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of the Shingay group of Parishes**



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**Alex da Costa rather than via the Rector. Thank you.**

Do you have memories of a teacher when you were at school, who inspired you? For me, it was Mr. Robson, who taught us English, although I was fortunate in having other memorable teachers as well. Mr. Robson had been a distinguished actor before taking up teaching, including work with The Royal Shakespeare Company. After retiring as a teacher, he returned for a while to acting, even playing a leading role at The National Theatre, when he stood in for Alec McCowen, who was indisposed through illness. In the classroom, Mr. Robson didn't shy away from his acting days, playing all the parts as he read us "David Copperfield". The school was on the flightpath to Heathrow, so very noisy planes, including Concorde, would regularly pass overhead. One day, when a particularly noisy one passed over, he pulled out an aerosol can from his desk, went over and opened the window, and boldly pointed it at the jumbo jet, as you might an annoying insect. Those humorous moments from school days stay with you, don't they?

Other stories of eccentric teachers I have come across include "During an A-level lesson my teacher was struggling to draw a bird's wing to illustrate mechanics. He suddenly cleaned the blackboard and left the classroom without saying a word. A couple of minutes later he returned holding a live chicken — no idea where he got it — and proceeded with the lesson as if nothing odd was happening." and "One time, my English teacher told us that he would have a substitute the next day. We came to class and, five minutes after the bell, he showed up in a giant fur coat, a fake mustache, a fur hat, and was speaking in a thick Russian accent. He was pretending to be a dead Russian author and the skit went on for 30 minutes until his mustache started falling off."

It was a pleasure before Christmas to play a small role in a short film shot by a class at Steeple Morden School. It was all about some children finding out about the true meaning of Christmas. It was a very creative idea by the class teacher, and I have no doubt the children involved will remember it for many years hence.

Thank God for our teachers, I say.

*Shamus Williams*

# Floodlight Diary

## **St Mary's, Guilden Morden**

Nov 4th	In loving memory of Mick Best on what would have been his 89th birthday, from Dorothy. RIP
Nov 28th	In memory of Hilda Williams RIP
Dec 14th	For Niles Beadman's 26th birthday
Dec 23rd	For the 27th Wedding Anniversary of John & Philippa Edge
Dec 26th	In memory of George and Kathleen Pratt RIP
Dec 28th	In memory of Kenneth and little Andrew Pratt RIP
Jan 6th	Congratulations to David Stephenson on his 90th birthday
Jan 13th	In memory of Mary Vander Borgh on the day of her funeral

*If you would like the lights switched on please contact Cynthia Worboys 853217.*

## **St Catherine's, Litlington**

Dec 11th	for Lisenna Carter RIP – miss you always, Mum. Love Sonia xx.
Dec 24th	Christmas Eve
Dec 25th	To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ
Dec 31st	New Year's Eve
Jan 1st	To celebrate the beginning of a new year.
Jan 3rd	For Sheila Allen RIP – loved by all her family.
Jan 5th	In memory of Florence Cannadine RIP on the anniversary of her death and Hilda Williams RIP on her birthday – Mothers of Robin and Linda Williams.
Jan 17th	To celebrate the birthday of Audrey Newman with love from her family.
Jan 31st	Treasured memories of Bill Newman RIP.

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# Floodlight Diary

## **St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden**

- Dec 17th      In memory of Sam Clarke RIP, a much loved grandson
- Dec 21st      In loving memory of Vincent & John Merrill RIP
- Dec 22nd      In loving memory of William & Eva Merrill RIP
- Dec 24th      In memory of Kath Lunness RIP,  
also Frank & Murel Huffer RIP
- Dec 26th      In memory of Ian Newman RIP, a much love husband, son  
and brother
- Dec 27th      In memory of Vera Shepherd RIP, a much loved mother  
and grandmother
- Jan 9th       In loving memory of Kathleen Goddard RIP
- Feb 20th      In loving memory of Stan Clarke RIP on his birthday, dearly  
missed by all the family

*If you would like the lights switched on (£5 per evening) please contact David or Gilly McKee 852380.*

## St Catherine's Church News

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

It was disappointing that, for a second year, we were unable to hold a Carol Service in Church on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm. A lot of work was carried out to prepare for the service in the churchyard. The sound was relayed outside, the path was lined with lights, fairy lights were put around a grave so that people did not trip on it in the dark and a large light was put in a tree opposite the porch. Then it rained hard! The people — just over 100 — of Litlington turned up warmly clad with torches and umbrellas. Standing in the rain they sang Carols and heard the Christmas story in Bible readings. The service was live streamed on Litlington Live with a congregation of 26 “live” and more later. At the close of the service donations totalling £681.50 were made to Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. We were sorry not to offer our usual pre Christmas hospitality of mulled wine and mince pies but hope to do so in 2022. PJS

# St Mary's Church News

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSE BOX COLLECTION

I would like to give a large THANK YOU to all the people who made a donation to The Children's Society by having a House Box throughout last year. The collection raised £325.35 for the society! The money will be used to improve the lives of young people and help this generation have a happier, safer childhood. If you would like to have a House Box or find out more please give me a ring. Thank you again.

Janice Cook 852243

A further £52 was collected at the Christingle Service on December 12th 2021.

## St Peter and St Paul's Church News

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – CONGRATULATIONS!

It was a glorious, bumper Christmas Tree Festival in November. Sincere congratulations and thanks go to everyone concerned – to those of you who designed and decorated amazing trees, to everyone who helped steward and produce cakes and refreshments and to everyone who came to admire. There were 33 trees which is our record to date. Will we beat it this year?

### CHRISTMAS TOYS & CLOTHES

There was, as usual, a wonderful response to the request for toys and clothes for the under fives in Refuges before Christmas. Thank you! We have received the following letter from our Mothers' Union contact:

*"A big thank-you to all the generous people in and around Steeple Morden who gave toys and clothes to the less fortunate people in the Refuges this Christmas. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. With best wishes, Maureen Haigh"*

### CAFE CHURCH

In view of the present Covid situation it has been decided, with regret, that there will be no Cafe Church in February. This will be reviewed regularly.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE**

Christmas Eve Carol Service at Steeple Morden was very different this year: a shortened version of our usual Nine Lessons & Carols held outside.

Carols played on a keyboard from the porch in front of a twinkling Christmas Tree added to the festive feel despite some rain. Lanterns dotted the churchyard and local houses lit candles in their windows. Four lessons were read by young people and about 100 people joined us to sing.

Thank you to everyone who helped set everything up and to those whose came. We collected over £200 for the Children's Society.

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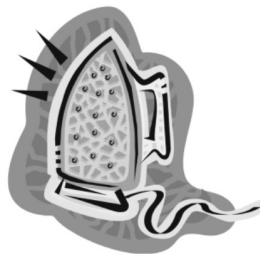
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# Calendar of

## 6th February (4 before Lent)

8.30am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion (PB)
8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Litlington	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion

## 13th February (3 before Lent)

9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion
10.00am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	All-Age Worship
10.45am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion

## 20th February (2 before Lent)

8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Parish Communion (PB)
9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion
9.45am	Steeple Morden	Family Service
11.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion (United Service)

## 27th February (Next before Lent)

10.00am	Litlington	Group Communion
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## 2nd March (Ash Wed)

6.00pm	Steeple Morden	Holy Communion
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# Services

## 6th March (Lent 1)

8.30am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion (PB)
8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Litlington	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion

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<b>February 2022</b>		
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Men's Guild – in the Schoolroom, this week including a talk on the engineering that keeps Ashwell springs flowing
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Joint service at Litlington
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Time TBA	Joint service at St Mary's
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion Service in the Chapel
Thanks to your generosity, the collection during the Christmas Eve candle-light service raised £235.52, which has now been donated to the British Red Cross		
Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 8.00pm. Contact Amanda for details, <a href="mailto:ajenieman@gmail.com">ajenieman@gmail.com</a>		
Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities contact Gerry Watkins 01763 852869		

# Litlington Congregational Church

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## **FEBRUARY**

Sun 6th		Mrs Sandra Galton
Sun 13th		Reverend Adrian Burr
Sun 20th		Reverend Angus McCormick
Sun 27th	10.30am *	Mr Tony Frost

\* To be held at Guilden Morden Congregational Church, Pound Green, Guilden Morden, SG8 0JZ

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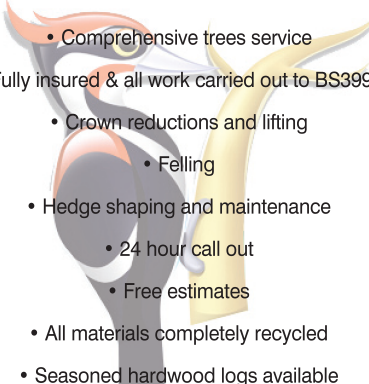


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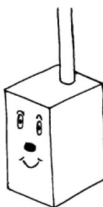
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