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# Letter from our village churches

**Easter in Guilden Morden this year was very special, because, after three years of pandemic restrictions, we were finally able to return to some semblance of normality.**

It was a moving experience to walk with the cross through the village on Good Friday, singing hymns at various points. A week earlier, our Palm Sunday service began with the blessing of the palms and a procession outside the church – bearing a banner with an image of Jesus on the donkey. It was cold and windy, but we marched valiantly along the path, with an occasional cry of “Hosanna! Jesus is our king!” echoing through the village.

The third century rabbi, Shemuel ben Nachmani, said that: “We do not see things as they are. We see things as we are.” I think this is very true of people’s reactions to Jesus at different points in their lives. On the original Palm Sunday, crowds cheered for Jesus as their king – but a short time later, many of those same people were calling for his death. Their feelings had changed; they were disappointed by a ‘king’ who promoted peace, not war against their Roman oppressors.

Even Mary Magdalene, who was the first person to meet Jesus after he rose on Easter morning (John 20:11-18), saw things unclearly because of her own situation. Weeping in the garden by the empty tomb, she did not immediately recognise Jesus, even when he spoke to her.

Many have pondered why this was the case. Why did Mary not recognise the man she had followed and believed in for so long? Was she blinded by the rising sun? Were her eyes blurred by tears of grief? Did she not know Jesus or his voice simply because she was not expecting him to be there? Was his risen form so transformed from the suffering man she had last seen that he was quite unfamiliar?

Whatever the reason, it’s clear that when he said her name, her eyes were suddenly opened and she knew him. My prayer this month is that we are all able to recognise Jesus, especially if pain or grief, or the burdens of our daily lives, may have blurred our eyes. And keep your ears open too - because he calls each of us by name.

***Fiona Davis***  
***Licensed Lay Reader***

# EASTER EGGS – THANK YOU!

We handed a wonderful total of 50 Easter Eggs to Mothers' Union and 4 to Home Start in time for Easter. We have received grateful thanks for these and I have been asked to pass on 'thank yous' to everyone who has contributed this year. It is really appreciated.'

So thank you to everyone who joined in this invaluable effort. You have brought joy to the young recipients!

Anne Hassall

## Coronation Celebration!

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Steeple Morden  
Recreation Ground  
3pm to 10pm

Tea, Cake & Kiddies Craft Tent  
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POSTCARD

**Coronation Celebration!**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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The event will start from 3pm where everyone can enjoy an afternoon and evening of entertainment. On stage will be local bands; Means of Escape, Outliers and the fabulous west end singer Natalie Woods!

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**At the moment the fashion in gardening is very much geared towards using grasses and perennials.** But, unless they are packed in tightly, with plenty of dense ground-covering plants, such borders require a lot of maintenance. Many of us simply don't have the time for that. So, I have been looking for plants that are easier to manage such as shrubs and climbers. Here's a small selection of the ones I like to use.

The flowering quince, *Chaenomeles*, is a rather lovely medium-sized shrub that flowers in spring when little else is providing colour. It looks good trained against a wall and needs a reasonable amount of sun to flower well. The flowers can be rich reds, orange, pink and white and they grow in clusters along dark brown angular stems.

*Viburnum davidii* is a shrub I use in gardens to provide evergreen structure. It forms heavy mounds of dark green leaves that are narrowly elliptical, ribbed and glossy. Its tiny white flowers, emerging in spring, are uninteresting in comparison to its leaves. However, on female plants these turn into egg-shaped bluish berries later in the year. It will grow in sun or light shade and prefers a moist but well drained soil.

Climbing plants, with the exception of roses, are relatively under-used in gardens. Maybe, it's because ivy, which can loosen the mortar between bricks on a wall, has given them a bad reputation. But there are many that are not such hooligans, make their way upwards without destroying the supporting structure, twining their stems along wires or trelliswork instead.

An example is clematis; versatile climbers that can be used as screening or to hide ugly structures such as garages and sheds. *Clematis montana* are great for this because they are fast growing with dense foliage. They mainly have pink, white or cream medium-sized flowers that appear in late spring. Some clematis, such as the *C. jackmanii* varieties, begin to bloom just as the roses are fading and these are invaluable for bridging that gap between July and September when little else is in flower. These clematis also brighten trees if allowed to clamber up their branches.

Once planted, shrubs and climbers need very little attention. If the right size of plant is chosen for its space, they will only require the removal of the flowering branches once the flowers have died off. However, they do need a bit of care during their first year after planting; watering once a week with a couple of gallons of water, especially during the summer, is essential. A thick mulch over the soil surrounding the plant will keep the weeds at bay and the ground underneath moist; especially if the summer is dry. A late winter feed of an organic fertiliser will speed up their growth.

I hope this article has whetted your appetite for growing more shrubs and climbers and saving you some time to enjoy the garden instead.

More information available at [yasfarooqui.co.uk](http://yasfarooqui.co.uk)

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## St Mary's, Guilden Morden

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

## St Catherine's, Litlington

March 31<sup>st</sup> In loving memory of our beloved daughter, Nicola Francesca Griffin, who would have been 50 years old on March 31<sup>st</sup>. With love Mum, Dad 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

10 April In loving memory of Ben Briars RIP

10 April In loving memory of Gladys Thompson RIP on her birthday

6 May To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III & Queen Camilla

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## LITLINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DIARY MAY

Sun 7th	No service
Sun 14th 11.00am	Mrs Sandy Watkins ( joined by Guilden Morden Congregational Church)
Sun 21st 11.00am	Mr Frank Pearson
Sun 28th 10.30 am	Mr Tony Frost ( service at Guilden Morden Congregational Church)

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**Trevor Chapman will talk about  
"Better health through better  
hearing" on April 20th.**

**Our May 18th speaker, Peter  
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# Calendar of Services

## 7th May (Easter 5)

8:30am	Steeple Morden	PB Holy Communion
9:45am	Litlington	Holy Communion -Joint with Abington Pigotts
10:00am	Guilden Morden	Family Service

## 14th May (Easter 6)

10:00am	Guilden Morden	Group Communion
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## 21st May (Easter 7)

8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion
9:30am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service Joint with Litlington
9:45am	Steeple Morden	Family Service
10:30am	Guilden Morden	United Service <u>at the Chapel</u>

## 28th May (Pentecost)

10:30am	Steeple Morden	Group Communion + Baptism
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## 4th June (Trinity Sunday)

8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion
9:45am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service -Joint with Litlington
10:00am	Guilden Morden	Family Service

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

= Communion by extension  
PB = PrayerBook



## And Tuesdays

Morning Prayer at Litlington Church, 10:00am

2<sup>nd</sup> May

9<sup>th</sup> May

16<sup>th</sup> May

23<sup>rd</sup> May

30<sup>th</sup> May

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**[www.guilden-morden-congregational-church.weebly.com](http://www.guilden-morden-congregational-church.weebly.com)**

**May 2023**

Following the fire in the Chapel in January we are pleased to announce that the last area to be restored, the kitchen, should be fully functional again by the mid May.

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.00pm	COGS in Village Hall
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am-11am	Baby and Toddlers Group in Village Hall
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	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>	10.30am	Men's Guild in schoolroom
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am-11am	Baby and Toddlers Group
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Joint service at Litlington
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am-11am	Baby and Toddlers Group
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Joint service with St Mary's at the Chapel
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am-11am	Baby and Toddlers Group
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion Service with Litlington at the Chapel

### **Other group meetings:**

Bridge Club                      Mondays at 19.30pm(schoolroom)

Knit and Natter                Alternate Tuesdays at 10am (location TBA)

Local History Group        Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at SM village Hall

Film Club                        Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May (in schoolroom)

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm.

Contact Amanda for details, [ajgenieman@gmail.com](mailto:ajgenieman@gmail.com)

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

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**AGM - Annual General Meeting**  
**7:30pm - Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**  
(Village Hall)

**Agenda**

Apologies for Absence

Annual Report

Financial Report

Election of the Management Committee 2023-24

Appointment of Chair; Other Elected Members; Representative Members; Appointment to Roles

Any Other Business

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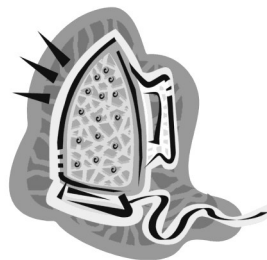
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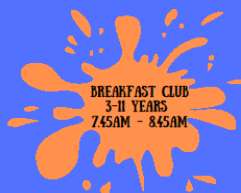
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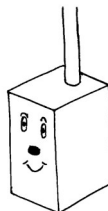
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