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of the Shingay group of Parishes**



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Deadline for October issue - September 15th.
Please send all material for inclusion direct to
Alex da Costa rather than via the Rector. Thank you.

This summer has been a lively one in the land of The Church of England's Twittersphere (is that a word?). Some clergy and laity alike reacted strongly to a report suggesting parochial clergy were "limiting factors", and less than active laity merely "passengers". These phrases were taken as insulting, and plain wrong. A lot of rowing back on the use of these phrases has gone on since then.

I mention this obscure world of church politics, as it has prompted a movement being called "Save the Parish". Some have felt increasingly that concentration of both resources and commitment should be on the life of parish churches, rather than other church outreach, less obviously parochial in nature. This is a huge subject. Not least of the challenges lying ahead for parish churches is the increasing costs and energy needed to maintain the fabric of the buildings. Here as elsewhere, we are grateful to "Friends" groups of the churches who assist with this big task. Ultimately I think some arrangement between the State and The Church Commissioners will have to occur, as fewer and fewer parishioners are able to cope with maintaining so many historic buildings. This and many of the issues which "Save the Parish" is all about is a long way above my "pay grade"! Even if you are not a churchperson, you may have a concern about the church buildings, and I would hope have an interest in local Christian church ministry continuing based on the local ecclesiastical parish. Although I am thinking of The Church of England here, some other denominations may have an interest and concern about the parish too. The parish was described at the "Save the Parish" launch event as where "worship and pastoral care are offered to everyone, and it models an association of ages, classes, and cultures in a place, as the Early Church did", and the parish church building "speaks in itself of other values than the mercenary and the utilitarian. . ."

My impression is that "Save the Parish" has scratched an itch felt in many a parish up and down the land. You can view the launch event here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ZSmNuVKRXY&list=WL&index=2&t=459s

An embryonic website is at <http://savetheparish.com>

Shamus Williams

David and Pamela Sharp should like to thank the very many people who

THANK YOU FROM DAVID AND PAMELA SHARP

David and Pamela Sharp should like to thank the very many people who have sent flowers, cards, letters and messages on social media following the sudden death of their treasured daughter, Julia Parrish. They have been comforted by the love, affection and words of sympathy extended to them and by the wonderful tributes to Julia at this traumatic time.

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH NEWS

CAFE CHURCH and OPEN AIR CAFE

As we start to emerge from lockdowns, Cafe Church will be held on the first Friday in the month, starting in October, and the Open Air Cafe will continue on the third Saturday. Dates for your diary are therefore -

Open Air Cafe, 10.30-12.30	18 th September
	16 th October
Cafe Church, 9.30-11.30	1 st October
	6 th November

We look forward to seeing you!

HARVEST LUNCH

Our Harvest Lunch will follow the Family Harvest Service on Sunday 3rd October. It will again be a bring-and-share but if you prefer not to 'bring' you are asked to donate £3.50. Please contact Anne on 853490 to arrange what to bring, so that we get a good selection of food to share. Everyone is welcome.

The lunch will be at 12 noon and will follow the service which will be at 11am. Please bring dry goods for donation to Jimmy's. If you can't get to the service please leave donated goods at the back of the church on Saturday.

TIME CAPSULE

Are you thinking about what you can put in the Time Capsule that will be hidden in the church? This is for everyone, not just church people, and will cover March 2020 to December 2021. We are looking for a variety of memories – good, bad, amusing - souvenirs and photos. Anything you would like to have included. We look forward to receiving a lot of interesting contributions. If in doubt please ring Gilly on 852380 or Anne on 853490.

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Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

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SEPTEMBER		
Wed 1st	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 5th	10.30am	Cafe service in the school room
	3.00pm	Regional Songs of Praise at Roxton Chapel
Mon 6th	10.39am	Men's Guild in the schoolroom
Wed 8th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 12th	11.00am	Service at Litlington, led by Angus McCormick
Wed 15th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 19th	time tbc	Joint service with St Mary's at St Mary's
Wed 22nd	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 26th	10.30am	Joint Communion Service with Litlington at the Chapel. Sunday Club in the schoolroom
Wed 29th	9.00am-11.00am	Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 3rd	10.30am	10.30 Family Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch. Two course meal to celebrate a successful harvest. Contact Sandy on sandy@inteserv.co.uk for lunch tickets. Further details on the website/Facebook
Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 8.00pm. Contact Amanda for details, ajgenieman@gmail.com		
Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities contact Gerry Watkins 01763 852869		

Calendar of

5th Sept (Trinity 14)

8.30am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion (PB)
8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Parish Communion
9.30am	Litlington	Family Service
10.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion
12.30pm	Steeple Morden	Baptism

12th Sept (Trinity 15)

8.30am	Wendy	Parish Communion
9.30am	Litlington	Parish Communion
10.00am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service
10.45am	Steeple Morden	Parish Communion
11.00am	Guilden Morden	All-Age Worship
12.30pm	Abington Pigotts	Baptism

19th Sept (Trinity 16)

8.30am	Abington Pigotts	Parish Communion (PB)
9.30am	Litlington	Morning Prayer
9.45am	Steeple Morden	Family Service
10.00am	Wendy	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Guilden Morden	Parish Communion (United Service)

26th Sept (Trinity 17)

10.00am	Litlington	Group Communion for all parishes
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Services

3rd October (Trinity 18)

9.30am	Litlington	Family Service (Harvest)
10.00am	Wendy	Parish Communion (Harvest)
10.00am	Guilden Morden	All-Age Worship (Harvest)
11.00am	Steeple Morden	Family Service (Harvest)
6.00pm	Abington Pigotts	Harvest Service

PB = 1662 Prayer Book

Please see church notice boards or website shingaychurches.co.uk in case of the need to change any of these services at short notice. Thank you.

Floodlight Diary

St Mary's, Guilden Morden

Jun 19th Remembering Bobby Hosie RIP

Jul 9th In memory of Doreen Mitchell on her birthday RIP

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St Catherine's, Litlington

Jul 30th Birthday of Vic Morgan RIP who died in 2016 – remembered by his son, Paul

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St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden

Aug 16th To welcome the return of Lorinda and Nancy to Steeple Morden

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Litlington Congregational Church

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

SEPTEMBER

Sun 5th	3.00pm #	Songs of Praise
Sun 12th		Reverend Angus McCormick
Sun 19th		Mrs Sandra Galton Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sun 26th	10.30am *	Mr Tony Frost

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CREAM TEAS

in aid of Church Funds

Sunday 5th September
2.30pm – 5pm

at

Hill House, 24 Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden
(home of David & Gilly McKee)

Tickets Adults £5 Children under 12 £2
from D & G McKee 852380 or

The Post Office or
on the day at the gate



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



19th – 21st November 2021
St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden



It's time to plan your tree for the Festival!

As we emerge from lockdown, let's make this year's
a spectacular celebration, with a bumper number of trees.

We had 28 in our last Festival – 2019 – so can we
beat that?

Details will be available shortly, but meanwhile
contact Anne (853490) or Gilly (852380) if you have any
queries.