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Letter from our village churches

I wonder how many people remember the famous line from the film, the Blues Brothers, where Elwood Blues, played by Dan Aykroyd, tells everyone, "We're on a mission from God!"

I have had a strange sense of needing to paraphrase this constantly, ever since I committed to becoming a Licensed Lay Minister (a role more widely known as a Lay Reader). None of my non-Christian friends have any idea what it means to be an 'LLM' - and indeed most Christian friends smile and nod, reluctant to admit that, whilst they believe they should know, they really don't!

So in brief, what do local Anglican Lay Readers whom you may know, such as Cyril Harris and Keith Stott, actually do? One of my tutors described the role as joining in the 'Missio Dei', which basically means 'God's mission in the world'. Hence the Blues Brothers reference!

But what does this mean in practice? Well, the main purpose of a Lay Minister is to support our vicar or 'incumbent' (I put this in speech marks because it was an unfamiliar word for me - in fact, I kept hearing 'encumbered' when my tutors first used it!). This includes being active in pastoral care within the villages and, of course, leading some services (if you're not sure how to distinguish us from ordained clergy, look out for the blue scarf!).

But it's important to stress that we are not the only ones who provide this assistance - I look at the many people I have met in our group of churches, who do not have a title or training, but are still one hundred per cent committed to guietly serving their church and the people in it. I pray that I am

able to show even a fraction of the love and commitment I see in them.

Nonetheless, I did feel a sense of awe on October 1st, when, with the six others who made a commitment to serve in the Ely Diocese, I was licensed in the majestic surroundings of Ely Cathedral, by the lovely, refreshingly informal, Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Rev Dagmar Winter.

It was what was known as a Triennial Relicensing Service, which meant that all



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current Licensed Lay Ministers in the diocese were there too to renew their licenses. I've never seen so many blue scarves in one place before! It was both humbling and deeply moving to feel that I had become a member of this peaceful little army of workers for God.

I am so grateful to Ann Bol for her endless patience and support, and also to Shamus Williams, without whose encouragement I would never have embarked on this journey and probably never have completed it, with all the

difficulties that Covid and my own full-time teaching role added to the rigorous training of the past three years.

Having now fully retired from teaching, and begun my ministry in the Shingay group, I am excited to set out on this new 'mission from God.' All I need now is a 'Bluesmobile'!



Fiona Davis



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In The Garden

It seems poignant that in June we were celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and just a few months later we were saying farewell. Both occasions were very much a communal process and it highlights how much doing things together matters to us as human beings.

I planted up the three barrels which are situated at the entrance to Guilden Morden Village Hall for the Jubilee celebrations and hoped that they would survive the summer. I realised very quickly that keeping the plants alive would be a problem as there wasn't an outside tap in the vicinity and the summer temperature was beginning to soar. The options were to bring a few litres of water from home every time I passed the village hall or to be there when the hall was open for an event so that I could go and get water from the kitchen inside. I tried both for a couple of days and worked out that I just didn't have the time to do either as the hall was usually only open when I was occupied looking after my family and the plants were beginning to look a bit unhappy.

So I turned to social media and posted on our local Facebook page asking if anyone using the Village Hall could water the plants while they were there. I left a watering can for this purpose tucked behind the planters. To my surprise, a few people said they would be happy to oblige and this changed everything. A second watering can appeared, and whenever I have gone past I have noticed that they are always full of water ready to be used. What is really brilliant is that, not only have the plants survived, but they have grown vigorously, growing tall and in fact are still blooming now. They look healthier and better kept than quite a lot of my garden. I certainly couldn't have kept them alive on my own.

I am writing about this because I guess I am blown away by people's willingness to help and a realisation of the possibility that so much could be achieved collectively. Which brings me on to climate change and having the ability to change things. As individuals we probably can't do much, but as a community or group I think we can make a real impact and alter things for the better, whether it's tree planting or reducing waste and CO2 emissions.

For those of you who have seen the wooden barrels and wondered what the plants are, here's the list: The large purple leafed plants with orange flowers on tall spikes are Cannas. The brightly coloured foliage is Coleus, which can be easily grown from seed. Cape Figwort, (Phygelius capensis) produce the soft orange long bell-shaped flowers and the Verbena and trailing geraniums were used for their amazingly long flowering ability. I think the calendulas may have been weeded out by accident, but the zinnias made it to flowering.

So, a huge thank you to those of you who helped with the watering and I am looking forward to doing more community gardening ready for a spring display. *Yasmeen Yasmeenart.net*

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7th OctoberIn memory of Martin Dellar, on the 25th anniversary of his passing.
R.I.P.
Because of Martin, there is now a registered charity called "Wheels
for Martin's Friends," which raises funds for the provision of mobility
aids for people in need within the Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, and
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7th October In memory of Rachael Cowley, on what would have been her 30th birthday. R.I.P.

21st October Remembering Linda Davies, on the anniversary of her passing. R.I.P. Also **October 31st** on what would have been Linda's birthday. R.I.P.

4th Remembering Mick Best, with love from all the family, on what would have been his 90th birthday. (With apologies to the Best family, for incorrectly putting 'Nick' in October's Prospect)

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

St Catherine's, Litlington

- 9th October In memory of Jim Carter RIP farmer of Sheen Farm. Jim was a keen sportsman who played football and cricket for village teams.
- 15th October Birthday of Bob Thompson RIP. He would have been 91 years old. From Margaret, Mark, Carole and family.

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 242127

S Peter & S Paul, Steeple Morden

13, 14 & 15The lights shine in loving memory of John Hornbrook RIP who diedNovember2 years ago and dearly missed by his family & friends

16th November In loving memory of Ian Symington RIP

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Calendar d

6th November (3 before Advent)					
8.30am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion PB *			
8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Parish Communion *			
9.30am	Litlington	Family Service			
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion *			
13th Nove	ember (Remembra	nce Sunday)			
8.45am	Airfield	Remembrance Ceremony			
9.30am	Odsey	Remembrance Ceremony			
10.15am	Wendy	Service of the Word			
10:50am 10.00am	Abington Pigotts	Remembrance Ceremony Remembrance Ceremony + outside Service			
10:50am	Guilden Morden				
		Remembrance Ceremony + Service			
10:50am	Litlington	Remembrance Ceremony + Service			
10:50am	Steeple Morden	Remembrance Ceremony + RBL Service			
20th Nove	ember (Christ the F	(ing)			
8:30am	Abington Pigotts	Parish Communion * (PB)			
9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion *			
10:00	Wendy	Parish Communion *			
11:00	Guilden Morden	United Communion at St Mary's			
4:00pm	Steeple Morden	Christmas Tree Service			
27th Nove	ember (Advent Sur	nday)			
8:30am	Steeple Morden	Holy Communion PB			
10:00am	Guilden Morden	Group Advent Carol Service			
Please se	e church noticebo	ards in case of changes to this list.			
		= Communion by Extension			
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of Services

Tuesday Morning Prayer at Litlington Church



8th November

15th November



22nd November 29th November

Come, join and have a chat





Christmas and Carol Services

It's that time of year again, when we gather to celebrate the arrival of God's greatest gift to humanity, the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

So put the following dates in your diaries: *Christmas Tree Service* November 20th at 4:00pm, in St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden





Advent Sunday Service November 27th at 10:00am, in St Mary's Church, Guilden Morden. A reflective service of organ and choral music as we prepare for Christmas

Lessons and Carols Services

All Saints, Wendy 3:00pm Dec 18th St Mary's, Guilden Morden 4:30pm Dec 18th St Michael & All Angels, Abington Pigotts4:30pm Dec 18th St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden 4:30pm Dec 24th St Catherine's, Litlington 4:30pm Dec 24th





Christingle and Children's Service December 11th at 4:30pm, in St Mary's, Guilden Morden

Calendar of Services continued



Nativity Service December 18th at 10:00am, in St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden

Group Midnight Communion December 24th at 11:30pm, in St Mary's, Guilden Morden



Christmas Day Holy Communion Services:

All Saints, Wendy 8:30am St Catherine's, Litlington 8:45am St Michael & All Angels, Abington Pigotts9:45am St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden 9:45am St Mary's, Guilden Morden 11:00am





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In November our speaker will tell us all about Burlesque - audience may be able to participate!

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Sun 6 th	10.30am	Harvest café style service. Join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome			
Mon 7 th	10.30am	Men's Guild in the Schoolroom			
Wed 9 th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers			
Sun 13 th	10.50am	Remembrance Service at the Memorial, Guilden Morden			
Tue 15 th	14.00pm	COGS			
Wed 16 th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers			
Sun 20 th	11.00am	Joint service at St Mary's			
Wed 23 rd	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers			
Sun 27 th	10.30am	Communion Service			
Wed 30 th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers			

Other group meetings:

Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30pm

Knit and Natter Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am from 1st

Local History GroupTuesday 1st at 15.00pm

Film Club Friday 18th at 19.00pm

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Contact Amanda for details, ajgenieman@gmail.com

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

Litlington Congregational Church Diary November 22

You will receive a warm welcome at our Sunday services which commence at 11.00 am unless shown otherwise.

Sun 6th		Mr Gary Temple
Sun 13th	10.45 am #	Remembrance Sunday
Sun 20th Rev		Reverend Angus McCormick Communion Service
Sun 27th	10.30am *	Mr Tony Frost

To be held at St. Catherine's Church, Church Street, Litlington, SG8 0JZ

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

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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH STEEPLE MORDEN SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH AT 7.00PM

LICENSED BAR, INTERVAL CANAPES, RETIRING COLLECTION FOR 'DEC' UKRAINE APPEAL

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