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of the Shingay group of Parishes**



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## Pastoral Assistants

Mrs. Christine Furmston has decided to retire from the role of Pastoral Assistant. Thank you to Christine for all that she has achieved serving in this way. We know Christine will remain very active through the church still, not least in continuing as a churchwarden

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**Deadline for July issue - June 15th.**  
**Please send all material for inclusion direct to**  
**Alex da Costa rather than via the Rector. Thank you.**

This month, we are back to delivering "Prospect" through your letterbox. A big, big, thank you to those who very kindly deliver around the villages. We print nearly 1500 copies, so it's a big job overall. Thank you to everyone who helps with the magazine, such as Alex da Costa who puts it all together, and Gilly McKee who handles the advertising, and our printers, Olive Press, who have been so helpful over the period when we had to reduce the number of printed copies. I know some people have been seeing it though by looking at our website, and it should continue to be available to read that way. One advantage of that is you get to see the cover photo in colour (a particularly colourful photo this month). "Prospect" should continue to be available in the Post Offices in Litlington and Steeple Morden, and at Sarah's Farm Shop. Thank you to these outlets for having magazines there.

At the time of writing, people are looking forward to the near prospect of being able to more easily see, and moreover, hug, loved ones. I hope everyone derives great joy from this. I think it's important we don't forget those who either will have no-one to meet up with, or who will remain fearful of doing so, perhaps because of particular medical conditions, or because of trying to protect someone vulnerable in that way.

I wonder whether you feel the things you really value have changed a bit through the last 15 months or so? Perhaps God is gently leading you down a new path? You might enjoy looking at some videos produced by a movement for prayer called "Thy Kingdom Come". The link is <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/videos> I particularly recommend the video for day 10, which is by Archbishop Angaelos, who is the Orthodox Coptic Archbishop for London. He speaks in a very accessible way about prayer.

Here's hoping (and praying) for sunny and warm weather.

*Shamus Williams*

# Calendar of

## 6th June (Trinity 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

## 13th June (Trinity 2)

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

## 20th June (Trinity 3)

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 (United Service)

## 27th June (Trinity 4)

10.00am	Litlington	Group Communion
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# Services

## 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

Please see church notice boards in case it is necessary to make changes to this list. Thank you.

## ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH NEWS

### OPEN AIR CAFE

The next Open Air Cafe will be on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 11am to 1pm. We had a great turnout for our first one and we look forward to seeing you in the future! The Café will be open on the third Saturday of the month. 17<sup>th</sup> July will be joint with the PTA, then we will continue on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October. *Gilly and Anne*

### THANK YOU – AGAIN!

Mothers' Union and the Cambridgeshire Womens' Refuges have sent sincere thanks for the latest toys and clothes for the under 5s that were given to St Peter & St Paul Church for onward transmission. They are very grateful. We also received a delightful hand-drawn thank you from one of the children for Easter eggs, which was too late for last month's edition. This will be one of the things to go in the Time Capsule. Thank you.

### TIME CAPSULE

Are you thinking about what **you** can put in the Time Capsule that will be hidden in the church? This is for everyone, not just church people, and will cover March 2020 to December 2021. We look forward to a wonderful variety of memories, things and photos for inclusion. More details will be available next month. If in doubt please ring Gilly on 852380 or Anne on 853490.

# Floodlight Diary

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

- Apr 30th      In loving memory of Maureen Cole on the day of her funeral. RIP
- May 12th      In loving memory of Rhona Rosier on the day of her funeral. RIP

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

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

- May 12th      For George Powell RIP from Marian and the McCracken family. George loved to visit his relatives in Litlington.
- Apr 17th      The tenor bell was tolled 99 times on the day of Prince Philip's funeral as a mark of respect for his long service to the nation.

*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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## St Catherine's Church Facilities Installed

Like all churches, the last 12 months have been very strange for St Catherine's Church, Litlington. However we have not been idle!

Having spent a great deal of time fundraising and applying for grants, our WC and Toilet project eventually started to get off the ground with the water and waste connection to the outside of the church installed in March 2020.

Internal plans were revised, permissions sought and granted, details finalised and eventually on 28th December 2020 work started on the installation of the long-awaited toilet and kitchen area. Since then, volunteers from the church have worked daily, assisted by contractors for the heating, electrical work and carpentry.

The work is now almost complete and so it is with much gratitude that we thank all those from Litlington and surrounding areas who donated to this project. It has been in the planning since 2015 and at times seemed to be out of our reach as the costs kept rising.

Thanks in particular to Steve Fisher (and his wife Debbie) who took on the bulk of the work and to those who assisted him (especially Jonathan Baynes), we have managed to complete this project with the funds we had available. We look forward to the time we can open up the church beyond Sunday services and welcome people back with our new and much improved facilities. SJ

Photo shows (l-r) Steve & Debbie Fisher with Church Wardens Sue Jenkins and John Jenner



# Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

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Now that government restrictions have eased further, we plan to hold all future services in the Church. Correct measures to enable the use of the Chapel and schoolroom are all in place, so the schoolroom is now available for general use. Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities should contact Gerry Watkins 01763 852869.

## JUNE

Sun 6th	10.30am	Family/café service in the school room, led by Sandy
Mon 7th	10.30am	Men's Guild in the schoolroom
Wed 9th	9.15am-10.30am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 13th	11.00am	Service at Litlington, led by Tony Frost
Wed 16th	9.15am-10.30am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 20th	11.00am	Joint service at St Mary's
	2.30-3.30pm	Sunday School in the school room led by Sandy Watkins
Wed 23rd	9.15am-10.30am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 27th	10.30am	Service at Shillington Congregational Church celebrating 50yrs of Angus McCormick's ministry
Wed 30th	9.15am-10.30am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 8.00pm.  
Contact Amanda for details.

**World Day of Prayer:** This moving event which unites Christians around the world for a service of prayer and celebration was held in March at the Chapel. We raised £82 which will go towards a range of projects run by the WDP organisation. Thank you to all who attended via Zoom and donated.

**Donations to Guilden Morden Congregational Church:** We would like to say a huge thank you to all the organisations and individuals who have supported us during the past year by making donations. As you can imagine we have suffered a significant loss of income during the lockdowns. It is great to know that the Chapel and its facilities are valued. THANK YOU!!!

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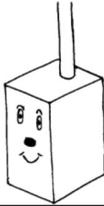
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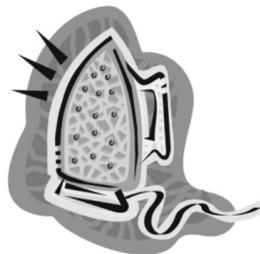
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