

**MONKS ELEIGH with CHELSWORTH
and BRENT ELEIGH with MILDEN and KETTLEBASTON**
Priest in Charge – Revd. Carol Mansell
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After 10th February, please contact churchwardens

Services in February and early March 2019

Sunday 3 rd	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Chelsworth
Sunday 10 th <i>Revd. Carol's last service</i>	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Milden
Sunday 17 th <i>Revd. Christopher Andrews</i>	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Brent Eleigh
Sunday 24 th <i>Revd. Philip Buckler</i>	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Monks Eleigh
March 3 rd <i>Revd. Paul Tyler</i>	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Kettlebaston

WEEKDAYS

6th February – 10 am Holy Communion at Monks Eleigh
 27th at 10 am t Monks Eleigh – Prayers and Reflections

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH – MONKS ELEIGH		
Sunday 24 th February	3 pm	Ronnie Howson

BENEFICE NEWS

Diary of events in and for the Benefice

February

Sunday 10th – Revd. Carol's last Sunday with us

March

Friday 1st 7 pm at All Hallows, Ipswich..The induction of Revd. Carol in her new post

Saturday 9th 1-5 pm Jigsaw Fest at Monks Eleigh Village Hall

April

Sunday 28th Gordon Pullin with his Bristol Choir at Kettlebaston

May

Bank Holiday weekend 4th/5th/6th

Festival of Flowers & Crafts at St Mary's Brent Eleigh

June

Saturday 1st

Monks Eleigh Summer Fete and Dog Show

Sunday 30th

Open Gardens Day at Chelsworth

July

6th

Milden Fete

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Wednesday 13th February

Chelsworth:	Peacock	9.45 am – 10.00 am
	Playing Field	10.05 am – 10.20 am
Monks Eleigh:	The Green	10.25 am – 10.50 am
Brent Eleigh:	Village Hall	10.55 am – 11.15 am
Kettlebaston:	Village Hall	11.25 am – 11.40 am

Lent Charity Lunches

The dates of our Lent Lunches for this year are:

Friday	15 th March	Chelsworth.
Wednesday	20 th March	Milden.
Monday	25 th March	Brent Eleigh.
Monday	1 st April	Monks Eleigh.
Wednesday	10 th April	Kettlebaston.

And now, our Chelsworth news:

The end of an era –

After almost six years, on Sunday 10th March Revd. Carol will be taking the Service at Milden for her last time in the Benefice. We do thank her for all the care and devotion we have received since her time with us, and for all her ministry. After her final service, we shall be having a celebration in her honour in the Pavilion at Milden, when we hope that her many friends in the Benefice will be able to say goodbye. If you can bring a plate of goodies to boost the feast, then that would be brilliant. At 7 pm on Friday 1st March, Revd. Carol will be inducted at her new church of All Hallows, Ipswich. We have hired a coach to make life easier, which we think will probably cost in the region of £10 per person. If you would like to come aboard, please let Alison know.

The Taylor Review and the Porch Roof

In March 2018, the setting up of a Government-funded small repair fund was arranged, and the two pilot areas for the scheme were Greater Manchester and Suffolk. This was called the Taylor Review, and as a result of this, we have won £5300 from English Heritage to re-roof the porch, which, as many of you know, is in a bad state at the moment! As part of this deal, we have to replace the broken stone cross. Part of the cross fell off months ago, and, unbeknown to us, the base was sandstone, and liable to collapse at any time. Andrew was advised to contact the stonemason at Lincoln Cathedral to do the work, and Andrew and I took the cross up there earlier in January. What a fascinating workshop, and how lovely it was to see two girls doing an apprenticeship!

Work will start on the repairs to the roof of the porch very soon after 20th February



This shows the broken cross in its position on the roof of the Porch. What we cannot see is the poor condition of the stone underneath the cross!

The Electrical Wiring

At the same as the roof repairs, the electrical wiring and conduit will all be stripped from the church, and the damage incurred will be made good. This is all part of the work being paid for by a grant from Viridor Credits as part of the Environmental Awards for the Landfill Trust. This means that we shall have no electricity over the next few months, so we shall be making other arrangements for Services.

Services

While we have no electricity in the church, we shall be 'borrowing' Monks Eleigh church, and having our services there. The first of these will be on Sunday 10th March, when Revd. Stephen Mitchell from Sudbury will be presiding.

Electoral Roll

Every six years, we have to have a new Electoral Roll in all the parishes. This is now due, and the letters and forms will be delivered to you in the near future. At last year's Annual Meeting, we had 36 on the Roll. All members are entitled to vote on church matters.

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Open Gardens Day

As I mentioned earlier, I am happy to co-ordinate Open Gardens Day, if I have the same amount of help as last year, so please let me know if you are willing to organise one particular aspect e.g. publicity, logistics, refreshments, raffle, stalls. Christine Julian has already offered to do the programme again, for which we thank her. We already have four coaches booked, and one new stall booked.