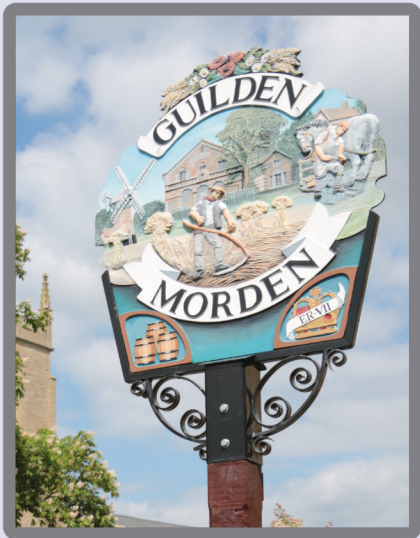


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DECEMBER '24 - JANUARY '25



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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – the next full meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The next planning meeting will be 17th February 2025.

**PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – YOUR PC NEEDS YOU!**

The Parish Council are inviting applications for two vacancies from parishioners to join the Parish Council. If you feel that you could contribute to the Council and help guide decisions for village matters, please contact the clerk for further information about the role and an application form.

Contact: [clerk@guildenmorden.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@guildenmorden.gov.uk)

**DOG WARDEN NEEDED**

This is volunteer role, being prepared to act as a dog warden in the village and help communicate the shared village objective for no dog fouling on our pathways etc. There are no set hours, you could do one hour a month or more.

As all dog owners should be aware, we are covered by (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, meaning those who fail to clear up after their dogs can incur a fine of up to £1,000 in the courts, or an £80 fixed penalty notice.

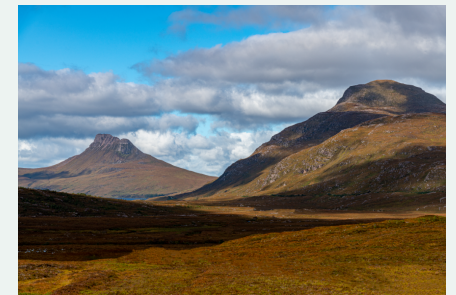
**Guilden Morden Parish Councillors would like to wish all parishioners a healthy and happy New Year.**

## GUILDEN MORDEN Photographic CLUB

# Do you enjoy taking photos?

We have set up a friendly, non-competitive photographic club to share ideas, skills and techniques and you don't need anything other than a keen interest in taking photos to join. The Club is for anyone who enjoys photography using a camera or a mobile phone.

There's no fee or membership commitment - we will simply share the small cost of hiring the Chapel for our monthly meetings.



We meet on Tuesdays at The Congregational Church from 7pm to 9pm.

September 17th, October 29th, November 19th, December None, January 21st and February 25th.

or email: [guildenmordenphotographic@gmail.com](mailto:guildenmordenphotographic@gmail.com)  
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**Editorial**

If you're planning something in the forthcoming months, please send me your advert and I'll publish it in the next edition, which is in February 2025.

Have a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

*Mike Allton - Editor*



**Church Sweepers, Dusters and Polishers Wanted**  
Can you help us to keep St Mary's clean?  
For further info, please contact  
[maggielwilkes@gmail.com](mailto:maggielwilkes@gmail.com)  
07712 272371



**GULDEN MORDEN**  
**GROWING CHRISTMAS TREES**  
**ARE SMALL THIS YEAR – ONLY 4FT**  
**COME TO CHOOSE OR DIG YOUR OWN.**  
**FROM C & M PAGET-WILKES, 101 HIGH STREET**  
**01763 852252 / 07712 272371**

## **HOME START NEEDS YOU!!**

Royston, Buntingford &  
South Cambridgeshire

Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer wondering what to do with your free time? We need local people with your experience to become a Family Support Volunteer for our scheme.

Our volunteers work alongside parents in their own homes, helping them to cope with the stresses and strains of life.

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course starts in February 2025. This training course will provide you with all the knowledge you'll need to support a family, and you will become part of the fantastic Home-Start team.

**You could be the vital support a family needs to help change their life, and while you're doing it, it might just change yours!**



- ♥ In 2023/24, our volunteers supported a total of 226 children
- ♥ our volunteers say helping others helps to reduce stress
- ♥ our volunteers give an average of 3 hours of their free time per week to support local families

For more info visit [www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer](http://www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer) or email [admin@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk)

We are a small, friendly group of ladies meeting on the third Thursday of the month, usually in Guilden Morden Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We have a wide variety of activities to choose from and interesting speakers throughout the year.

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**INSPIRING WOMEN**

**We will hold our Christmas meal on December 12th at a local venue.**

On January 16th "At our mother's Knee" will be an evening of fond memories from our childhood - reminiscing about things our mothers said or did and funny tales about them.

Bring a photograph for a "guess whose mother" quiz.

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.

# Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

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

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.

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30</b> Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30 – 12.00</b> Men's Guild <b>9.30 - 11.30</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony <b>7 pm for a 7.30 pm start</b> Community Choir
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.30</b> Fun4Tots
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>3.00</b> Litlington Congregational Church Carol Service
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony <b>19.00 for a 19.30 start</b> Community Choir
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>2.00 – 4.00</b> COGS
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.30</b> Fun4Tots
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30</b> Joint Service with St Marys <b>4 pm</b> Carol Singing around Guilden Morden village
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony <b>7 pm for a 7.30 pm start</b> Community Choir
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.30</b> Fun4Tots
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30</b> Communion Service
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>4.30 pm</b> Candlelit Carol Service with the Community Choir
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>No Service</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>10.30</b> Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>10.30 – 12.00</b> Men's Guild <b>9.30 - 11.30</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony <b>7 pm for a 7.30 pm start</b> Community Choir
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>2 pm – 4 pm</b> COGS
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.30</b> Fun4Tots
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>11.00</b> Joint at Litlington Congregational Church
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony <b>7 pm for a 7.30 pm start</b> Community Choir
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.30</b> Fun4Tots
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>10.30</b> Joint Service at St Marys
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.30 – 11.30</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony <b>7 pm for a 7.30 pm start</b> Community Choir
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.30</b> Fun4Tots
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>10.30</b> Communion Service with Litlington Congregational Church
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony <b>7 pm for 7.30 pm start</b> Community Choir
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.30</b> Fun4Tots

## Other Group Meetings:

Bridge Club	Mondays at 19.30
Community Choir	Mondays at 19.00 for a 19.30 start
Knit and Natter	Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00 - 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec - 7, 21 Jan
Local History Group	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 15.00 – 17.00
Photographic Club	Monthly - Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 19.00

Home Group Zoom and face-to-face meetings - Tuesdays at 20.00  
Contact Emily for details [emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk](mailto:emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk)

Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities please contact Gina Ferrari [ginaferrari57@gmail.com](mailto:ginaferrari57@gmail.com)



## Hospice's successful Christmas Tree-cycling scheme back in Guilden Morden in January 2025

For the seventh consecutive year, a local hospice will be running their annual Christmas Tree-cycling service in the new year. A team of volunteers will collect and recycle real trees in exchange for a donation toward the Hospice's work.

Garden House Hospice Care, based in Letchworth, will collect trees from Guilden Morden. Bookings must be made by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January and collections will take place from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Trees will then be shredded and used in local community projects.

The Hospice aims to collect more than 1,500 trees and raise more than £30,000. This amount could fund their entire services for two days.

They have suggested the following donation amounts:

- £15 could pay for petrol for three home visits by their community teams
- £24 could pay an hour of care on their Inpatient Unit for one patient
- £50 could pay for one seated exercise session for around 33 people attending a well-being hub
- £107 could pay for an activity from their rehab and well-being team, such as a physiotherapy appointment or Tai Chi class.

To prepare your tree for collection, the Hospice asks that all decorations, lights and tinsel are removed and the tree is left outside in a specified location.



For further information and to book your tree for collection, visit [www.ghospicecare.org.uk/trees](http://www.ghospicecare.org.uk/trees).

If you would like to volunteer to help collect trees, please contact [events@ghospicecare.org.uk](mailto:events@ghospicecare.org.uk).



Caldecote Church Friends  
Invite you to

## Carols by Candlelight

On Saturday, 7 December 2024  
At 3.30 pm  
Caldecote, Hertfordshire, SG7 5LD

Come along and immerse yourself in more than 700 years of history of Christmas celebrations in the church of St Mary Magdalene. Enjoy carol singing with a traditional glass of mulled wine and a mince pie

Free car park, disabled access

Tickets £10.00 from:

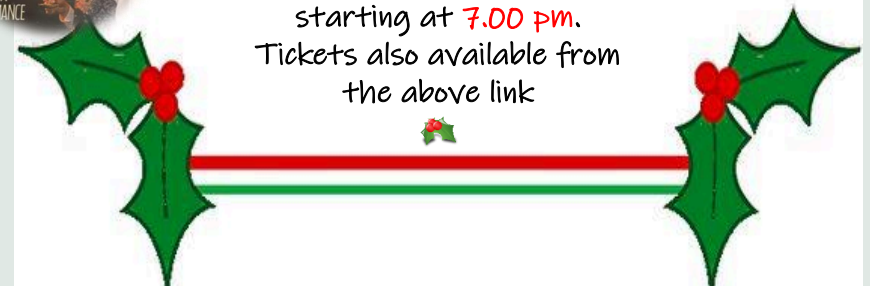
<https://wegottickets.com/event/627219>

Spaces are limited – so book early!



Following which Vintage Verse will present  
"A Christmas Carol", a one man show,  
starting at 7.00 pm.

Tickets also available from  
the above link



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SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024 10.30AM  
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