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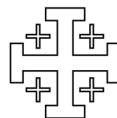
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Fifty days of partying for millennia

It seems hard to believe that 1700 years ago, there was a meeting of bishops of the Church who came up with a nice way of summarising what Christians believe. This was a crucial document which we still remember, read, contemplate and pray with today on a weekly basis. The document is called the Creed, and the meeting was the first council of the entire Church. It took place in Nicaea, present-day Turkey.



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Truth be told, too much blood and suffering came because of disagreements before and after this creed. In fact the motivation for such council was for the emperor to ensure that a clear Christian message could be spread throughout the entire Byzantine empire. The way to secure such success was for those opposing the canon, that is the mainstream ideology of Christianity, in small pockets of the empire), to pass through the sword. None of this is worthy praising or honouring.

However, what it is worthy honouring and remembering is that genius of the Creed. In it the Nicene creed contains deep and difficult theological concepts made accessible and simple to everybody. Any person from any walk of life and from all backgrounds is able to abide to it and believe it wholeheartedly. Yet, one can spend a whole life investigating the ramifications of the statements of the Nicene Creed and never exhaust its full meaning. This is because we are talking about God, a God who is infinite and can be known for ever.

In one part of the creed, it can be read that Jesus Christ 'suffered under Pontius Pilate, died and was buried.' But also that 'he rose again according to Scriptures.'

Pontius Pilate gives us the geo-historical background; it happened in a concrete place and at a concrete time. The term 'according to Scriptures' gives us the notion that the fulfilment of what was promised long ago (in Holy Scripture) took place in Jesus Christ. Christians therefore proclaim a historical event, that really took place. Christians proclaim with this Creed that, despite the impossibility of people coming back to life, this Jesus did it.

As a Christian myself I find great comfort in believing through the Creed. The resurrection of Christ is the biggest event of the Christian faith. It has transformed millions of people and it has transformed my life. Easter is the celebration of such resurrection.

What not many people know is that Easter is not just one day a year. Easter started last month, in April. It continues for fifty days of celebration in the life of the Church, and it continues in our Christian hearts for eternity. Alleluia!

Ashwell and Bassingbourn Patients Group

Following Dr Jarvis' retirement, we are pleased to welcome Dr Hasham in his place on the ABPG. We also welcome Dr Hussain who has been appointed to replace Dr Jarvis. Discussions are in hand to appoint an additional doctor. We were very sad to lose much-appreciated Jasmine as our Physician Assistant. However our two new doctors will be offering increased hours so clinical capacity should be unaffected.

We were delighted to learn that Dr Hasham has qualified as a tutor for GP trainee doctors ("Registrars"). We generally have two registrars and they provide valuable additional consultations for our patients. Not all surgeries enjoy this arrangement.

Two developments to report :

- Adjustable seats have been provided at blood pressure machines in our waiting rooms. Users please select the appropriate height before using the machines.
- Tablets will be installed in our waiting rooms (a) for the benefit of patients with no IT access or limited skills, and (b) to enable discreet communication with reception. These have worked well in other practices.

The Frailty Hub is going extremely well with 20 participants regularly attending the weekly sessions which include physical and social activities. Ours is the only such hub in N Herts to have links with the GP practice. Thanks to the Ashwell URC for generously hosting. More members very welcome. Just turn up! You don't have to live in Ashwell to join.

Our next meeting will be in May.

Café Church In Steeple Morden

Café Church will be open from 9am
on Fridays during term time.

2, 9, 16 & 23 May

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prior notification. Times will change according to
availability.*

MATERIALS NEEDED

A Bible

NRSV

A Dictionary (optional)

Oxford Dictionary

A notepad (optional)

for special verses

A pen (optional)

to mark or write

Shingay Group of Churches • Leadership Team

Sharing Shelf

Please note that Guilden Morden Congregational Church still has their Sharing Shelf (previously known as the Sharing Table!) in the front porch. Our motto is 'Bring what you can, take what you need'.

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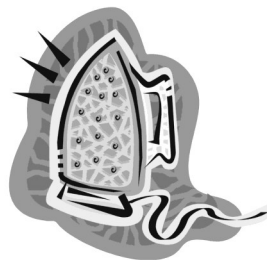
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Makes 8

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- 450g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 125g unsalted butter (cubed)
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tbs fresh thyme (finely chopped)
- 120g Gruyere cheese (grated)
- 1 egg
- 150ml milk (plus extra to brush on top)

Preheat the oven to 220° and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Leave the baking sheet in the oven whilst you are making your scones.

Cut the shallots into rough quarters and drizzle with olive oil in a baking dish, roast in the oven for 20 minutes. Once cooled cut up into small pieces.

In a large mixing bowl, rub the butter into the flour and baking powder until the mix resembles breadcrumbs. Next stir in the salt, pepper, thyme, and most of the cheese (leaving a little for the top of the scones) and then gently mix in the chopped shallots to the dry ingredients.

Make a well in the middle of the dry ingredients, and pour in the combined egg and milk liquid, mix together to form a soft dough.

Bring the dough together on a lightly floured surface to form a ball, it is important to not overwork the dough to avoid it becoming tough. Roll the dough out to 3-4 cm thick and with a 78mm cookie cutter portion out your scones.

Brush the tops lightly with milk and sprinkle the remaining cheese onto the scones.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes until they have turned golden brown and risen well. Transfer to a cooling rack and then enjoy.

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Calendar of Services

4th May (Easter 3)

8:30am	Steeple Morden	BCP Holy Communion
10:00am	Litlington	Holy Communion w/ AP
11:00am	Guilden Morden	Holy Communion

11th May (Easter 4)

10:00am	Guilden Morden	Group Communion

18th May (Easter 5)

8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion
10:00am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service w/ Litlington
10:00am	Steeple Morden	Children's Informal Holy Communion (Little Saints)
10:30am	Guilden Morden	United Service at GM

25th May

10:00am	Litlington	Group Communion

Please see church noticeboards in case of changes to this list.



Morning Prayer at Litlington Church
Tuesdays at 10am



6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May
followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits at 10.30am
Come, join and have a chat.

Floodlight Diary

St Mary's, Guilden Morden

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

St Catherine's, Litlington

7 April On the 60th anniversary of the birth of Carl Williams RIP - with love from Kathie, Mum, Dad, Jenny, Jaxon, Sean, Natasha and families.

12 May George Powell RIP - always remembered with a smile. Five years gone but talked about every day. Love Marion, Saacha, Alex, Bertie and Cass.

When two people request the church is floodlit on the same date, the lights are switched on for two days. *The price is only £5 to have the lights switched on for an occasion or a person. Please contact Pam Sharp 852425 or John Jenner 321347*

S Peter & S Paul, Steeple Morden

28 March In memory of Ray Leach RIP on the day of his cremation

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

Thank You!

The Mothers' Union have collected Easter Eggs, super toys and baby equipment, and clothes for the Under 5s from us. They have passed it all on to Mary's Child for children in refuges and are extremely grateful. We were given 61 Easter Eggs!

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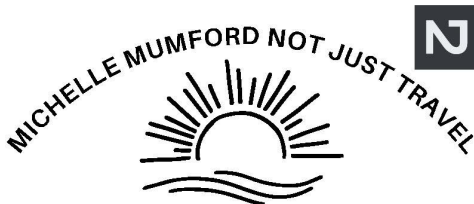


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AGM - Annual General Meeting 7:30pm - Thurs 29th May 2025 (Village Hall)

Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Approval of previous years minutes

Annual Report

Financial Report

Election of the Management Committee 2025-26

Appointment of Chair

Other Elected Members

Representative Members

Any Other Business

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MAY

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4th	11.00 am	Mr. Peter Godbert
11th	11.00 am	Mr Aaron Routledge - A MESSAGE TRUST PRESENTATION (Joined by Guilden Morden Congregational Church)
18th	11.00am	Mrs Davina Calbraith
25th	10.30 am	Mr Tony Frost (At Guilden Morden Congregational Church)

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Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

May 2025

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Every Friday at 10.00am in the Chapel you are also welcome to join an informal gathering of those praying for our villages and our world.

- Sunday 4th May** **10.30am** Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship.
All welcome.
- Monday 5th May** **10.30 – 12.00** Men's Guild
9.30 - 11.30am Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony.
7.00 for a 7.30pm start Community Choir TBC
- Tuesday 6th May** **2.00 – 4.00pm** COGS
- Wed 7th May** **9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots
- Sunday 11th May** **11.00am** Joint at Litlington Congregational Church with a presentation by Mr Aaron Routledge from The Message Trust
- Monday 12th May** **9.30 - 11.30am** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony.
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start Community Choir
- Wed 14th May** **9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots
- Sunday 18th May** **10.00am** Joint Service at St Mary's
- Monday 19th May** **7.00pm for a 7.30pm** start Community Choir
- Wed 21st May** **9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots
- Sunday 25th May** **10.30am** Joint service with Litlington Congregational Church at the chapel including communion
- Wed 28th May** **9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

Other group meetings:

Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30

Community Choir Mondays at 19.00 for a 19.30pm start

History Group Wednesday 7 May at GMCC

Knit and Natter Tuesday 6 and 20 May

Photographic Club 27 May 2025

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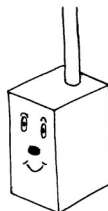
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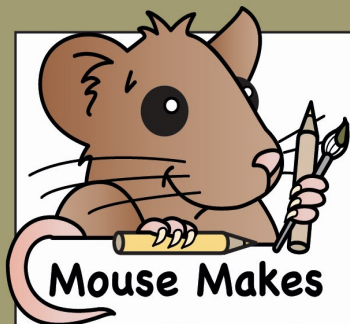
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and _____

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into
the streets so that when Peter
came by at least his

might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16

How long had Aeneas
been paralysed for?

_____ years

Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?
in the _____

Acts 9:36-42



"And the word
of God
continued to
increase,
and the number
of the disciples
multiplied
greatly."
Acts 6:7

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