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# Letter from our village churches

**Like the four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter, the church divides the year into seasons as well. On December 3rd this year, the season of Advent begins. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas during which time Christians anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.**

There are two Saints associated with Advent: they are Saint Nicholas and Saint Lucy. Saint Nicholas is, of course, well known to us all, also known as Santa Claus or Father Christmas. Saint Lucy is much less well-known.

Lucy was born in Syracuse, Italy in 283 AD to a rich and noble family. Her father was of Roman origin, but sadly died when she was five years old. As a girl, Lucy converted to Christianity and promised herself to God but kept this secret from her mother. When her mother became ill, knowing that there was no protective guardian for Lucy, she feared for her daughter's future safety and security. Without discussion with Lucy, she arranged for Lucy to be married to a young man from a wealthy (non-Christian) family. But Lucy rejected this plan, informing her mother of her promise to God and declaring that her dowry would be used to feed the poor and needy. Initially her mother refused permission but Lucy was finally able to persuade her mother to agree.

Legend tells us that St Lucy spent her wealth on food which she distributed amongst the poor and that at night she would venture into the catacombs (the underground cemeteries) to feed the Christians hiding there from Roman persecution. To keep her hands free to carry the food, she would wear a crown of candles, to light her way. The lamp and wreath of candles have become symbols of Saint Lucy.

The story goes that the young man was so angry seeing the dowry being spent that he denounced Lucy as a Christian in front of the Governor of the Province. At this time the persecution of the Christians under Emperor Diocletian was at its height. Lucy was brought to trial and sentenced to death around the year 304 AD.

Through her actions, St Lucy has become known as the bearer of Christ's light in the darkness of winter, carrying that light from December 13 (the winter solstice in the Gregorian Calendar) until the arrival of the "Light of the World" at the birth of the Christ-child, Jesus, in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

This third century Christian who dedicated her life to God and to serving others, is an example for us all on how we can use our time, talents, and treasure to carry the light of Christ to others in their time of need.

Have a blessed Christmas.

*Revd Ann Bol, Shingay Group of Churches*

# Children and Family Christmas Services



## Christingle and Children's Service

Explore the Christmas Story and collect your Christingle, on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, in St Mary's, Guilden Morden

## Nativity Service

Walk with Mary and Joseph, hear the Christmas Story, and arrive at the stable in the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden on December 17<sup>th</sup>. See the Church notice-board for the starting point in village at 10:00am.



## Family Carol Service

Come and join us to sing some carols and participate in the re-telling of the Christmas Story on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, in St Catherine's, Litlington

Each service is different. Come to one or come to them all.

## Other Christmas Events

Guilden Morden Christmas Market  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10am-2pm  
-including a visit from Santa Claus



Litlington Crib Display  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10am – 12 noon



# Carol and Christmas Day Services



## Carol and Christmas Day 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.

### Lessons and Carols Services:

St Michael & All Angels, Abington <u>Pigotts</u>	4:30pm Dec 10th
All Saints, Wendy	4:30pm Dec 17th
St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden	4:00pm Dec 24th
Congregational Chapel, <u>Guilden Morden</u>	4:30pm Dec 24th



### Group Midnight Communion:

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30pm, in St Catherine's, Litlington

### Christmas Day Holy Communion Services:

All Saints, Wendy	9:00am
St Michael & All Angels, Abington <u>Pigotts</u> (with Litlington)	9:30am
St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden	10:00am
St Mary's, <u>Guilden Morden</u>	10:30am

# "Hatches & Matches"

You may think that during the cold of winter, little would be happening in the Hatches and Matches front. We are still open for enquiries, and have booking in the next few weeks so expect photos in our next edition.

Please contact Rev Ann, who will be able to answer your enquiries about christenings (baptisms) and weddings, book your preferred dates, and talk through what can offer and what you would like.

Contact details are inside the front cover.

## Café Church In Steeple Morden

Café Church will be open from 9am  
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## News from the Villages

### Handmade Poppies

Thank you to the Mordens Knit and Natter group who have made hundreds of poppies to decorate the churchyards. They make a spectacular splash of colour against the evergreen foliage. They are being much admired.

### Ashwell & Bassingbourn Surgery

The Ashwell and Bassingbourn Patients' Group is delighted to be able to share the report written, in conjunction with Ashwell Surgery, in response to the spring survey. The report is being received by many as a useful document. Printed copies are available at both surgeries and pharmacies in Ashwell and Bassingbourn. It is also available on the home page of the surgery website:

[ashwellsurgery.nhs.uk/news/article/2/patient-survey-report-2023](http://ashwellsurgery.nhs.uk/news/article/2/patient-survey-report-2023)

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We are looking forward to our Christmas meal at a local venue on December 14th. Our new year programme begins on January 18th with a taste of Carpet Bowls at Steeple Morden Bowls Club and on February 15th we will be holding our Annual Meeting.

If you would like to join us at any of our meetings, or to know more about The Mordens WI, please contact Joyce on 01763 852087. Transport can be arranged.

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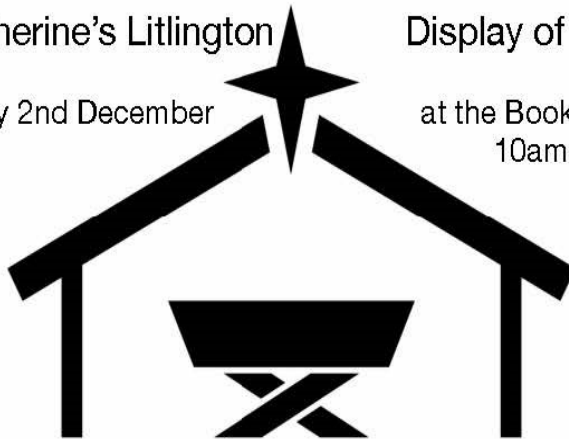
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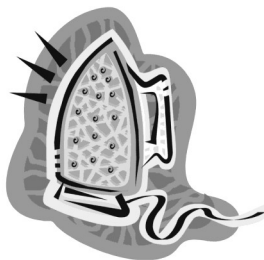
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**Houseplants make good Christmas presents and they are really appreciated at this time of year when it's pleasant to have indoor greenery.**

I must admit that we are a bit extreme in our household. We have a couple of custard apple trees, one about 7 feet high, and a Portuguese dragon tree of similar height, though somewhat more dense, both grown from seeds, that live outside in the summer and have to be brought indoors in the winter. Then there's the dracaena which I've had for around 40 years and it has reached the ceiling several times and has to be pruned back. It's increasingly difficult to find space for them in the house. The greenhouse is already full of citrus trees and an annoying banana plant. So when you chose houseplants to give someone, be aware of how big they might grow.

Houseplants rely on you to regulate all their requirements. The correct amount of water, heat and light need to be carefully controlled to ensure their healthy and sustained growth.

In winter, it's important not to overwater houseplants. Allowing them to sit with their roots constantly in water will invariably kill the plant unless it's a bog or pond plant. The pots need to have drainage holes so that excess water will drain away. A useful guide is to ensure that the soil has dried out a bit before watering. I allow the water to drain into the drip tray or container and leave it for about half an hour, so that the soil can absorb a decent amount before removing any excess. Succulents and cacti are watered once every two weeks in winter.

Our house is old and draughty so a very dry atmosphere is not an issue as it might be in modern houses with central heating. If you're growing tropical plants like the popular swiss cheese plant a humid atmosphere really helps them survive the winter. Spray the aerial roots and leaves every day or stand them on a tray of gravel filled with water.

Adequate light is often an issue in winter. If you see your houseplant becoming thin or pale and leggy, leaning towards a window, the chances are that it requires more light. So, move it nearer a window or buy a grow light that can be switched on for a few hours a day to compensate for the lack of sunlight. There is a caveat to this; houseplants placed too close to a window can be damaged should the temperature drop severely. Also avoid placing them on a sill between a curtain and the window pane, as this may also create very cold conditions which the plant can't tolerate.

Turning a plant a quarter round every few days will lessen the chance of the plant becoming lopsided as it tries to grow towards the light.

## In The Garden *cont.*

Many houseplants don't like to be placed in a draughty area, near a door to the exterior, for example. They will begin to drop their leaves and look very poorly in these conditions.

If you have citrus plants, I find that they really appreciate a regular winter feed of essential minerals. These can be found in garden centres or plant shops. They produce many more flowers, which smell divine, and are more likely to set fruit.

Finally, here are a few hard to kill plants:

Dracaenas are quite forgiving on the whole, but hate draughts.

Snake plants (*Sansevierias*) require very little attention and are slow growing.

Howarthia and Aloe plants, likewise.

Swiss cheese plants (*Monstera deliciosa*) and Rubber plants are great for people who have space in their house.

Ferns are quite difficult to grow indoors, unless you have a fairly damp bathroom or kitchen!

That's it for this year. I hope you have an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

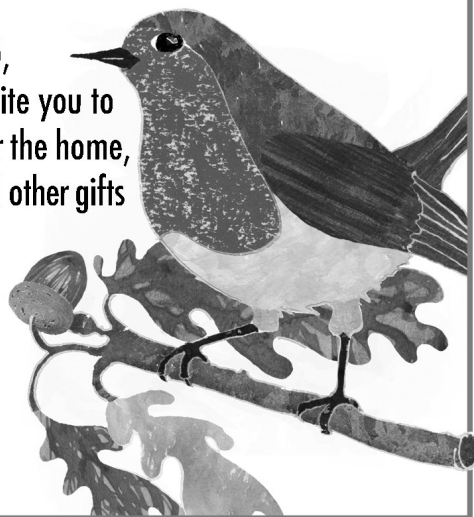
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## CHRISTMAS ROCKY ROAD PUDDING

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If, like myself, the traditional Christmas pudding isn't your favourite then it is the perfect recipe to get you into the Christmas spirit and hopefully no one else will be able to notice the difference!

### Ingredients

Rocky Road:

- 125g unsalted butter
- 200g dark chocolate
- 200g milk chocolate
- 100g golden syrup
- 150g shortbread biscuits-broken
- 150g digestive biscuits-broken
- 100g mini marshmallows
- 100g glace cherries (optional)
- 100g raisins (optional)
- 100g dried cranberries (optional)

Decoration:

- 100g white chocolate, 50g green fondant icing, Red M&Ms

### Method

Line a medium sized pudding bowl (15cm diameter) with clingfilm making sure there are no tears or rips in it, this makes it much easier to remove later! This gives the perfect shape.

Break up your chocolate and chop up the butter into small cubes. Place them both in a glass bowl over a pan of boiling water called a bain-marie (be careful that the water does not touch the bottom of the bowl as you want it to steam gently). Alternatively, you could melt them together in the microwave blasting for short bursts and taking it out to stir often.

Once the butter and chocolate have started to melt add in the golden syrup and stir to combine.

Once the butter and chocolate have melted, take the bowl off the heat and add in your shortbread and digestive biscuit pieces along with the mini marshmallows, cherries, raisins, cranberries or even nuts.

Rocky Road is an excellent adaptable recipe so feel free *(continue on next page)*



## In the Kitchen *continued*

to be as creative with it as you like!

Mix all the ingredients well until everything is completely coated in the chocolate mixture. Pour the mixture into the lined bowl and press it into the edges of the bowl, make sure to flatten the top.

Leave it in the fridge for at least a few hours to set but you can check as you go, I normally leave mine in the fridge overnight, so it is ready for decorating the next day.

Once your pudding has set, turn it out onto a plate straight from the fridge and pour the melted white chocolate on top (you can melt the white chocolate either in the microwave or again, using a bain-marie).

Roll out your green fondant icing onto a work surface dusted with icing sugar and cut out your holly leaf shapes. Place your holly leaves on top of the white chocolate and finish with a few red M&Ms.

Leave it to set for a while then enjoy with friends and family!

# PARISH PANTRY

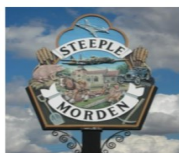
## Local Food Bank

Just a reminder that the Parish Pantry is in the porch of the church, should you have donations, or if you should be needing food.

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# Floodlight Diary

## St Mary's, Guilden Morden

30th October	The lights were shining for the family saying their last goodbye to Muriel Ward, Mum, Granny and Great Granny. RIP
4th November	The lights were shining in loving memory of Mick Best and Dorothy Best. It would have been Mick's 91st birthday. RIP
11th November	For peace and reconciliation.
14th November	Congratulations to Gilly McCulloch on her birthday.
18th November	Remembering Hilda Williams RIP

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

## St Catherine's, Litlington

9th November	In loving Memory of Sheila Robinson RIP, forever in our thoughts.
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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

12th & 13th November	In loving memory of John Hornbrook, a wonderful husband, father, grandfather & friend
16th November	In loving memory of Ian Wallace Symington RIP
21st November	Remembering with love Dave Blanchard RIP on this his birthday from Viv
17th December	In loving memory of my beloved Grandson Sam Clarke RIP on his birthday, Nan
21st December	In memory of Vincent & John Merrill RIP
22nd December	In memory of William & Eva Merrill RIP
Christmas Eve	In loving memory of Kath Lunness RIP also Frank and Muriel Huffer RIP

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

# Calendar of Services

## 3rd December (Advent Sunday)

8:30am	Steeple Morden	Prayerbook Communion
10:00am	Guilden Morden	Special Advent Sunday Service

## 10th December (Advent 2)

10:00am	Litlington	Group Communion
4:30pm	Guilden Morden	Christingle
4:30pm	Abington Pigotts	6 Lessons & Carols Service

## 17th December (Advent 3)

10:00am	Wendy	Holy Communion
10:00am	Steeple Morden	Nativity Service
10:30am	Guilden Morden	United Service <i>at GM Chapel</i>
4:30pm	Wendy	6 Lessons & Carols Service

## 24th December (Advent 4 / Christmas Eve)

10:00am	Steeple Morden	Group Communion*
4:00pm	Steeple Morden	6 Lessons & Carols Service
4:30pm	Guilden Morden	Carol Service <i>at GM Chapel</i>
4:30pm	Litlington	Family Christmas Service
11:30pm	Litlington	Midnight Communion Service

## 25th December (Christmas Day)

9:00am	Wendy	Christmas Day Holy Communion*
9:30am	Abington Pigotts	Christmas Day Holy Communion* with Litlington
10:00am	Steeple Morden	Christmas Day Holy Communion
10:30am	Guilden Morden	Christmas Day Holy Communion*

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

\* = Communion by extension

# Calendar of Services

## 31st December (Christmas 1)

10:00am	Abington Pigotts	Group Communion
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## 7th January (Baptism of Christ)

10:00am	Guilden Morden	Group Communion & Baptism
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## 14th January (Epiphany 2)

10:00am	Litlington	Group Communion
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## 21st January (for Christian Unity)

tba	Ecumenical Service at Guilden Morden Chapel	
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## 28th January (Candlemas)

10:00am	Wendy	Group Communion *
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## 4<sup>th</sup> February (2 before Lent)

8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion *
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10:00am	Litlington	Holy Communion * with Abington Pigotts
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10:00am	Guilden Morden	Holy Communion
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## And Tuesdays ...

### Morning Prayer at Litlington Church

10am 5th, 12th and 19th December  
9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th January



followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits.  
Come, join and have a chat.

I write this in November and the Tawny owls are very active at night and will still be heard in December, often around 3am in the morning, with the female's "Ker-wick" and the male's "Who-hoo" surprisingly loud. They are mapping out territories and breeding holes, but if last year's young bird, evicted from its natal home, should fly through one of these territories, then all hell breaks loose, with blood-curdling shrieks as he or she is chased away by the resident adults. Does anyone else find that there is something atavistic about hearing two Tawny owls serenading the darkness, both unsettling and welcoming at the same time, and difficult to turn to sleep again?

Lawn mowing has long ceased as grass won't grow after three nights of below 5° temperatures. I wonder whether we are in for another harsh twelfth month. Last December, we had 10 days of bitter cold and heavy snow that ended abruptly on 18<sup>th</sup> December with a night of 11° and a day at 14°. The effect was like a hairdryer, on a low setting, being drawn over the fields and verges, revealing the grasses, all beaten down, and the thistle and hogweed stems snapped from the weight of the snow blanket. We all lost many treasured garden plants as a result and our roads suffered cruelly. 2023 must have been a good year for tyre manufacturers, as well as garden centres!

It is also 60 years since the UK recorded its coldest and most prolonged freeze since 1740. It was 1963, and it snowed from Christmas Day till March, with some snow-drifts 20ft deep and even the sea froze on the shoreline in places. No wonder the No 1 Christmas hit was the Beatles' "I want to hold your hand..." just to keep mine from freezing.

A snowy track is a great place to go looking for the footprints of animals and birds. I discovered one morning that a Hare had skirted around our garden perimeter the night before and yet we have never seen a Hare around our garden before. Their spoor is unmistakeable, with four prints in a T-shape, like a mask. The two eyes are actually the hind feet being placed beyond where the front right paw (the mouth) and the front left paw (the nose) has landed. Depending on how fast the hare is moving depends on the length of reach of the bound. Rabbit prints, again often in a T-design, are much closer together and, unlike the more solitary Hare, will often be a jumble of prints where a number of Rabbits have been crossing and recrossing each other's tracks. Prints that are dog-like, slim and long clawed are possibly a Fox. Badger prints are broad, almost elliptical, and show five toe pads side by side, and Muntjac have two long pronged hoof marks and, if running, the slots will be more splayed.

It doesn't take nature long to heal itself after prolonged cold and my journal for 30th and 31st December last year reminds me that the Hazels were putting out



## In the Countryside *continued*

their male catkins, small and green at first but lengthening over the weeks and turning yellow with pollen. Also Dunnock, Robin and Great tit were all delivering their Spring song and the Greater spotted woodpecker was declaring his territory and drumming for a mate.

Our most common woodpecker will find the most sonorous tree or telegraph post (including the metal cap) to strike at between 10 and 40 pecks a second but because their beaks are attached to their skull by a spongy cartilage, as well as having a tongue that wraps up inside the skull and acts as an additional shock-absorber, they do not seem to take harm.

This month is a good time to learn to identify our trees without the “tell” of a leaf shape. Each species of tree tends to have its own distinctive profile, something that you learn to recognise and helps you identify trees without much hesitation. I mentioned the growing catkins on a Hazel, which has smooth shiny bark and is multi stemmed, particularly if it is a “lapsed pollard” (has been pollarded at some point in the past). So that one is easy. Young Beech still hold on to their withered pale brown leaves in December (a habit of some species which is called marcescence and a tree which displays marcescence is said to be everciduous!) so they are quite easy to identify. Even if your Beech has lost its leaves, they have a straight trunk, few low branches and their bark is stone-smooth and grey in colour but, significantly, their leaf buds are thin and narrow, like the finest of paint brushes hardened by varnish. Horse chestnut have low branches that turn up at the ends with bulbous sticky buds. The other tree with branches that hang down and turn up at the ends is the Ash, but they are the only tree with black (actually very dark brown) looking buds. And then Silver birch is easy because the bark is paper-thin, pale with black lenticels or cross “cuts” and slender branches. So that is five trees you know. We will do five more in February.

We have mentioned Ash Die-Back in earlier articles, but another blight effecting our gardens is Box Blight. Wimpole Hall recently followed Monty Don’s lead in grubbing up their Boxwood parterre at the front of the house as the apparent inevitability of infection required a change of garden plan. The disease of Box leaves and stems is caused by two closely related fungi, *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* and *Calonectria henricotiae*. It was first discovered in the UK only in 1994 and then 4 years later in New Zealand, since then it has spread across Europe, Turkey and now the US and Canada. The pathogen thrives in wet conditions. The fungus doesn’t kill the roots of the plant but the damage to leaves and branches makes it unsightly in one’s garden. The fungus is not easily defeated by fungicides and the spores can remain viable in leaf litter for 6 years. The RHS website has good advice on how to control the Blight if you have an infestation.

Susie Dent reminds me of a word that seems to have been used only in the early

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1600s and is now obsolete. It is Apricity, which the Oxford English Dictionary defines as the warmth of the sun on your back on a chilly winter's day. What a terrific word. Let's un-obsolete it.

Nacreous is another fabulous word, meaning opalescent or pearly and describes the characteristic colour and transparency of those discs of Honesty seed pods, held aloft by the plant's stiff dead stems, that stand out in hedgerows and verges, with the low winter sunshine behind them. *Lunaria annua* (biennial Honesty) and *Lunaria rediviva* (perennial Honesty) have common names of moonwort, penny flower, silver dollars and money-in-both-pockets.

The year's best meteor shower, the Geminids, with a possible 150 meteors an hour will best be seen on 14/15<sup>th</sup> December. Each meteor shower has a "radiant", a point in the sky from where it seems to emanate. The Full Cold Moon is on 27<sup>th</sup> December. Although not a Super moon, there is something about the brilliance of a winter moon, that casts intensely dark shadows from trees and hedgerows... and people. Have a care not to step on a person's shadow. Folklore says that it can cause that person suffering. Don't ask! I don't know. As there will be no Prospect issue in January, let me advise that month's full moon, the Wolf moon, is on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

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# Mobile Warden Scheme

## The Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme - supporting people to live independently

Claire Barnett is the mobile warden responsible for providing the service that helps older people living in the Mordens, Litlington, Bassingbourn cum Kneesworth and the surrounding villages to continue living a happy and independent life. In the following article, Claire answers many of the 'Frequently Asked Questions' that prospective clients, their families and friends often have about the scheme and to help everyone understand what the scheme is and what it can offer to people.



### **Q: Claire, can you explain what the mobile warden scheme does to help people continue living independently?**

A: As the mobile warden for the scheme, I provide a comprehensive service that:

- makes sure that our clients feel safe and secure in their own homes
- keeps a watchful eye out for their health and welfare
- relieves loneliness with friendly regular contact
- liaises with local medical and social support services to ensure their needs are met

### **Q: Do you offer support on a long-term basis?**

A: Support can be long term or short term depending on need (for example when recovering from an operation or if a relative or routine carer is away for a period).

### **Q: What do you do for your clients on a daily or weekly basis?**

A: I telephone each client every weekday morning to check that they are safe and well. If I cannot get a reply, then there is an escalation process involving nominated friends or relatives.

I also visit each client at an agreed time every week. In addition to a friendly chat, I will ensure that there are no new health or safety issues and will follow up on outstanding matters.

Where appropriate, I speak to the families of clients to reassure them that their relative is keeping well or to alert them to any difficulties they might be having.

### **Q: What other services do you offer?**

A: I establish contact on behalf of clients with health or welfare organisations, assisting or liaising with them as required (for example - GPs, hospitals, Occupational Health, Social Services, Citizens Advice etc). I can also offer additional help to clients, for example collecting a prescription, *(continued on next page)*

## Mobile Warden Scheme *continued*

emergency shopping, completing a form or arranging for an alarm or key safe to be installed.

**Q: Do you provide personal or nursing care, the dispensing of prescriptions or the carrying out of domestic duties?**

A: No, the mobile warden scheme does not provide any of the above, although I can help clients access any additional support they need from other services.

**Q: How much does the scheme cost?**

A: The weekly subscription is £8 per week for an individual and £12 for a couple (as of October 2023). The charity also receives funding from the local Parish Councils, South Cambridgeshire District Council and grants.

**Q: What do your clients say to you about the scheme?**

A: I do get a lot of positive feedback from our clients:

“The Warden Scheme is helpful and makes me feel safer at home”. Ms S

“It’s nice to know that there is someone looking out for us and we enjoy the company – we are glad we are part of the Scheme”. Mr & Mrs T

“It brightens my day to speak to the Warden on the ‘phone. I always look forward to seeing her at our weekly visits”. Mrs B

“I look forward to our weekly visit and it gives my family peace of mind to know there is someone close by”. Mrs J

**Q: How can people find out more about the Mobile Warden Scheme?**

A: The charity has a website that provides further details and people can get in touch with the scheme by telephone and by email.

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## December and January 2023/4

If you would like to have a chat and a cuppa with Tony, he hosts an "Open Church" every Monday morning in the Chapel between 9.30am and 11.30am

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.30am	Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Men's Guild
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	15.00pm	Carol Service at Litlington Chapel, with Royston Community Choir
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	14.00pm	COGS Christmas Party
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Joint service with St Mary's at The Chapel
	16.00pm	Carol Singing around the village
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	16.30pm	Carols by Candlelight, with Guilden Morden Community Choir
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.30am	Communion service in The Chapel
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Men's Guild
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	14.00pm	COGS
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am	Joint service at Litlington Chapel
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.30am	Joint ecumenical service in The Chapel
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Joint Communion Service with Litlington in The Chapel
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots

### Other group meetings:

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# LITLINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DIARY

## December & January

3rd December	11.00 am	Mr Thomas Dodd- Communion Service
10th December	3.00 pm	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE with Royston Community Choir
17th December	11.00 am	Mrs Jackie Hall
24th December		No Service
31st December	10.30 am	Mr Tony Frost At Guilden Morden Congregational Church
7th January	11.00 am	Mr Thomas Dodd- Communion Service
14th January	11.00 am	Reverend John Whittle
21st January	10.30 am	Ecumenical Service At Guilden Morden Congregational Church
28th January	10.30 am	Mr Tony Frost At Guilden Morden Congregational Church

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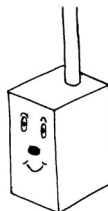
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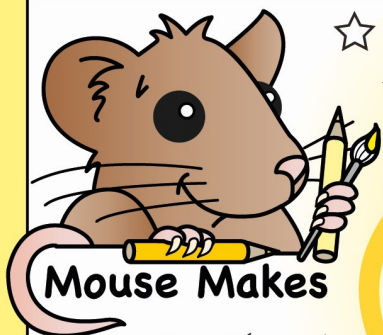
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and look forward to  
the time when Jesus  
will come again.



### A LONG JOURNEY

*Luke 2:1-20*

BETHLEHEM  
REGISTER • BIRTH  
MANGER • INN  
SHEPHERDS • FLOCK  
ANGELS • JOY  
GOOD NEWS • PRAISE  
SAVIOUR • CHRIST



### THE BEST GIFT OF ALL

*John 3:16*

GOD • SO • LOVED  
WORLD • HE • GAVE  
ONLY • SON  
WHOEVER • BELIEVES  
ETERNAL • LIFE

V	R	P	R	I	N	C	E	L	R	O	D
W	O	R	D	C	F	A	T	H	E	R	E
J	A	G	M	A	N	G	E	R	G	E	B
O	W	H	O	E	V	E	R	W	I	I	J
S	J	O	Y	B	O	R	N	O	S	G	E
E	S	L	S	E	R	V	A	N	T	N	S
P	P	Y	J	C	H	I	L	D	E	P	U
H	R	O	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S
F	A	V	O	U	R	E	F	R	W	S	O
B	I	R	T	H	S	W	O	F	O	D	L
I	S	A	V	I	O	U	R	U	R	L	O
F	E	C	O	U	N	C	E	L	L	O	R
A	N	G	E	L	B	J	V	K	D	V	D
B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	G	E	S
L	A	N	G	E	L	S	R	G	O	D	V
I	G	A	B	R	I	E	L	T	D	S	M
F	P	G	I	V	E	N	A	H	U	O	A
E	E	H	G	A	V	E	S	R	W	N	R
S	A	E	G	R	E	A	T	O	N	L	Y
O	C	H	R	I	S	T	I	N	N	J	O
N	E	O	G	O	O	D	N	E	W	S	N
F	L	O	C	K	M	I	G	H	T	Y	B