

M ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM

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You are welcome to worship at any
of our services.

SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass &
Address

First Mass of Sunday:

Saturdays: 10.00 am;

Daily Mass: *see calendar on back
page, porch notice & bulletin*

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer
see porch notice.

**For pastoral visits, Baptism
(Christening), Marriage, Anointing
of the Sick & Holy Communion
from the Reserved Sacrament -
*contact Fr Philip***

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 9th August; Thursday 11th

August; Fridays 5th, 26th August

Saturdays 13th, 20th August: 4.00 pm

- or contact Fr Philip



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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday worship also **LIVESTREAMED** every week at 9.30.

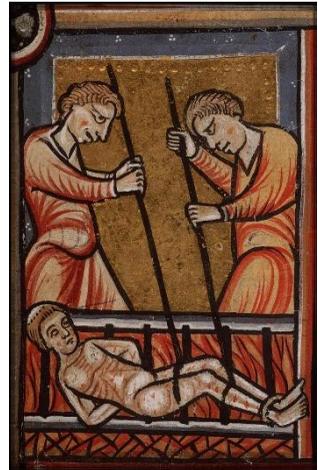
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2nd Aug	9.30: Requiem Mass – August anniversaries	
6th Aug	2.30 pm: Tour of round-towered churches. Meet at Brandiston (nr Reepham) & on to Morton-on-the Hill and Taverham	
12th Aug	Assumption of Our Lady 7.00 pm: Sung Mass of vigil; blessing of beer, Address, (Fr James McCluskey) candlelit procession & Benediction, followed by BBQ, Beer Tent & fireworks in S Churchyard	Assumption Patronal Festival
13th Aug	10.00: Mass of the Assumption (said)	
14th Aug	9.30: Parish Mass & Address	
24th Aug	St Bartholomew 2.30pm: Mass & anointing – monthly healing service; refreshments afterwards.	
29th Aug	Pilgrimage for healing and renewal at Walsingham	

Fr Philip Writes..

There are a number of days I want to draw your attention to this month. One of my favourite feasts is St Lawrence on 10th

August. Lawrence was one of seven deacons in Rome serving Pope Sixtus II in the cathedral. In AD 258 the Emperor Valerian ordered punishment for officials of the Church and Pope Sixtus II was put to death but Lawrence was detained in custody. The Prefect of Rome demanded that he had three days to bring him the treasures of the Church. Lawrence worked quickly, distributing treasure to impoverished people, and on the third day, instead of bringing gold and silver, as the Prefect had expected, Lawrence brought a group of poor, disabled and suffering people being cared for by the Church, saying, “Here are the



treasures of the Church.” The Prefect sentenced Lawrence to death and he was roasted alive over a slow fire on a gridiron.

One of the prayers at Morning Prayer says, **“Teach us to see you present in all; help us to recognise you most of all in those who suffer.”** So many people are wounded on the path of life and St Lawrence is a great example of how we should view all people with respect and care. At St Mary’s the last words the celebrant says after the blessing are: **“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and to serve each other,”** – a good reminder of how we should go out in the love and light of Christ.



On 12th August we shall begin our festival weekend, called “the Patronal Festival” of the Assumption of our Lady. St John’s vision in the Book of Revelation (ch 12) speaks of the woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of 12 stars on her head. This is the scriptural basis for Mary’s Assumption. The second reading at the Parish Mass (1 Corinthians 15 v 20 -26) affirms that Christ has been raised from the dead, **“the first fruits of those who**



have died. Just as all die in Adam, so all will rise in Christ, but each in their proper order” and the Church suggests the proper order puts Mary, Mother of Jesus, second after her Son.

This great feast is a reminder that we will one day die and stand before Jesus Christ, the just judge. (2 Timothy 4 v.8) The Assumption festival invites us also to pray for those who are dying.

**Do we pray for a happy death?
Are we ready to meet Jesus now?**

RIDE AND STRIDE



The Suffolk
Historic
Churches
Trust Ride and

Stride day for all churches is
Saturday 10th Sept from 10.00 to

5.00 pm. Anyone can take part
and you can be sponsored for
cycling, walking or even driving
between churches.

You choose your own route and
the number of churches or
chapels you visit.

For more details or a sponsor
form, please contact local
organizer Andi Elstone (07590
317122) or my wife Anne or me
(01449 766359)

You can also set up a JustGiving
Page to collect money online. See
more details here:

<https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Architect's Quinquennial Report

Mendlesham has a unique armoury over the north Porch, but the architect has discovered serious cracks in the lead roof and it is imperative that the lead is renewed as soon as possible. Otherwise the Tudor lining and roof – and the armour below – could be damaged by water infiltration. The **Friends of St Mary's** are doing sterling work to raise money for our beautiful church. As I write, we have no idea of the cost of repair but it is likely to be several thousand pounds. Added to this we have to remedy a number of electrical faults at more expense. It is 35 years since the church was rewired. All profits from Tuesday coffee mornings will go to these urgent projects and the Friends are planning more fundraising events in the Autumn.

LOOKING BACK



**Following on from the
July Newsletter:
The Platinum Jubilee
Celebration Event at St
Mary's not only was an
integral part of the
village Jubilee
celebration and hugely
enjoyable and but also
raised **£1,130** for
church funds.**