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



A detail of one of the many flower arrangements
for the Jubilee at Steeple Morden church

**Abington Pigotts + Guilden Morden
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July/August 2022

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

I hope you enjoyed the events for the Platinum Jubilee, both national and local. Locally there were a lot of things organised across these villages. I wasn't able to be at all of them, but I enjoyed the impressive flowers in Steeple Morden church, the excellent exhibition about the 1950s in Guilden Morden church, and a great fish and chips picnic at Wendy. There were other events I know at Steeple Morden, Guilden Morden, Litlington and Abington Pigotts. A lot of effort went in to all those events. What has been quite noticeable is how good the attendance at community events has been over recent months. It has made me think how strong the human instinct is to come together, and of course that feeling has been enhanced by our recent inability to do so. I think both the national and local events have fostered a sense of togetherness and community, which is a real blessing and beneficial to us all. This thought was reflected in The Queen's thank you when she wrote, "I have been inspired by the kindness, joy and kinship that has been so evident in recent days, and I hope this renewed sense of togetherness will be felt for many years to come."

I'm looking forward to the first service at the renewed All Saints church at Wendy on July 24th. Work has been going on there for several months to improve the building and the facilities. As many will know, the building doubles as a village hall, and the hope is that the improvements will encourage greater use of the building. There will be some new housing at Wendy soon too, so we hope the new residents will also be pleased to have the new facilities of the building.

I will be retiring soon, after nearly 27 years here. The years have flown by, and Kate and I will be sad to leave, but we will remember these villages with fondness. My last day "on duty" here will be Sunday 28th August. So goodbye, and God bless!

Shamus Williams

Floodlight Diary

St Mary's, Guilden Morden

May 27th The lights were shining for David John Orchard, who died on March 28 and whose ashes were interred in Abington Pigotts churchyard. May he rest in peace.

June 10th In memory of Tom Jones on his birthday, from Gillian and all the family. RIP

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

St Catherine's, Litlington

May 27th In memory of David John Orchard RIP who died on March 22nd 2022 . He arrived in Abington Pigotts as an evacuee during World War II and later settled there.

June 2-5 To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

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

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Church News

WENDY ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Following substantial renovations over the past 8 months, there is to be a communion Group service at 10 am on Sunday 24th July 2022 at Wendy All Saints Church, which will be a chance to see our lovely modernisation. Everyone is welcome & tea/coffee will be served after the service.

Chris Jennings (church warden)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Steeple Morden Church will host a Christmas Tree Festival again this year. It will be held from 18th to 20th November so please start planning!

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Café Church will be open on
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Going forward the content will be checked every month or so and where there are multiple copies of one book these will be sent to a local charity shop.

We hope to finish building it soon,
Annie Bowen

1950s EXHIBITION, GULDEN MORDEN



Yasmeen has been writing this column for eight years now and I thought it would be good for her to have a month off. So this is an amateur gardener's musings – you won't find any Latin names here! But you will find a few tips from a lazy gardener who prefers little effort for maximum result.

People often say to me that they've tried planting seeds but nothing came up. I've been wondering about this and thought I could share the few tricks I've picked up in thirty years of gardening.

Slugs and snails are a real menace; they eat all the most tender plants and leave nothing for us. But rather than pour poison on the ground, there are ways to get round the problem. I find that beans, peas, spinach and lettuces planted in the ground are eaten as soon as they poke their heads above ground. So now I plant them in modules or pots and keep them until they are big and strong enough to fend for themselves. But even mature French beans are vulnerable, so I've taken to growing the climbing variety and training them up bamboo sticks; once about a foot up the pole, they're safe and will crop well.

Carrots can also be difficult to grow. Forget planting them before April, it's too cold, wait until May and, rather than planting them in the ground where it can get dry or there's loads of competition from weeds, try planting carrots in a window box type planter filled with compost, about four feet long and nine inches deep. Plant two rows, one down each side. I've found this to be very successful and it's easy to tidy if the occasional weed seed falls in. Parsnips can have similar treatment, but their roots are longer so a deeper raised bed is a more suitable place to plant them.

In fact, I love gardening in a raised bed. We bought a couple from a garden centre about five years ago. Apart from the fact that you are working at waist height and don't need to bend, the limited space means there's little to weed and they're easy to water. Filled with compost, they're a perfect place to raise smaller vegetables like lettuces, radishes, carrots, French beans. Being three feet up means they're bothered less by pests and if the odd snail does manage to creep up the legs, they're easy to spot.

My absolute favourite plants to grow are tomatoes and potatoes, both solanums (sorry, there's a Latin word), because nothing will eat them (their leaves are very poisonous). The principal appeal of these two is that they usually produce heavy crops with little effort. Potatoes go in the ground around mid March, when little else is happening in the garden

In the Garden (cont.) *Dominic Brigstocke*

and, apart from protection if it gets very cold, they will produce lots of lovely vegetables by July. It is advisable to earth them up, that is to draw soil up around their stems to encourage better crops but, my experience is that, even if you don't bother, there will still be a reasonable number of spuds. Tomatoes can be started on a windowsill as early as January or February and grown inside until it's warm enough to plant them out in the garden in mid May. They will do best in a greenhouse, but there are some varieties which will manage well outside if it's a good summer.

And my favourite vegetable of all? Garlic. It seems to grow well around here. In early October, you can plant individual cloves of garlic bought from the supermarket about three inches deep. Within a few weeks a sharp, pointed stem will push up through the ground and they will then stand through the whole winter, however harsh. Come the following July, when the greenery dies down, you dig up whole new bulbs of garlic. Effortless. My kind of gardening!



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JULY

Sun 3rd		Mr Thomas Dodd
Sun 10th		Reverend Adrian Burr(Joined by Guilden Morden Congregational Church)
Sun 17th		Reverend John Whittle
Sun 24th		Mr Michael Resta
Sun 31st	10.30am*	Mr Tony Frost

AUGUST

Sun 7th	Type to enter text	Mrs Sandra Galton
Sun 14th		Mr. Thomas Dodd
Sun 21st		Mr. Gary Temple
Sun 28th	10.30am *	Mr Tony Frost

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

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Sun 3rd	10.30am	Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
Mon 4th	10.30am	Men's Guild in the Schoolroom
Wed 6th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 10th	11.00am	Joint service at Litlington
Wed 13th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sat 16th	10.30 – 14.30pm	Vision Day with lunch
Sun 17th	10.30am	Joint service with St Mary's in the Chapel
	15.00pm	Sunday Club in schoolroom
Tue 19th	14.00pm	COGS meeting
Wed 20th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 24th	Time TBA	Prayer Walk and family picnic
Wed 20th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 31st	10.30am	Communion Service in the Chapel

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A sharing table is being set up in the church porch where people can leave items of food for sharing with others in the village. Any excess food will be taken to the Stotfold Food Bank.

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Wed 24th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 28th	TBC	Joining St Mary's for Shamus' leaving service
Wed 31st	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 8.00pm.
Contact Amanda for details, ajgenieman@gmail.com

Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities contact Gerry Watkins 01763 852869

July 3rd (St. Thomas)

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

July 10th (Trinity 4)

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

July 17th (Trinity 5)

Abington Pigotts No Service: Fete.

9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion
9.45am	Steeple Morden	Family Service
10.30am	Guilden Morden	United Service at Chapel

July 24th (Trinity 6)

10.00am	Wendy	Group Communion for all parishes
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The first service in the newly restored and improved Church at Wendy

July 31st (Trinity 7)

10.00am	Steeple Morden	Group Communion for all parishes
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Services

August 7th (Trinity 8)

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

August 14th (Trinity 9)

9.30am	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

August 21st (Trinity 10)

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

August 28th (Trinity 11)

11.00am	Litlington	Group Communion for all parishes
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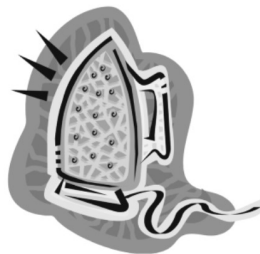
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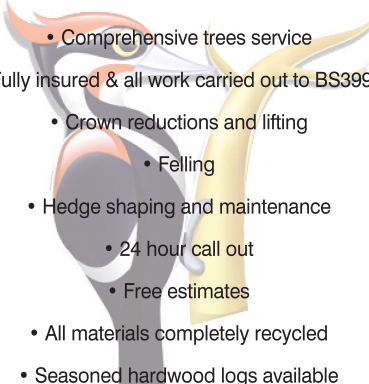


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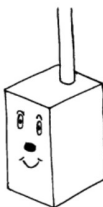
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