

Mickfield

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What's on in April

- **Sunday 1st**
St Andrew's Church, Palm Sunday. Mattins and distribution of palms 9:00am, Evensong 6:00pm.
- **Thursday 5th**
St Andrew's Church, Maundy Thursday. Eucharist at 8:00pm followed by the Vigil till dawn.
- **Friday 6th**
St Andrew's Church, Good Friday. Three Hours Devotions (12noon - 3pm) people are welcome to attend any part they choose.
St Andrew's Church. STAINER's CRUCIFIXION sung by the Pastoral Quire at 7.30pm
- **Saturday 7th**
St Andrew's Church, Easter Eve. Lighting of the Paschal Candle at 8:00pm.
- **Sunday 8th**
St Andrew's Church, Easter Day. Eucharist (BCP) 9:00am, Evensong 6:00pm.
- **Friday 13th**
Mobile library, opposite St Andrew's, 2:00 to 2:15pm.
- **Sunday 15th**
Eucharist (BCP) 9:00am, Evensong 6:00pm.
- **Monday 16th**
Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
- **Sunday 22nd**
St Andrew's Church, Mattins 9:00am, Evensong 6:00pm
- **Friday 27th**
Mobile library, opposite St Andrew's, 2:00 to 2:15pm.
- **Sunday 29th**
St Andrew's Church, Mattins 9:00am, Evensong 6:00pm.

News from Silverleaf

Silver Leaf are planning to hold the following events throughout the year - please note them in your diary and watch the Messenger for more information. The events will raise funds which will be used, amongst other things, to support the Christmas Lunch for the over 60s.

- **14 July: Beetle Drive** and picnic (if you don't know what a good game of Beetle is, come and find out!) Bring your own picnic, but get a cake and a drink in with your ticket price.
- **23 September : Treasure Hunt** around Mickfield.
- **November:** the return of the **Quiz**.

Sally Blackmore

Silverleaf Committee, Tel: 01449 711564

The Messenger is now available on Mickfield's website and can be emailed directly over to you. Just let Rachel know if you would like to be added to the email list.

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Messenger copy date Saturday 28th April

News from the Parish Council

Mickfield Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting to discuss the Bio Mass incinerator at Mendlesham. The Council concurred that we would object due to many factors but particularly increase in traffic on minor roads, what happens when straw/wood chippings run out etc. It is now up to the District Council to decide.

Due to the other events due to take place on the Queens Diamond Jubilee, the Parish Council has decided not to go ahead with its planned celebrations on the Meadow. There are various events planned over that weekend and we felt it was not likely to be well supported.

Jubilee Garden and Quiet Area

The 'Bike Park' looks likely to be the subject of a 'makeover'! The thinking is that the area of meadow that is in the corner where the park currently is, should become a quiet reflective area with trees and seating. The area to the side of the gateway into the church prior to the entry to the Cemetery is currently overgrown with brambles etc. The hope is that this area may be transformed by the local children into a children's garden. This way should it become redundant, it will be easy to revert back to Meadow grassland.

We have been extremely fortunate to gain the services of Otley College horticultural staff and students to work on the Meadow. It is anticipated:

The 'Bike Park' will be flattened and levelled out. Native trees will be planted and some seats/benches placed for a quiet area. The planting will be such that the area can be mown with the rest of the field on a fortnightly basis. The area of ground in front of the Church, which is currently rough and overgrown, will be levelled and grassed so that this can also be mown. We are currently assessing the idea that Village children may want to create a garden area here. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome.

Davina Lynk

Chair, Mickfield Parish Council

Next Meetings

7:30pm Mickfield Village Centre. 16 April, 28 May, 2 July, 24 Sept, 5 Nov, 17 Dec. All welcome!

News from St Andrew's

St Andrew's welcomes you to share in worship with our regular Sunday services during the year.

THE GROUNDS

Work on enhancement of the Grounds of St. Andrew's has been proceeding through the winter. The grounds (as well as the Church) are open to the public from 9 till 6 daily. The Trustees would like to thank Lance Sanderson for all his help before his move from the village. The diminished team who look after the maintenance would welcome any offers of help!

Mark Wright

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