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of the Shingay group of Parishes**



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

Early November may be called “the season of remembrance”. As well as Remembrance Sunday, at the beginning of the month, there is All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day. All Saints’ celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. All Souls’ (or as it is sometimes called, The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed), has a more local and intimate feel, allowing us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith. This year, we will have a service using Zoom focussing on this. That is on Sunday 1st November at 3pm (please note change of time). Please email me at shamuswilliams@waitrose.com and I can give you the details you’ll need to join the service online. When we have held this service in a church, we have usually provided tea. We can’t do that this year, but I hope you can share a “cuppa” online. What could we call that? A Zoom Brew? (join from 2.30pm for that). Also, in Steeple Morden church, in the area of the side altar (far left hand side of the nave), pebbles will be provided on which to write the name of a loved one you will be remembering.

At the time of writing, it is permitted to hold remembrance ceremonies outside on Remembrance Sunday. I hope this will remain the position. No services in church buildings will be held that day, but there will be 7 ceremonies of remembrance across these villages. Details in calendar of services in Prospect. Please note: where applicable, ie Abington Pigotts, Litlington, Steeple Morden, Guilden Morden and Wendy, people are asked to gather in the churchyard, and to avoid congregating in the street. Please carefully observe the two metre distance between people or households. Thank you.

The Collect for All Souls’ Day:

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son’s saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Calendar of

1st November (All Saints' Day)

8.30am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion(PB)
8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Litlington	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion
3.00pm	Zoom Service, focusing on Remembrance of the Departed	

8th November (Remembrance Sunday)

8.45am	Airfield Memorial	Rem.Ceremony only
9.30am	Odsey	Rem.Ceremony only
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Rem.Ceremony only
10.50am	Steeple Morden	Rem.Ceremony only
10.50am	Litlington	Rem.Ceremony only
10.50am	Abington Pigotts	Rem.Ceremony only
10.50am	Wendy	Rem.Ceremony only

No Zoom service. National Remembrance service available on TV.
Please see Rector's Letter about arrangements today

15th November (2 before Advent)

8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Parish Communion (PB)
9.30am	Litlington	Morning Prayer
9.45am	Steeple Morden	Family Service
10.00am	Wendy	Parish Communion
10.30am	Guilden Morden	United Service at Chapel
11.00am	Zoom Service	

Services

22nd November (Christ The King)

10.00am	Steeple Morden	Group Communion for all parishes
	It is hoped we can livestream this service, so no Zoom service today	

29th November (Advent 1)

10.00am	Litlington	Group Communion for all parishes
	It is hoped we can livestream this service, so no Zoom service today	

6th December (Advent 2)

9.30am	Litlington	Family Service
10.00am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion+ baptism (Harrison Mills)
10.45am	Steeple Morden	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Zoom Service	

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

Saturday, 5th December, 10-12 am

We are holding a cake and produce stall (with some Christmassy bits) at the entrance to the Church porch.

We look forward to seeing you - do come!

Please wear masks and remember to socially distance.

FAMILY TOY SERVICE – ST PETER & ST PAUL, STEEPLE MORDEN

Sunday 15th November at 9.45am

After the wonderful response to our Toy Service last year we will be having another on Sunday, 15th November at 9.45am – masked and socially distanced of course.

We would be so pleased to receive any surplus toys that you have – clean and in good condition – which will be taken to the Cambridge refuges through Mothers' Union. Sadly the refuges are very busy; children and their mothers have to leave home with hardly any possessions, so toys will brighten their days.

There is also a need for pushchairs, cots, highchairs etc. as well as all clothing for under-ones.

If you are able to help, but cannot get to the Toy Service, please leave contributions at the back of the church on Saturday the 14th. For further information please ring Anne on 853490 or Gilly on 852380. Thank you.

Please bring donations in bags.

ST MARY'S NOTICES

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It is time to round up the collecting boxes so please let me know if your box needs to be collected, otherwise just drop it off in a plastic bag at Dove Cottage, Church Lane. Thank you very much for your support.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Ride + Stride Saturday 12th September 2020

The Furmstons and the McKees obtained sponsorship and peddled round the Deanery on a sunny Saturday visiting 14 places of worship. Socially distanced, of course. We are pleased to announce that £200 was raised by the Furmstons and half of that will be returned to their nominated church. The McKees raised a formidable £530 which will be shared with their church. Congratulations to David and Gilly who actually rode over 30 miles on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. A superb effort.

Floodlight Diary

St Mary's, Guilden Morden

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

St Catherine's, Litlington

July 30th The birthday of Vic Moran who died in April 2016 - remembered by his son, Paul.

October 9th In memory of Jim Carter RIP

October 15th For Bob Thompson RIP on the 88th anniversary of his birth. With love Margaret and family.

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

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

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

NOVEMBER		
Sun 1st	10.30am	Family service in the Chapel, led by Sandy Watkins
Mon 2nd	10.30am	Men's Guild Zoom Meeting
Sun 8th	10.00am	Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph
Sun 15th	10.30am	Joint service with St Mary's at the Chapel, led by Tony Frost
Sun 22nd	Online morning service. Follow the link for the church www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com or from our facebook page	
Sun 22nd	2.30pm	Sunday School
Sun 29th	10.30am	Joint Communion Service with Litlington at the Chapel, led by Tony Frost. Please bring your own bread and wine
Measures to enable the start of other activities in the Chapel and schoolroom are now in place, and the building is now available for hire once again. However, activities may only take place subject to the current government rules and guidelines, and subject to the successful completion of a joint risk assessment.		

Litlington Congregational Church

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In the Garden

Yasmeen Brigstocke

It's been raining walnuts in our garden for the past few weeks. The driveway is littered with the split green husks which encase the delicious brown seeds. A number of squirrels have moved in and have been competing with us to collect them. Their irate chirps and clicking vocalisations leave us in no doubt that they regard us as the intruders. Unlike last year, when we didn't get a single walnut, this season there's enough for everyone to share. Until I moved here some twenty five years ago, I had only ever seen a walnut tree once. So, I was not too surprised to find that many people have no idea what a walnut looks like growing on a tree; that it is encased by a green tough shiny fruit which splits open when ripe. Oh! And I find the taste of fresh walnuts is wonderful and nothing like the dried, hard nuts we traditionally eat at Christmas. Walnuts make a delicious pesto, instead of pine nuts. Just blend together basil, walnuts, olive oil, salt and pepper for a vegan version, or add cheese, to produce a tasty addition to pasta. Walnuts are nutritionally very healthy because of the omega 3 oils, minerals and vitamins they contain.

This year's extreme weather, the warm spring and summer, combined with some very wet conditions in August, has provided us with a

In the Garden (cont.) *Yasmeen Brigstocke*

pretty good fruit harvest. Plums and greengages were plentiful, unlike last year, and we have had more delicious apples than we could ever eat. However, we have noticed some fruit have split in a way that we've not encountered before, and maybe that's because of the dry early summer preceding the incredibly wet late August.

Some trees in my garden have succumbed to the unusual meteorological conditions. A perfectly healthy-looking hazelnut died in the dry summer of 2018. I am guessing it had too much competition for water from other nearby trees, and this year we lost a plum and an *Arbutus unedo* (Strawberry tree) whose leaves became scorched by the prolonged hot sunny spells. I am guessing that the plant communities are going to have to adapt very quickly in order to survive, or perhaps we are going to have to garden in a different way to keep them alive.

November sees the start of the bare root season and is a great time for planting all kinds of fruit, including raspberries, gooseberries, and currants. Apples, pears, and nut trees can also be planted now. I can recommend the eating apple varieties D'Arcy Spice and Pitmaston Pineapple as both have a great taste. 'Onward' is probably my favourite pear because it combines the delicious flavour of a 'Comice' with the vigour and ease of growth of a 'Conference'.

Guilden Morden is to have its own community orchard, a project started by Mr Paget-Wilkes a couple years ago, which has finally come to fruition. (Sorry about the pun). Much hard work has already been done, clearing the site, and in November planting the bare root trees begins. Anyone interested in helping is very welcome. If you want to get involved, please contact Mr Paget-Wilkes on 01763 852252.

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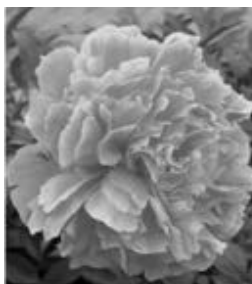


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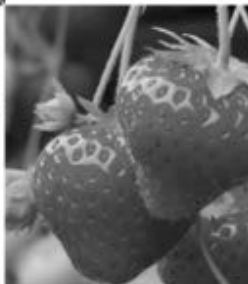
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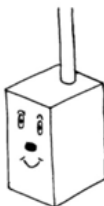
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