

# Prospect

**The Parish Magazine  
of the Shingay group of Parishes**



*Wild flowers which were seeded in front of the village sign in Litlington*

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Summer is here at last. Lots of rain and cold followed by hot days and humidity - weather that some of us love while others hate it. This is also the time when the wild flowers flourish. A wildflower is defined as "a flower of an uncultivated variety or one that grows freely without human intervention." Over the years, we have learned to value these independent beauties: by letting road edges grow tall and wild; by following the "no-mow May rule"; and by encouraging "wild corners" in our gardens.

I was surprised to discover that we are blessed with having wildflowers flowering all year round: different colours, shapes, sizes, preferred habitats. Some we are all familiar with (ox-eye daisy, dandelion, poppy) and others less-so (pasqueflower, grass of Parnassus). Popping up throughout the year, these plants provide a year-round source of food for insects and wild life, together with a pleasing vista for the human eye.

We have four seasons in the church year too - Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter - the first two separated from the latter two by periods of Ordinary Time. Like the wild flowers that appear throughout the year, there are various commemorations, festivals and saint's days. Again, there are some with which we are familiar (Harvest, Halloween, St George's Day, St Patrick's Day) and others that may be less familiar to us. Each is associated with a specific colour bringing dashes of colour into the church building as fabrics are changed to match the day.

Some examples coming up over July and August:

July 22 - Mary Magdalene, colour white;

July 3 - Thomas the Apostle, colour red;

July 27 - Bishop Westcott, teacher (after which Westcott House, Cambridge is named), colour green;

August 6 - Transfiguration of Jesus, colour gold.

Dotted throughout the year, these days provide us with reminders of those who have gone before us in faith; that their examples can feed and encourage us to follow in their footsteps; and that by using ordinary people, through the Holy Spirit, God continues to work towards making this a better place for all his creation.

With this in mind, four times a year we come across the Ember Days: days dedicated to prayer and fasting, especially for those called to serve and dedicate their lives to God. The Petertide Ember Days fall at the end of June. These days are marked as the time when Ordinations



and Priestings take place. This year these services will be held in the Ely Diocese on July 3 & 4. We hold all involved in our prayers.

*'Wildflowers' by Gaby Comprés*

let's be wildflowers,  
let our souls be scattered by the wind.  
let us grow, wild and free,  
tall and brave,  
in the places that we dream,  
in the places where our longings  
are filled.  
let us grow between the cracks  
of brokenness,  
and we will make everything beautiful.

## **ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH NEWS**

**THE OPEN AIR CAFÉ** on 17<sup>th</sup> July will be organised by the School PTA as part of their walking fete throughout the village. We look forward to a great turn-out. The following Café will be on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 11am -1pm. Please put it in your diary.

*Gilly and Anne*

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH NEWS**

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** After 40 years, the time has come for me to pass on the job of collecting the house boxes to someone else. I am very pleased to tell you that Janice Cook of Pound Green, Guilden Morden, has offered to take over. Thank you Janice. I do ask everyone with a house box to continue with donations, however small. Times are difficult. I know that over the past year people have regretted not having any change or many coins but you can always pop a cheque made out to the Children's Society in your box. Janice will be letting you know when she needs the boxes. The Children's Society has sent a letter of acknowledgement to me, which I will display in church. Do please support Janice and if anyone would like to start collecting I am sure she will be able to supply boxes. Prospect readers will remember Janice as a senior teacher at the village school for many years. Thank you for your loyal support.

*Cynthia Worboys*



Here we are already, it's the middle of summer. The first flush of roses is over, and the fresh, heady greens of spring have given way to colours of mature sobriety. Purple leaves hang heavy on beech and cherry. The sun dries the earth and watering becomes a bit of a chore.

I'm keeping a watchful eye on the trees in the garden; in the past few years the hot summers have killed off two beautiful specimens in the garden, in an unexpected way. The first was a hazel which suddenly lost its leaves in August and then, last summer, the strawberry tree began to look stressed, dropping its leathery deep green leaves. Thinking that the willow nearby was taking up too much water we gave it a hard prune, removing all its branches. But all that happened was that it exposed the strawberry tree to the scorching August sun and almost overnight its remaining leaves turned brown and the whole thing died. I keep saying to myself, it shouldn't have happened, but this, I guess, is the problem that climate change brings. So, be vigilant of trees and shrubs in your domain this summer, and, in case they start to show signs of stress, be careful not to make things worse for them.

Looking back on it now, I should have cleared all the weeds around the tree and watered it deeply by sticking a tube down to a depth of at least 50cms in the earth, a bit like a canula, to direct the life-giving water straight down to its deeper roots.

Anyway, back to this year. If you're growing garlic, mid-July is the time to harvest it. Its leaves will be starting to wither away now so the bulbs can be dug up and left to dry in a sheltered area away from rain. Save a couple of the biggest ones to separate into cloves and plant in September for next year's crop.

The flower borders may be looking a bit tired and dry so it will do no harm to mulch them well after a good watering. The mulch will retain the moisture in the ground for longer. It will also make weeding easier. And roses which repeat flower in early autumn will do much better after having their leaves sprayed weekly with a foliar feed of seaweed extract.

Vegetable plants which are nourished with some organic liquid fertiliser will reward you with producing better crops. And if slugs and snails have lunched on your beans, lettuces and spinach, there's still time to plant some more. They will be safer if you sow them in 9cm pots filled



## **In the Garden** (cont.) *Yasmeen Brigstocke*

with compost and allow them to produce at least five or six leaves before planting them into the border. So long as the beans' growing tip remains intact the plants will continue to climb skywards.

As usual, we have to plan ahead and now is the time to think about what to grow for winter and the following spring. Young plants of winter vegetables such as cabbages, broccoli and kale need to be planted out now. There is still time to grow herbs such as coriander, dill and basil from seed for use in the autumn.

Maybe you're like me, and will spend the summer propagating new plants from cuttings and trying to catch up with the weeding and pruning, but hopefully you'll have time to take in the beauty of the plants and wildlife that surrounds us from the comfort of a sun lounger with a cold drink in hand. Enjoy!



**15th July**

Speaker to be confirmed

**19th August**

Victorian Afternoon Garden Tea in a Garden

**16th September**

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## **Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary July/August 2021**

[www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com](http://www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com)

With the current government advice we plan to hold all future services in the Church, but will reassess if the advice changes. Correct measures to enable the use of the Chapel and schoolroom are all in place, so the schoolroom is now available for general use subject to any prevailing restrictions. Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities should contact Gerry Watkins 01763 852869

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July**    **10.30am** Family/café service in the school room, led by Sandy and Tony
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**    **10.30am** Men's Guild in the schoolroom
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July**        **9.00am – 11.00.** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**   **11.00am** Service at Litlington, led by Fiona Davis
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> July**      **9.00am – 11.00.** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**   **10.30am** Joint service with St Mary's at the Chapel  
                             **14.30 – 15.30pm** Sunday Club in the school room led by Sandy Watkins
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July**        **9.00am – 11.00.** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**   **10.30am** Joint Communion Service with Litlington at the Chapel
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> July**        **9.00am – 11.00.** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug**       **10.30am** Family/café service in the school room, led by Tony
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug**    **10.30am** Men's Guild in the schoolroom
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Aug**         **9.00am – 11.00.** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug**     **11.00am** Service at Litlington
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Aug**        **9.00am – 11.00.** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug**   **10.30am** Service at the Chapel led by Tony
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Aug**        **9.00am – 11.00.** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug**   **10.30am** Prayer walk organised by the congregation, starting at the Chapel
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Aug**        **9.00am – 11.00.** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug**   **10.30am** Joint Communion service with Litlington at the Chapel, and Sunday Club. Visiting preacher TBC.

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# Calendar of

## 4th July (Trinity 5)

8.30am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion (PB)
8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Litlington	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion
12.30pm	Guilden Morden	Baptism

## 11th July (Trinity 6)

8.30am	Wendy	Parish Communion
9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion
10.00am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	All-Age Worship
10.45am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion

## 18th July (Trinity 7)

Abington Pigotts: No Service today.		
9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion
9.45am	Steeple Morden	Family Service
10.00am	Wendy	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Guilden Morden	United Service at Chapel
12.30pm	Guilden Morden	Baptism

## 25th July (James the Apostle)

10.00am	Guilden Morden	Group Communion for all parishes
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# Services

## 1st August (Trinity 9)

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

## 8th August (Trinity 10)

8.30am	Wendy	Parish Communion
9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion
10.00am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	All-Age Worship
10.45am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion

## 15th August (The Blessed Virgin Mary)

8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Parish Communion (PB)
9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion
9.45am	Steeple Morden	Family Service
10.00am	Wendy	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion
12.30pm	Steeple Morden	Baptism

## 22nd August (Trinity 12)

10.00am	Steeple Morden	Group Communion for all parishes
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## 29th August (Trinity 13)

10.00am	Guilden Morden	Group Communion for all parishes
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## Calendar of Services (cont.)

### 5th Sept (Trinity 14)

8.30am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion (PB)
8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Parish Communion
9.30am	Litlington	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion
12.30pm	Steeple Morden	Baptism

**Changes to this list may be needed at short notice. Please see church notice boards and [www.shingaychurches.co.uk](http://www.shingaychurches.co.uk)**



# Floodlight Diary

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

Jun 10th      The lights were shining for Gillian on the first anniversary of the passing of her father Tom Jones. RIP

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

*Memorial flowers. There is a space in the screen if anyone would like to leave special flowers near the book which records details of the interment of ashes. There is a choice of vases in the old kitchen.*

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

*If you would like the lights switched on, please contact Pam Sharp 852425 or John Jenner 242127. The cost is still only £5.*

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

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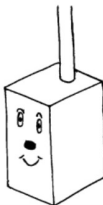
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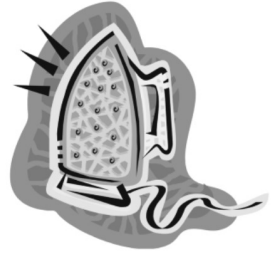


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