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A Parish Newsletter
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FEBRUARY 2024 — CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 4th — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday 18th — 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

**For Sunday Services held at other parish churches within the
Benefice, please ring Church Office or see Website :**

matvchurch.uk for times

**AND all of you with access to the Internet, do please join a Service
being held at 9.00—9.30 am each Friday morning specifically with St.
Mary's and North Tuddenham parishioners in mind**

<https://tinyurl.com/matv-weekdays>

QUOTATION: **"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."** *John 16:33*

Village News

We have a treasured church steeped in history which stands proud at the highest point of the village within earshot of the A47.

Churches were the focal point of the village.

Working together with the Community Association and others, we owe it to sponsors of the restoration to maximise the potential of our treasured building and integrate it better into the community.

St Marys, like all churches can be cold places in which to worship but rest assured the greeting will always be warm and cordial. The basic sanitation facilities will be improved when finances permit.

Acoustically it is a wonderful venue and we are intending to provide more concerts in 2024 with different choices - blues and maybe country & western.

To successfully provide other events we need your advice about what you would like and a team of volunteers to help run them.

What village events would you attend?

Quiz, games, comedy, music, karaoke, choir,
wine- tasting, talks?

Parish Council

*First meeting of 2024 held on 9th January.
Better than normal turnout of parishioners!*

Hello

What a busy month the Parish Council has had. The Local Plan continues to drive the agenda as a hot topic and looks set to continue to do so for the forthcoming year.

CLlr Hall has been delving further into the option of a Neighbourhood Plan that potentially solidifies the way in which North Tuddenham wishes to see the direction of development over the short-term future.

There will be lots of weighty decisions to be made around this and we very much hope to make sure that your individual and collective voices are heard in this process. Please do attend any upcoming meetings, Council or Public, and continue to help drive the Council in the direction that is best for our community.

We also welcome CLlr Mike Smith back to the fold; after a ‘sabbatical’ spent managing and campaigning for funding to restore the tower of St Mary’s Church, a glutton for punishment, Mike is now returning to his previous role as a Council Member, whilst simultaneously, balancing his PCC and other community roles alongside – welcome and thank you!

We look forward to a challenging but engaging New Year which will hopefully be a fortuitous one for all in North Tuddenham!

Best wishes

Vicky

RECIPE FOR FEBRUARY

ICED FAIRY CAKES

You'll need one cake tin with 12 holes for this recipe.

Ingredients

100 g of softened butter ; 100 g of caster sugar ; two large eggs; 100 g of self-raising flour; 1 level teaspoon full of baking powder -plus - 225 g. sifted icing sugar; 2-3 tablespoonfuls of warm water; sweets to decorate



Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C (fan assisted 180°C). Place fairy cakes into the bun tin so that the cakes keep a good even shape as they bake.

Measure all the cakes ingredients into a large bowl and beat for two to three minutes until the mixture is well blended and smooth . Fill each paper case with the mixture.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until the cakes are well risen and golden brown. Lift the paper cases out of the bun tin—use a flat blade knife underneath the case to assist if necessary—and cool the cakes on a wire rack.

Put the icing sugar in a bowl and gradually blend in the warm water until you have a fairly stiff icing. Spoon over the top of the cakes and decorate with sweets. Then leave to set. They can be decorated with sweets or with hearts for Valentine's Day.

JS Thank you. Mary Berry -100 Cakes & Bake

MYTHS AND FACTS

Every year each church in the Mattishall & Tud Valley Benefice – North Tuddenham , East Tuddenham , Welborne, Yaxham , Hockering and Mattishall has to pay its 'share' to the diocese.

For 2024 the total figure is £70,420 and comprises Local Ministry Costs & Shared Costs of the Diocesan Mission.

North Tuddenham Parochial Church Council, (PCC), has been asked to pay £6402 plus £796 Office fees which is an increase of 27% since 2023, when we failed to pay our share.

Contrary to common belief, the PCC responsible for running St Marys church does not receive any regular income from the Diocese. This has to be raised by the PCC annually.

*It is worth pointing out that during the last 14 years Friends of St Marys and villagers have contributed over **£19k** to minor projects in the church and a further **£22.5k** for the major work on the tower and window restoration (Total cost ~**£440k.**)*

In summary the **£41,5k**, raised locally for major and minor projects at St Marys is truly amazing!

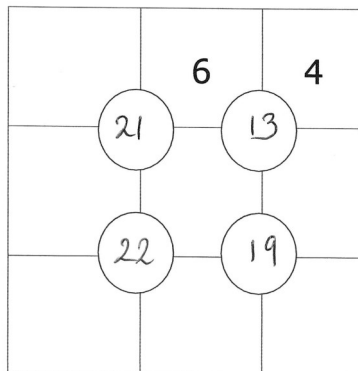
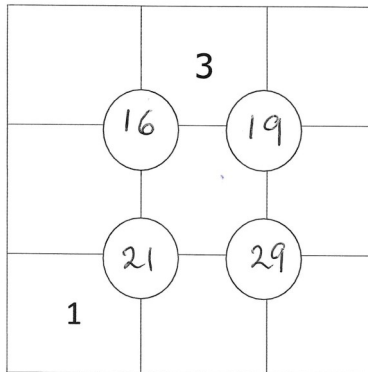
The people of this village have delved into their pockets to help rebuild the church. I thank everyone who has supported this.

*Historic England recognised this, and this is why they were so generous in awarding us a record Emergency Grant of **£300k**
I am proud of what has been achieved and so should the village.*

Now is the time to support our church financially year on year.

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Lent (Latin: *Quadragesima*, 'Fortieth') is the solemn Christian religious observance commemorating the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides a 40-day period for fasting and abstinence (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before He began his public ministry.

The preceding day, Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent when it was traditional to use up all rich ingredients. On Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the "Pancake Bell" and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. The pancake has a very long history and is featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. In the UK, pancake races form an important part of the Shrove Tuesday celebrations – an opportunity for large numbers of people, often in fancy dress, to race down streets...

The number 40 has many Biblical references:

Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with God. **Elijah** spent 40 days and nights walking to Mount Horeb. **God** sent 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood of Noah. **The Hebrew** people wandered 40 years in the desert while travelling to the Promised Land. **Jonah's** prophecy of judgment gave 40 days to the city of Nineveh in which to repent or be destroyed. **Jesus** retreated into the wilderness, where He fasted for 40 days, and was tempted by the devil. **It is** the traditional belief that Jesus lay for 40 hours in the tomb, which led to the 40 hours of total fasting that preceded the Easter celebration in the early Church.

Wikipedia/Ellen Castelow/Historic UK

FEBRUARY 2024—VILLAGE EVENTS

All held at Village Hall unless otherwise stated

14th Windmill Quilters 10.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. Jenny Smith 01362
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24th Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

28th Windmill Quilters 10.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m.

29th 7.30 p.m.—£1.50 p.p. to include refreshments.
D. Riches 01603 880458 — ALL warmly welcomed.

Sincere thanks to Christine Mobbs for vital Village Hall information

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2024 EVENTS

**Meeting of the committee early February to plan
activities for the year**

Will inform villagers separately.

Welcome to Judi – our new member.

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