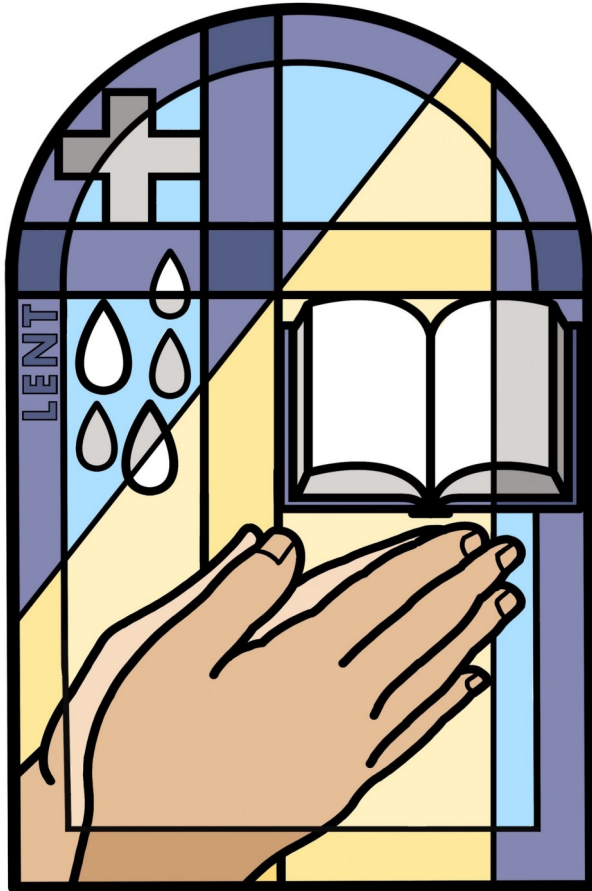


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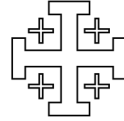
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It takes a village

In Kenneth Grahame's book *The Wind and the Willows*, we are told that the difference between animals and humans is that they do not organise in the same societal structures as we do, for '*the animals did not hold with villages, and their own highways, thickly frequented as they were, took an independent course, regardless of church, post office, or public-house.*'¹



Shingay Churches
ADDING GIFTS

I have been considering what makes a village a village. I am struck by the concept of village as a place with at least a church, a post office, and a public house. Under such description, I wonder where our villages fit when very often there is no post office, or public house and the life of a church seems to be dwindling in numbers.

The new buildings that the Shingay Churches benefice is experiencing is bringing this question to our general consciousness, and we must consider both individually and collectively what constitutes a village.

To my mind a village is community. Irrespective of being alike or not, we are all bound together by one location.

English poet John Donne said that '*no man is an island.*'² The long tradition of the villages is based on mutual reliance. Because we are fewer than a metropolis, a city, we do not choose who is part of our village. Yet, we can thrive collectively when we all participate in the life of the community. This is the ultimate key for survival. Even animals know this and thus they form herds, and flocks, and schools.

The Christian faith assumes this animal instinct and that is why we speak about the body of Christ. We acknowledge that for a group to work well, there needs to be close integration. Newcomers can therefore feel drawn to the life of the village by participating in the many interactive events we have in our villages; from running to yoga or pilates, to morning prayer and dancing, or cycling. And those who are already in the community should feel inspired to reach out for the newcomers, to help them ease their way in towards our traditions and customs while being open to reform them when needed.

¹Grahame K. (1908) *The Wind in the Willows. The Reader's Digest Edition (1993).* p.64

²Donne J. (1624) *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions and severall Steps in my Sickness, Meditation XVII.*

WEEKLY LENT SCHEDULE

6TH MARCH - 6TH APRIL

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DAY OF THE WEEK

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Friday

Saturday

EVENT

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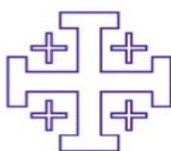
Bible Reading: 10am (GM)

Morning Prayer: 10am (L)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12pm (L)
Lent Course: 4pm (GM/ rectory)

Bible Reading: 10am (SM)
Anglican Rosary: 10.45am (SM)

Bible Reading: 10am (L)
Silent Contemplation: 10.45am (L)

Lil' Saints Communion: 10.30 (GM)



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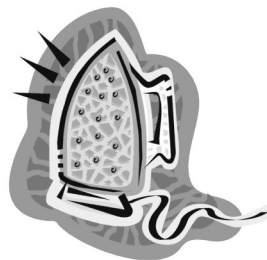
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TORTELLINI SOUP

This month's recipe is a brilliant way to add some warmth to these colder, damp days. This tortellini soup is a hearty and comforting treat that is beyond easy to make!

It serves as a perfect quick and simple mid-week dinner to keep you going and could also be a delicious weekend lunch, but it is always something to look forward to. The recipe is easily adaptable and such a good way to get in some extra veggies and nutrition, I hope you love it as much as I do!

Ingredients:

300g cheese-stuffed tortellini	200g cherry tomatoes, halved
Large handful of spinach	1 small shallot, diced
1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped	3 tbsp tomato puree
2 tbsp fresh basil, chopped	1 tbsp butter and 1 tbsp oil
80g sun-dried tomatoes, finely chopped	100g mozzarella, cut into chunks
2 tbsp cream cheese	Parmesan to taste
1-pint stock, vegetable or chicken	Salt and pepper to taste

Add the butter and olive oil to a large pot and place over medium heat on the hob. Next, add the cherry tomatoes and diced shallot to the pot, stirring occasionally to avoid sticking. After a few minutes, add the tomato puree and continue to cook for another minute before adding the stock.

Allow the soup to simmer for a while to give a greater depth of flavour and then blend to create a smooth sauce, which can be seasoned to taste. Once the soup has been blended; add the cream cheese, sun-dried tomato, and tortellini and cook for another few minutes. (If you are using dried tortellini, cook separately following the package instructions and add it to the soup later with a little of the pasta water if needed).

Finally add in the spinach, parsley, basil, mozzarella, and parmesan cheese and take the soup off the heat once the spinach has wilted down, this only took about 30 seconds for me. Serve the soup warm with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese and some toasted fresh bread and enjoy. This recipe is completely adaptable and can be made with more veg in the sauce such as carrots or courgette and can be made with a different pasta type too, so I encourage you to have fun with it and experiment as much as you want!

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There are many shrubs such as Roses, Dogwoods, Viburnums, and Philadelphus that can be grown from hardwood cuttings. You can find the instructions for doing this at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/propagation/hardwood-cuttings>. They will take a year to root properly, but it's worth waiting for, and you will have several to group together to produce a display as good as in a National Trust garden.

Softwood cuttings can be made in Spring when plants put out new growth. The lovely *Verbena bonariensis* starts forming shoots from the main stems about now. These can be cut or pulled off and pushed into pots of gritty compost and left in a sheltered position such as a cold greenhouse or porch for a few weeks. They root surprisingly easily and will actually flower by the end of the summer. Some cuttings, such as geraniums, produce roots when put in a jam jar of water for a few weeks. They can then be transplanted into pots of compost. There are many other plants which will root easily from cuttings taken including rosemary, salvias, geraniums, pelargoniums, fuchsias and carnations.

Many herbaceous perennials are easy to grow from seed and include *Echinacea*, *Aquilegia*, *Coreopsis*, *Gaura* and *Penstemons*. March is the perfect time to sow these. I use seed trays for the smaller seeds and 9cm pots for larger ones. Some varieties benefit from being chilled first, so I sow them in trays covered by a transparent plastic top or in a translucent plastic bag at this time of year and stick them out in the garden for a few weeks before bringing them indoors and placing them somewhere warm. This breaks their dormancy and speeds up germination. More information about how to grow herbaceous perennials can be found at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/types/perennials/growing-guide>

Lifting and dividing perennials that have formed clumps is another easy way of producing more plants. It can actually help rejuvenate ones which are not flowering as well as they used to. They can be lifted out of the ground and the clumps cut into sections, each having at least one stem attached to it. Alternatively, the roots can be carefully untangled and clumps torn apart. Transplant as soon as possible into the desired space.

For creating a border that is brimming full of flowers, it is necessary to plant at least 9 or more of the same plant in loose groups. To encourage prolific flowering feed the soil with organic fertiliser high in potash. Happy gardening!

Calendar of Services

2nd March (Quinquagesima)		
8:30am	Steeple Morden	BCP Holy Communion
10:00am	Litlington	Holy Communion w/ AP
10:30am	Guilden Morden	Holy Communion
5th March (Ash Wednesday)		
19:00pm	Steeple Morden	Group Communion and Ashing
9th March (Lent 1)		
10:00am	Guilden Morden	Group Communion
16th March (Lent 2)		
8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion
10:00am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service w/ Litlington
10:00am	Steeple Morden	Children's Informal Service
10:30am	Guilden Morden	United Service at GM Chapel
23rd March (Lent 3)		
10:00am	Litlington	Group Communion
30th March (Lent 4/ Mothering Sunday/ Laetare)		
10:00am	Wendy	Group Communion
6th April (Lent 5/ Passiontide)		
8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion
10:00am	Litlington	Holy Communion w/ AP
10:30am	Guilden Morden	Holy Communion
13th April (Palm Sunday)		
10:00pm	Steeple Morden	Group Communion w/ Procession
17th April (Maundy Thursday/ Easter Triduum)		
19:00pm	Litlington	Group Communion/foot washing
18th April (Good Friday)		
10:00am	Guilden Morden	Walk of Witness
14:00pm	Abington Pigotts	Good Friday Reflective Service
20th April (Easter Sunday)		
10:00am	Abington Pigotts	Holy Communion
10:00am	Steeple Morden	Holy Communion
27th April (Easter 2)		
10:00am	Abington Pigotts	Group Communion
10:30am	Guilden Morden	United Service at the Chapel
10:00am	Steeple Morden	Holy Communion

And Tuesdays ...



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Lent starts with Ash Wednesday 5 March and lasts until Holy Thursday on 17 April (in 2024 it was in February). The word stems from Old English Lencten, to lengthen, as these Spring days are doing in our approach to Easter. Up on the downs, above Royston golf course, there will be a swathe of purple Pasque flowers. Also called the Easter flower, they symbolise rebirth and new beginnings. In fact “Pasque”, is a most accommodating word, for it is either derived from paschal, meaning “of Easter” or from the Latin word (via French) “pascha”, meaning Passover.

In the first weeks of March, there is always something new to see. Robin and the Tits will be nesting in your nestboxes or ivy. And overhead, Buzzards (the male with more marked wing patterns than the female) will be catching a thermal to rise higher than a small plane flies, only to drop to earth in a long stoop. This “kettling” is a display flight. The Great Spotted Woodpecker will be drumming his display sound to attract a mate; the Cherry Plum and Wild Plum will be in full flower, and then the Blackthorn (Sloe) will flower and the Hawthorn in leaf burst, and the Weeping Willows will be yellow with new growth. And on those “Daffodil Days” of 15° plus, the over-wintered (Yellow) Brimstone and Red Admiral butterflies, perhaps looking a little tattered, will lift your heart as they fly across your sightline. You will catch Honey bees amongst the Primroses and *Iris reticulata*, the Hyacinths, *Anemone blanda* and Scylla, flowers scattered like thrown jewels through the grass. And in the lengthening evenings, the Blackbirds will be getting themselves into a frenzy with their alarm calls and, whilst the trees’ branches are still bare of leaves, all bird song in the evening sounds echo-ey. This is the month when you will also hear your first-of-the-year onomatopoeic Chiffchaff (around 17th -20th March) and the Blackcap or Norfolk’s “mock Nightingale” (around 27th March – 7th April, the date we usually greet our first Swallow!). The Blackcap’s song is long and fast, multi-pitched, with both scratchy and clear notes. Blue tits will time their egg laying to the leaf burst of the birch trees, so as to be in step with the emerging caterpillars. She will take around two weeks to lay about 12 eggs and she will incubate them for two weeks. The young Blue tits will leave the nest after 18 days and be fully independent after 4 weeks. And **each** of those chicks needs around 100 caterpillars a **day** (I don’t know how many exclamation marks to add to that sentence!).

And from our feet, we look up to the heavens. March’s Worm Moon is on March 14th, when the Moon is furthest from the Earth. The full Moon is obviously when the Sun and the Moon (our natural satellite) are aligned on opposite sides of the Earth and is thereby fully illuminated. Except from 5.09 a.m. building to 6.19 a.m. when there will be an almost total lunar eclipse, as the shadow of the Earth (our umbra) falls across the Moon’s surface and turns the Moon red (the Blood Moon). This lasts until Moonset, 3 minutes later.

GULDEN MORDEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Guilden Morden Village Hall, 7.30pm Monday 28
April 2025

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If you have something which you want to discuss or raise please contact the Clerk.

At the meeting we will be discussing a number of Parish Matters, including the possibility of additional parking at the Recreation Ground and the installation of 5G telecommunications equipment in the Bell tower of St Mary's Church.

We will also have reports from the Parish Council, local charities and local community groups about their activities during the past 12 months.

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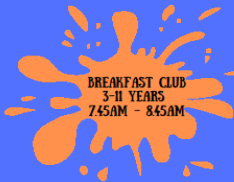
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30th	10.30 am	Mr Tony Frost (At GM Congregational Church)

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Contact:- littchurch@aol.com

SAY ONE FOR ME

We have an arrangement whereby the minister and congregation will say prayers on your behalf. Are you ,or somebody you know, unwell, grieving, having a difficult time or a concern or need? There is a Prayer Box to the left in the front Church porch for you to post your prayer request. Using card or paper show the date and the name of the person for whom we should pray and the reason. If you prefer , a first name will suffice. Alternatively , send an email.

With God nothing is impossible Luke 1. 37.



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Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

March 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 2nd Mar	10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. Member of Litlington congregational Church will also be joining us! All welcome.
Monday 3rd Mar	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
Tuesday 4th Mar	2.00 – 4.00pm COGS
Wed 5th Mar	9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots
Sunday 9th Mar	11.00am Joint at Litlington Congregational Church
Monday 10th Mar	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 11th Mar	9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots
Sunday 16th Mar	10.00am Joint Service at St Marys
Monday 17th Mar	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 19th Mar	9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots
Sunday 23rd Mar	10.30am Communion Service with Litlington Congregational Church
Monday 24th Mar	9.30 - 11.30am Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony 7.00 for 7.30pm start Community Choir
Wed 26th Mar	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 5 Mar at GMCC
Knit and Natter	Tuesday 4 and 18 March
Photographic Club	25 March 2025
Sewing Group	13 March - every 2 nd Thursday
Home group Zoom and face to face meetings Tuesdays 20.00	
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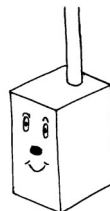
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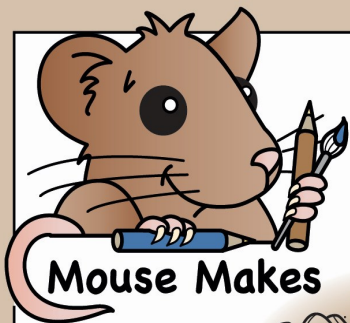
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THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?



Luke 4:1

For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

Luke 4:2

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?



What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

Luke 4:8



READ

the story in
Luke 4:1-13

Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

Luke 4:12



Luke 4:3

What happened after the temptation of Jesus?
see *Luke 4:14-15*

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DAYS • DEVIL
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