel 766543
- Andy Davey tel 01449 768862 ( Chairperson)
- Mike Exley tel 766246  
( Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Denise Foster tel 768978
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- Brian Gardiner tel 766648
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- David Nunn  
( Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham Green,  
Tan Office and outlying properties) tel 767158
- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562

### Meetings:

**Wednesday 11th 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.

**Wednesday 8th June 2022** Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School  
Room, Mendlesham

# MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

**Saturday, 7th May, 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.**

**April Draw Winner (Easter Hamper): Maria Andrews**

**(Kindly donated by Gill Baker)**

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park **10:00am**

2 hour 'In Parish' Walk led by Alan

**PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT START TIME  
FOR SATURDAY WALKS**

## Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walks of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 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 CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd May - in the Old School Room at 1930. Bring along your camera, we will be set a challenge to fulfil during the evening out and about in the village - return to the hall and view the results. Weather permitting! We are also asked to bring images suitable for a gallery to be staged in the Old School Room on Jubilee Day.

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)




# Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**“Big Lunch” Street Party**  
**Old Market Street, Mendlesham**  
**Sunday 5 June 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Followed by optional church service**

**Bring your lunch.**  
**Music provided.**  
**Children's activities.**  
**Royalty-themed or 1950's dress optional.**  
**Car drop-off point.**

**To give us some idea of numbers likely to attend, or if**  
**you might like to help, please email**  
**[mpc@fostermail.co.uk](mailto:mpc@fostermail.co.uk)**



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## **Mendlesham Parish Council projects:**

At the time of writing, we are only a few days away from the Parish Meeting on 19th April. For those of you who were able to attend, we hope that you enjoyed celebrating the great work residents and organisations undertake on behalf of the community. We also thank those not specifically mentioned at the Parish Meeting for your hard work to make the community the vibrant community it is.

We will publish the report from Mendlesham Parish Council and reports as received from other organisations on the Mendlesham web site as soon as possible.

Currently, in addition to the “ normal “ business of the Parish Council such as planning matters, street cleaning, maintenance of our assets including allotments, playingfields at Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green and Mendlesham’s Woodland we have some larger projects which continue to progress. These include:

**Mendlesham Revised Neighbourhood Development Plan:** This is currently subject to a Mid Suffolk District Council Reg 17 Independent Examination, notice of focused consultation ending 29 April 2022.

In July 2021, Mid Suffolk District Council appointed Janet Cheesley BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI to carry out an independent examination of our modification draft NDP. After undertaking a high-level assessment, the examination was put on hold to allow two issues to be addressed. They relate to the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) screening process, and to missing content from the Consultation Statement. For further information see:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-mid-suffolk/mendlesham-neighbourhood-plan>

It is hoped that following this latest consultation, Janet will be able to continue her work and report accordingly.

**Quiet Lanes Project:** The posts have been installed and it is hoped the signs will be installed shortly with the intention that those roads involved will be enhanced for the enjoyment of walkers, horse riders and cyclists.



## **Mendlesham Parish Council projects continued:**

### **Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields:**

You will have noticed increased use of the playing fields, including for football. This is to be welcomed, not only for the well being of those involved, including children, but also spectators. The hire income provides a valuable source of income to offset the otherwise public cost of maintenance of the playing fields, children's play equipment, MUGA and Wheel Sports Area. We will be having a formal, very belated “ opening event” for the MUGA and WSA shortly. The next challenge is to work towards increased formal hire for the MUGA. More details shortly.

### **Community Centre sale and New Building:**

Work for this project continues, although at this stage there is still very little to say. An architect has been selected but not appointed because we are waiting for permission to sell and then build from Fields in Trust. You may recall that the playingfields and associated buildings and facilities were dedicated to Fields in Trust ( the old Playingfield Association) for a previous Queen Elizabeth Jubilee celebration. This was to protect the playing fields for perpetuity. However, we now need to obtain outline permission for our plans. This is complicated in that we do not have finalised plans to show Fields in Trust. We don't want to spend lots of money on Architect and planning fees until we have at least a “ warm” indication that we are going to obtain the required permission. This is taking time. As soon as we have something more to say, we will let you know and we will then consult with you accordingly.



Mendlesham URC Chapel  
Christian Aid Coffee Morning  
Saturday 21st May  
10.00 - 12.00  
Cake & Book Stall  
**All proceeds to Christian Aid**

# Friends of Debenham Library



On Sunday 13 March at Debenham we raised just over £500 for Suffolk Libraries Day. Suffolk Libraries are a charity, and though most of the



funding comes from the contract with Suffolk County Council, other funding is increasingly important. The contract has been extended to 2023 but has to be advertised to public tender

for the following 10 years.. We sincerely hope Suffolk Libraries win the contract again, but there is no guarantee. Whereas in many counties libraries have closed during “austerity”, all libraries in Suffolk are still open and some new ones have opened too.

*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.*

## Did you know....?

There is disabled parking near to the library on the school premises, and paved access into the library, suitable for mobility scooters.

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

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# Did you know ?

**There is a small local charity, established many years ago, that can support individuals and families in the parish of Mendlesham who are facing tough times?**

The Town Estate was established in 1905 and has been supporting Mendlesham people every year who require some financial help – whether that's with fuel bills, hospital visits or bereavement costs.

Despite there being limited funds available, we want to make sure that this money goes to help those who really need it. Each request made is addressed on an individual basis and the level of support is agreed at the discretion of the trustees.

So, if you find yourself struggling to cover costs due to illness, bereavement, redundancy or unemployment, do get in touch or ask your health visitor/social worker to contact Mike Favager [mike@favager.co.uk](mailto:mike@favager.co.uk) who will provide a Hardship application form for you (or your support worker) to complete.

## **Mendlesham Community Charity Update**

### **Mendlesham 2022 Come Back!**

**The Beat Deluxe Band** went down a treat last month. Playing 3 sets to an appreciative audience who danced and enjoyed a drink from the Nags Shed and food from Bagels or Beigels the evening was a great success ..... and we have had requests to do it again!

Thanks to everyone who helped organise it and to those who attended. A special thanks go to Nags Shed and Bagels or Beigels, for donating a proportion of their takings to MCC. We covered our costs and some. And we gained a ladies grey, woolly coat! Yours? Give Judith a ring to collect!

If you would like to put on an event to raise funds or need support for your own organisation or to start a group, contact us. An Event planner/Support Request form can be found on our web page just follow the link or give one of the trustees a call. (See page 11 for contact details)

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

**Coming up!**



### **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

### **A Family Picnic in Mendlesham Green on**

### **Saturday 4 June**

– contact Liz Ward on 01449 766562 or  
Helen Orton on 01449 767741

### **A Street Party in Mendlesham on Sunday 5 June**

– contact Norman & Denise Foster on 01449 768978

## Join the new team of MCC trustees!

### Welcome on board Teresa Mills!

Teresa has lived in the village since 2003 and has enjoyed being part of the village life as a member of the WI and then M.A.D.S. the theatre group which is now based in Wetheringsett. Moving from teaching to administration, she has a wealth of experience interfacing with people, running databases, and providing support for professionals in the world of education. We know she will be a great contributor to the MCC.

Sadly we say goodbye to Julie Waghorn, a Trustee and Secretary, thanking her for recent contribution and wishing her well for the future.

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 <https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/clubs-and-organisations/community-charity/> (or 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 am until 4 pm 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)

### **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.

### **United Reformed Church**

**MURCies Coffee Bar**

Friday - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 10am - 12pm

**Knit and Natter**

Monday - 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 2pm - 4pm

# TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery March 2022			
5th March		19th March	
Drawn at Mayfield Way		Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Sian Williams	£35.00	Gary & Chris Wright	£35.00
Maggie Knock	£25.00	Pat Winslett	£25.00
Paul Allen	£15.00	Brenda Stannard	£15.00
Roger Drew	£10.00	Liz Rutherford	£10.00

2nd April	
Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Nancy Bagnall	£35.00
Jo Moss	£25.00
Linda Stocker	£15.00
Chris Hame	£10.00

## The Friends of St. Mary's Church

Invite everyone to their coffee mornings in the church every Tuesday between 1030 am and 1230 pm





With our birthday celebrations behind us, our May meeting we will be back in the URC when we will discuss the resolution being presented at the WI national annual meeting being held in Liverpool in June. All members had the opportunity to vote for one from the five submitted resolutions and the one selected reads: Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD – under identified, under diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under supported. 75,110 members voted and this one achieved 22,683 of those votes. At our meeting we vote – for, or against, and the result is taken forward by our delegate to Liverpool. The size of the WI membership does bear some weight and our resolutions have, in the past, influenced government policy.

On a lighter note following our local discussion we are treated to supper. There will also be a plant and seed stall for the green fingered. This meeting will be on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

The knit, stitch and yarn group continues to meet in the Old School Room – the next one being on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am – time for a natter, coffee and slice of homemade cake and a little crafting. Members are already making items for the Moses Project charity described last month.

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

### **Are you on Facebook?**

If so have a look for **‘Spotted in Mendlesham’**

**&**

**‘Mendlesham Green Residents’**

pages to keep

up to date with what’s going on in the villages.



## **Mendlesham Over 60s Club – March 20<sup>th</sup> 2022**

This meeting was attended by 31 members and we had apologies from three members. Unfortunately Paul could not attend this month as he was isolating. Annette therefore welcomed us to the meeting.

Denise Foster announced that the Coffee Caravan would not be here on 1<sup>st</sup> April but the 6<sup>th</sup> May! She also had several leaflets of things she thought might be of interest to our members.

Our speaker was Ms Anne Day who spoke on the topic “An Armchair Walk of Ipswich”. Ann was used to walking tourists around Ipswich to show them the places of interest but adapted to the armchair walk due to Covid. We were shown lots of interesting places. There used to be twelve churches in Ipswich – only six are now used for worship, the others have different uses now. Thomas Wolsey is said to have been born here and the Wolsey Theatre is named after him. There are still some lovely old houses in Ipswich that show it was once a very wealthy area until trade crashed in the 1600s. The Hippodrome had entertainers such as Billy Cotton and Mother Riley! Ipswich is updating the area. We have the Buttermarket which is half trade and half entertainment and the town square is modernised having entertainment there too, including a film being shown there during lockdown. Ann gave us a very interesting insight into Ipswich past and present.

Our competition was won by Jenny Mayes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Ager and 3<sup>rd</sup> George Taylor.

We could not hold our A.G.M. this meeting due to circumstances beyond our control, so it will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Programmes for the year were finally ready and were handed out and subscriptions were paid.

Our next meeting – May 25<sup>th</sup> – Peter Davidson: “History of Dr Barnados”

Competition – A childhood photo.

Members were thanked for attending and we sang the Anthem to finish our meeting.





## *Craft & Chat Group*

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

Do you knit, crochet, sew, needlefelt,  
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Would you like to bring something along to work on and share your skill  
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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  
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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 5th May**

## **Monday Morning meet-up**



**We are now open again!**

**Every Monday morning  
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Jessica Mwedzi at home with children, Phaniel, Gideon, and

**Christian Aid Week 15-21 May**

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You can put envelopes in the churn just inside the door of St Mary's church\* if you are out when your volunteer calls.

***We respect that you may feel unable to give, and thank you for treating the volunteer with respect in return.***

***\* During other weeks, the churn is for donations for the DEC Ukraine appeal***

**Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.**

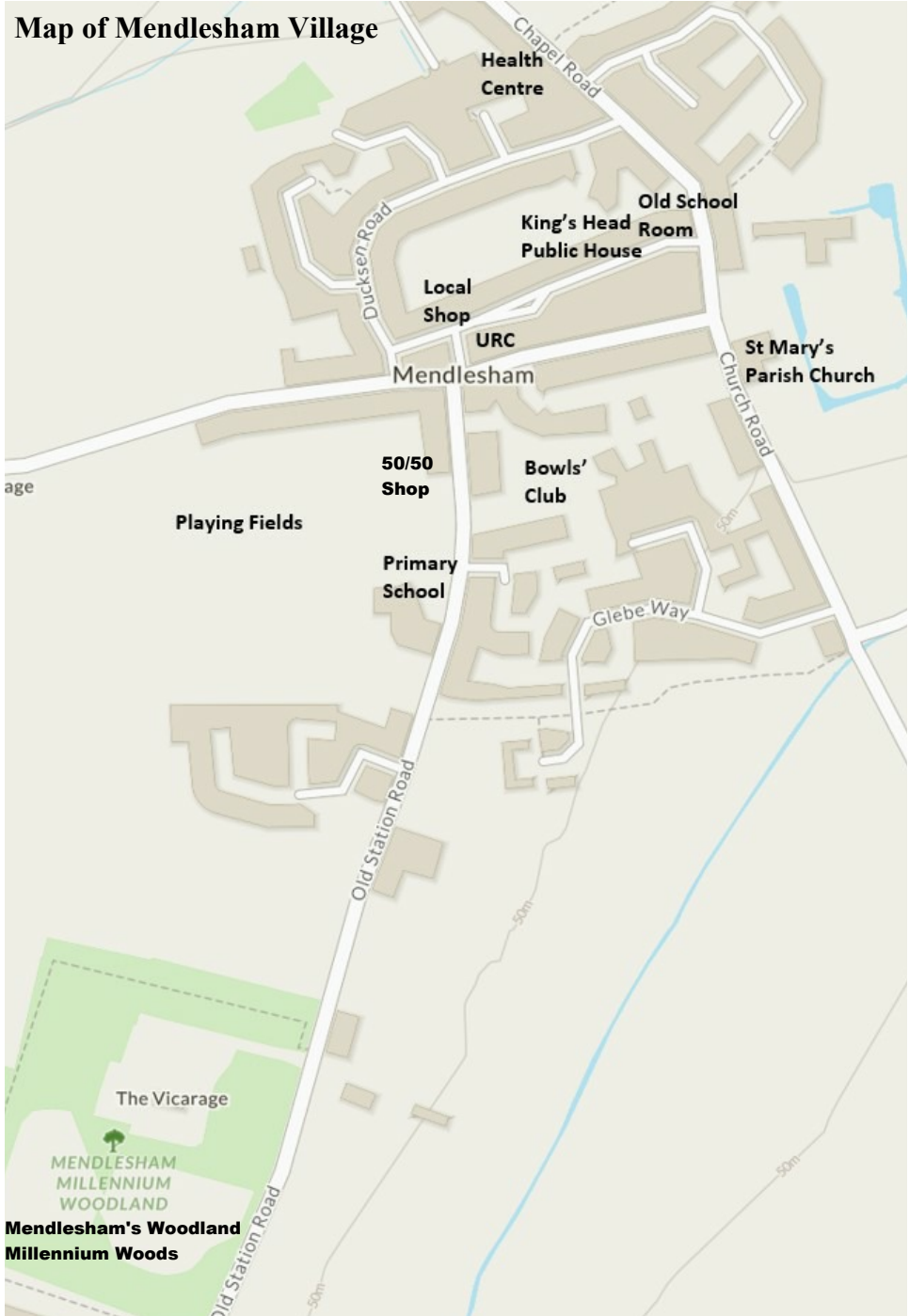
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## MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

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Bowls Club	Peter Coleby	01449 766985
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Church and Town Estate	Mike Favager	01449 766007
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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Mendlesham Community Charity	Judith Howard-Rees	01449 766327
Mendlesham Education Foundation	Mike Favager	01449 766007
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
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Toddler Group	Simona Pounds	07585 093311
United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	01449 766321
Village Recorder for Mendlesham	Geoff Clarke	01449 766447
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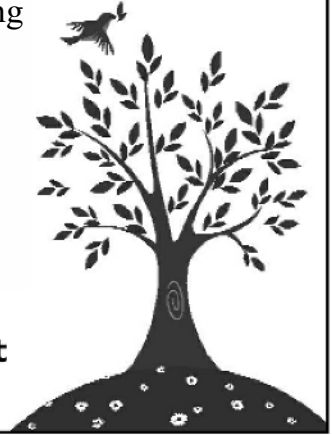
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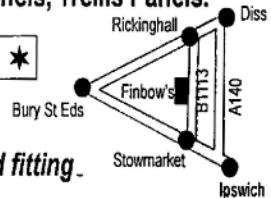
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
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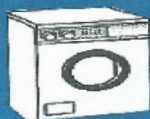
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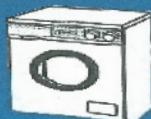
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*<sup>19</sup>After the Lord Jesus had talked with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God. <sup>20</sup>The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true by the miracles that were performed.*

In April we went through the ups and downs of Holy Week and the Joy of Easter Sunday, in May we celebrate Ascension Day, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The Ascension of Jesus is found in the [New Testament](#) it takes place after the [resurrection](#). Jesus was [taken up to Heaven](#) in the presence of eleven of his [apostles](#), occurring 40 days after the resurrection. In the biblical narrative, an [angel](#) tells the watching [disciples](#) that [Jesus' second coming](#) will take place in the same manner as his ascension. Both Luke and Mark's gospels gives us two brief descriptions of the ascension of Jesus, in [Luke 24:50-53](#) and [Mark 16:19](#). A more detailed account of the Ascension into the clouds is then given in the [Acts of the Apostles \(1:9-11\)](#).

The ascension of Jesus is professed in the [Nicene Creed](#) and in the [Apostles' Creed](#). The ascension implies Jesus' humanity being taken into [Heaven](#). The [Feast of the Ascension](#), celebrated on the 40th day of Easter (always a Thursday), for many churches but not ours is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year. The feast dates back to at least the late 4th century,

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The ascension is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of [Jesus](#), the others being [baptism](#), [transfiguration](#), [crucifixion](#), and [resurrection](#).

It has been depicted in art work from the 6th century, and often ascension scenes were being depicted on domes of churches. Many ascension scenes have two parts, an upper (Heavenly) part and a lower (earthly) part. The ascending Jesus is often shown blessing with his right hand - directed towards the earthly group below him and signifying that he is blessing the entire Church.

In the Gospels of Mark and Luke the Ascension Story is seen as a time when the disciples are blessed, and in some ways ordained to go out and preach the good news to all. The return to Jerusalem after the Ascension ends the Gospel of Luke where it began: Jerusalem. The narrative of the [Acts of the Apostles](#) begins with the account of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection and his Ascension.

Whether we celebrate the Ascension or not we as Christians are always being called by Christ, to preach the good news and he gives us different rolls within His Church. Are we ready to respond to His call?

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

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

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## SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass &  
Address

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

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

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

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: 11.00 am  
Saturdays 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> May: 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> May</b>	<b>MAY FIESTA</b> 9.30 Parish Mass, Crowning of Our Lady, Crowning of May Queen & attendants 11.15 (approx.) May procession through Front St & Old Market St, concluding at the King's Head 12.30 (approx.) Shared lunch in church
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM</b> 12.00 noon: Mass in the Abbey grounds 2.30 pm: Sermon (Bishop Philip North) Procession+ Benediction
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church 7.00 pm: Fr Philip gives a conducted tour of our beautiful church. £5 per adult (including refreshments) in aid of Friends of St Mary's. <i>(Unfortunately, due to its enclosed space, the armoury will not be included in the tour)</i>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Christian Aid Week.</b> Please see separate notice
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30: Parish Mass 2.30 pm: Tour of Norfolk Churches (see poster in church)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Guild of All Souls Day conference at Walsingham: 'When a child has died' See church website 'What's on' page for details
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.00 pm: Fr Philip gives a conducted tour of our beautiful church. £5 per adult (as on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May above)
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Our Lady, Help of Christians 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church 2.30 pm: Mass (monthly healing service)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>EVE OF ASCENSION DAY</b> 7.30 pm: Mass (said)
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> 9.30: Mass (said) 7.30 pm: Sung Mass & address. Shared party afterwards
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Platinum Jubilee Community Celebration</b> in South Churchyard: 12.30 – 5.00. music, beer tent with draught Elizabeth Ale, wine, soft drinks, afternoon teas, hot dogs, ice cream. Church open
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b> 9.30: Parish Mass 5.00 pm: <b>HM Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service</b> – ALL WELCOME



## Fr Philip Writes...



**MAY** has always been a joyful month in nature and among people. In medieval England May Day was a public holiday and people were up at dawn to go ‘a-maying’. Branches of trees and flowers were carried back in triumph to towns and villages and the centre of the procession was occupied by the maypole, decorated with ribbons

and wreaths. This month has long been dedicated to Our Lady, since people felt all this joy was connected to the joy of her motherhood. But all the glory that nature gives to God cannot compare with the glory reflected in



Mary. She proclaimed the glory of the Lord above all created things, as she gave birth to the Lord of nature. Mary is important because she is a model of faith, trust and obedience. She was the first Christian, the first to accept Jesus Christ into her life and into her body as she carried him in her womb for the salvation of the world.

The angel Gabriel tells Mary 5 things about the Son she is about to conceive:



### **1. His Name:**

He is to be called Jesus, which means ‘God Saves’.

### **2. He will be great:**

No other human being has ever or will ever be born who is greater than this child.

3. **His status:** He will be Son of the Most High – that is, Son of God. He is Emmanuel – God made Flesh.
4. **He will sit on David’s throne:** He is therefore the Messiah, the one promised to Israel to free them from oppression and lead them out of slavery into a new freedom with God.
5. **His kingdom will never end:** He is permanent.

On hearing this, Mary asks, **“How can this happen? I am a virgin.”**



Virgins don’t have babies. The Saviour would be born of Mary through the Holy Spirit overshadowing her – and that divine sonship of Jesus rests and depends on the virgin conception. Man and Divinity are brought together to save us from sin.

We sing at Christmass: **‘Peace on earth and mercy mild: God and sinners reconciled.’** That reconciliation takes root first in the Love of God and the Obedience of Mary. **No wonder the month of May is dedicated to her!**

### **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** **Except during Christian Aid Week, when it will be for donations for the work of that charity.** It is being emptied each week
- **Cheques** should be made payable to: **DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.**

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Holy Burial**

**4<sup>th</sup> April:**

**James Bristow Baker, aged 96** (*cremated remains*)

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2022				
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for...)	Parish Intention
1	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER: May Fiesta	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Front Street / Old Orchard
2	St Athanasius	8.00 am	the National Pilgrimage to Walsingham	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	SS PHILIP & JAMES	9.30	Bishop Norman	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	ENGLISH MARTYRS	8.00 am	persecuted Christians	Chapel Road
5		9.30	Society for the Maintenance of the Faith	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		9.30	our Communicant life	Brockford Road
7		10.00	more vocations	Glebe Way
8	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER: Good Shepherd Sunday	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Freelands
9		9.30	Additional Curates Society	Ducksden Road
10		9.30	all searching for faith	Horsefair Close
11		SB	all newly Baptised	Mason Court
12		9.30	Christian unity	Mayfield Way
13	of St Matthias	9.30	Forward in Faith	Mead Way
14	ST MATTHIAS	10.00	those who are hungry & homeless	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Middy Close / The Sidings
16		9.30	the departed - May anniversaries	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		9.30	Christian Aid week	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		8.00 am	the Guild of All Souls' conference	Mendlesham Green
19		(-)	all who have lost children	Tan Office
20		9.30	all who harvest the seas	Outlying houses
21		10.00	all who work on the land	Farms in Mendlesham
22	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Local industries
23		9.30	all who work in industry	Pub & places of recreation
24	Our Lady Help of Christians	2.30 pm	the ministry of healing	Mendlesham School
25	EVE OF ASCENSION	7.30 pm	all preparing for Confirmation	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26	ASCENSION DAY	9.30 and 7.30 pm	Parish and Congregation	Village Organisations
27	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	9.30	the Archbishop of Canterbury	Fr Philip
28		10.00	HM the Queen & her Government	Other places of Worship
29	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30	Parish and Congregation	PCC and Parish Council
30		9.30	all refugees	Local Doctors and Healthcare Workers
31	VISITATION OF OUR LADY	9.30	all pilgrims	Neighbouring parishes

SB: See Bulletin. Please check all times on weekly bulletin (available on church website)



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