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Group Letter



There is a good bit of neighbourly gap-bridging going on in the Hambleden Valley at the moment. One of the most moving and heartfelt emails to arrive in my

inbox recently was a message from the Community Matters Foodbank in Lane End (see p7). The Foodbank had been set up to bridge the gap for those who simply did not have the wherewithal to put food on the table for their families, perhaps being between jobs or due to ill-health. And we have the opportunity to be gap-bridgers ourselves by continuing to support our Foodbanks, especially at our Harvest Services as we give thanks to God for his provision for us and for others.

Henri Nouwen, the Dutch priest, wrote: *To become neighbours is to bridge the gap between people. As long as there is distance between us and we cannot look in each other's eyes, all sorts of false ideas and images arise... We forget that they are our brothers and sisters... Only when we*

have the courage to cross the street and look in one another's eyes can we see there that we are children of the same God and members of the same human family.

And there are other gap-bridgers crossing the Deanery and beyond who are being good neighbours to us in the Hambleden Valley by supporting us in services across all our churches over three months of vacancy. We have a wonderful variety of ministers, from supportive curates to Bishop Alan, who are taking Group and regular Sunday services or Wednesday Zooms. Join us at the Group Service at Frieth on 1st October, 10am, to meet The Revd Liam Cartwright from Cowley Parish and the Anglican Asian Living Church; Liam was Director of Music at All Saints, High Wycombe, prior to his ordination.

These ministers are bridging a gap for us and blessing us so that we can continue with our pattern of worship – please do come along and to support, encourage and pray for those who are bridging our gaps. May we bless them and welcome them warmly.

With every blessing

Sue

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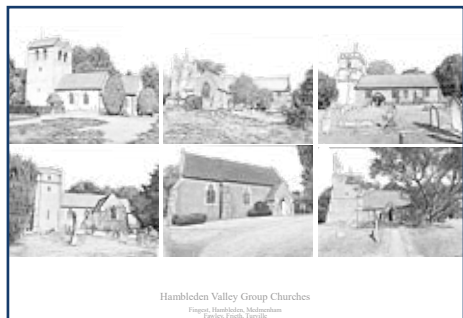
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Dear Friends,



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Thank you so much for the thoughtful and generous gifts I received at my leaving service. You have set me up well for my next season of ministry. The flowers came on my retreat to brighten my room. The Karen Musgrave Hill print will find a pride of place in the new vicarage. The financial contribution will outfit the back garden with furniture to relax and entertain. Deep thanks to 'the committee' who organised the lovely reception at the Village Hall. To Sue Morton, Christine & choir and those who helped with the church service - thank you again!

Bless you my friends!

Revd Sue Lepp

Sue's leaving sermon can be heard in full at hambleton-valley-churches.org.uk/Sue_Lepp_farewell_3.9.23.mp3 Her comments to each of the villages are given under their section headings.



An intrepid band of parishioners gathered in the Recreation Ground in Hambleton to celebrate Apple Day on 10th September. After all the fine days of fine weather, it rained! Did it matter? No!

The rain didn't last for long however, so the festivities could begin. We had blind tastings of different types of apple, trying to peel the



apple without a break to create a letter shape and covering slices of apple with cinnamon and sugar before toasting them on the fire pit. The youngsters particularly enjoyed that bit and rapidly became experts. Everything was very carefully organised for maximum safety.



It was noted that there was a little bit of cheating going on in the apple and spoon race with a thumb on the apple but bad behaviour was not rewarded!



Rev Sue Morton skilfully guided us all in our contemplation and it was lovely to be out in the open air with friends in the beautiful surroundings of Hambleton. Upbeat hymns



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were sung with gusto and there were delicious cakes to follow.

Why don't you join us next time in Frieth on the village green in front of the church at 3pm? Please bring a can for the One Can Trust.

Annie Hooton

Dates for your diary!

Sunday 8th October 3pm: Wild Harvest at Frieth meet us on the green at 3pm; please bring a can for the One Can Trust!

Sunday 12th November 2pm: Wild Remembrance – look out for more details!

Sunday 10th December 2pm Wild Nativity, Northend Common

Do join us – we would love to see you!

The Wild Church Team

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Community Matters

Barbara Ewing from Community Matters in Lane End has sent a heartfelt letter of thanks for our support for the Foodbank. As we approach Harvest time in our churches, let us continue to support our Foodbanks. A list of much-needed items is below, thank you so much, Revd Sue Morton.

To Everyone in the Hambleton Valley Churches

It has been some time now since Community Matters has last sent you a huge and deeply felt thank you for all your support to us over the past year. In all honesty, without your help, we could not possibly have offered the work and care we give for the struggling families of Lane End who are trying to cope with the ups and downs of life, especially in the current climate of our cost-of-living crisis. We would like to share some of the work and projects we have needed to do over the past 12 months.

Without any exaggeration the 2022/23 winter months have been the hardest we have

encountered in the past several years. Even taking into account the government subsidies for gas and electricity prices, we saw many families who could turn on heat for only a short time every day, families sitting in the dark without electricity, families having to choose between heating food or their homes, families having to top up their pre-paid metres every couple of days. Community Matters had to dig deeply into our bank account to help their utility payment problems, (even buying logs for a household that had no gas supply.)

On a more personal basis, here are some of the situations we saw before us this past year in the 25 families who have been referred to us by various professional organizations:

The need for food and household cleaning items never stops and we continue to have our foodbank every two weeks where each family comes in separately at an allotted time of half an hour to choose food and then to sit in a warm corner of Holy Trinity Church and talk to us about their lives and problems and countless worries, which are many. Quite often families also contact us even between foodbank weeks and we never turn away from their needs, always inviting them to come to the church for “topping up” from our food storage cabinets thereby helping them with their food bills. At Christmas, each family is given a generous ASDA gift voucher.

We bought a new tyre for a family car and also children's duvet covers and other bedding for a family who had just paid an electricity bill and had absolutely no money left for these items which were very much needed. We purchased a washing machine to replace an old broken one for another family

Three of our families had serious medical problems necessitating appointments in various London and Oxford Hospitals. Community Matters offered transport costs by paying for train tickets, and petrol and parking fees. In some cases we also actually drove families to medical appointments ourselves.

School uniforms are often needed and although most families can buy these uniforms second hand at their schools, we help with additional purchase of shoes, PE kits, school

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bags, polo shirts, etc.

In conclusion, Community Matters again wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to us with food donations, gifts of cash and with prayers. Without any hesitation we want to say how very much your generosity has gone to making a bit of heaven come to earth for our families and helping Community Matters attempt to paper over some of the niggling problems in their lives. They used to tell us they lived from paycheque to paycheque but it is quite common now to hear them say they live from day to day. We have many thank you cards and personal stories from people we help through Community Matters on the wall at Holy Trinity Church which you are most welcome to look at. Thank you again.

Food Items:

Pasta sauces, Tins of tomatoes, Baked beans, Tins of hot dogs, Meatballs in tomato sauce, Coffee/Tea, Biscuits, Squash - any flavour, Tins/cartons of custard, Microwaveable rice, Jams, Peanut butter.

Household Items :

Laundry powder/capsules, Washing-up liquid, Shower gel, Toilet rolls, Kitchen rolls, Shampoo, Fabric conditioner, Cleaning products.

The 'Community Matters' bank account is: Barclays Bank, Account: 5378 7737 Sort Code: 20-40-71

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Frieth Natural History Society

October is usually the month when FNHS organise an Autumn walk. Although we will look and appreciate the signs and colours of the changing seasons, our main purpose is to identify and record any fungi which we find. The walk will be led by a local expert and held in private woodland with the owner's express permission. We do not collect edible varieties.

For reasons beyond our control, the date of this event has moved and it will now be held on the morning of Wednesday 8th November, close to Frieth.

Anyone is welcome, but for further details

of the start time, where to park and to book your place, please contact Mary 01494 881501, Andy 01494 881586 or email FNHS2023@gmail.com.

Mary Webb

In praise of the ivy bee (*Colletes hederae*)

Penny McLeish contacted me in early



September to suggest I should take a look at something unusual she had noticed in the churchyard at Medmenham; namely hundreds of bees at ground level behind railings in the grass to the right of the entrance to the church. What I found was a well-established colony of ivy bees at the precise moment females were emerging from underground nests and were being pounced upon by numerous males in a frenzied attempt to mate. The result is described as a mating ball (See photo). Ivy bees are widespread in Europe but the first British sightings were recorded in Dorset in 2001 and they are gradually spreading. An ivy bee is a mining bee, similar in size to a honey bee, has an orangey brown hairy thorax, black and yellow stripes on its abdomen and is approximately 1-1.3cm long. Given I saw

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around a thousand bees that morning, this will sound contradictory but it is a species of 'solitary' bee that happens to like nesting in aggregations. By this I mean there is no single queen just hundreds of females creating nesting chambers in the same place preferring fairly dry soil in south facing locations. As their name suggests, they time their mass hatching to when ivy is in flower and are our only autumnal solitary bee. The males appear first from the underground burrows followed a week or so later by the females. They mate and the females set to work on the next generation either refilling existing burrows or making new ones. This whole process takes around six weeks and then they vanish for another year. Please hold off cutting back any ivy until winter and particularly if you live near Medmenham church. Flowering ivy everywhere is currently humming with activity, the abundant pollen and nectar produced by its tiny flowers is a superb source of food for all autumn flying pollinators. These beautiful and gentle ivy bees are without stingers and are not aggressive; it was an extraordinary and mesmerising sight. I had not seen even a single ivy bee before, let alone the very rare spectacle of a synchronised emergence, so thank you Penny.

Sarah Ronan

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Hambleden – Teas in the Churchyard

By the time you read this Church Teas in Hambleden Churchyard will be over for another year, and what a year we have had. We've had new volunteers come forward, new cake bakers donating cakes, and we've scattered some musical performances throughout the season.

We'll have had seven musical performances this season. The first being a group called 'The Banned' comprising Electronic Clarinet, Keyboard and Strings who played on the 18th June and again on the 16th July. Both performances were in the church as the weather was not being good to us. A challenge faced all season. The music soothed and soon the weather was forgotten. Wonderful!



The delightful Frieth School Choir sang and entertained us on 25th June. Aged 5 to 11, they were a joy to see and listen to. The Church was full of happy smiling faces from visitors, their family, friends, and anyone who came to partake of Tea and Cakes. They were fantastic!



Next, we had the extremely talented Violinists, Adrian Shaw and his son Matthew. They played for us on the 6th and 27th August. The first time they played for us they had to contend with playing in the Church as it was raining, then playing in the Churchyard when



the sun came out, then playing in the Church porch when no-one was sure anymore what the weather would do next. They were magnificent!

Then we had 'The Tukes'. A Ukulele group whose repertoire entertained all afternoon with over twenty uplifting, joyful songs that most people knew, sang along to and/or tapped their feet to. Superb!



Our last musical performance will be on our last Teas for this year on 24th September. A thirty strong group of singers 'The Bracknell & Wokingham Community Choir' will be singing in the Churchyard. They have performed live on BBC One from Windsor Castle and at the Royal Academy of Music, London.....what a way to end the Teas year!

Karen Musgrave Hill

An unexpected 'artist'?

A surprise visit was also made by "John Lennon" (aka Tony Parkins) who joined the ukelele band, 'The Tukes' on 20th August.

Tony Parkins



Race for Life



On a wet Sunday in July, I took part in Race for Life. £1,105 was raised. I would like to say a 'Big Thank You' to all who donated.

Pat Eldridge

Fisherman's Friends: One and All

Hambleton Cinema happily returns for a new season of films on 21st October 2013, starting with the sequel to Fisherman Friends, the hit comedy inspired by the true story of a group of singing fishermen who secure a record deal and national fame. Picking up where the first film left off, this tale is based on the events that saw the real band perform at Glastonbury Festival alongside Beyoncé in 2011.

Here take a look at the trailer; https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10373344/?ref_=fn_al_tt_2
Doors open 7pm, programme begins 8pm.

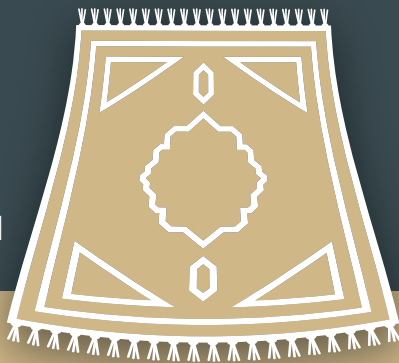
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August 26 Bradley Rankin and Rachel O'Gorman
Sept 2 James Cooling and Lucinda Stansfield

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Rest in Peace

August 24 Linda Ward

Thanksgiving and Cremation, Hamblenden



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Pattern of Worship October 2023

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	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleden	Medmenham	Turville
1st Oct		6pm Harvest Service and Supper	10am Group Service			
8th Oct		9am Holy Communion	3pm Wild Church - Harvest	11am Harvest Communion		
15th Oct			9am Holy Communion	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Prayer	11am Harvest Village Service	
22nd Oct		6pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion
29th Oct			8am BCP Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	3pm All Souls Service
5th Nov					10am Group Service	

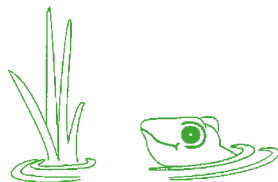
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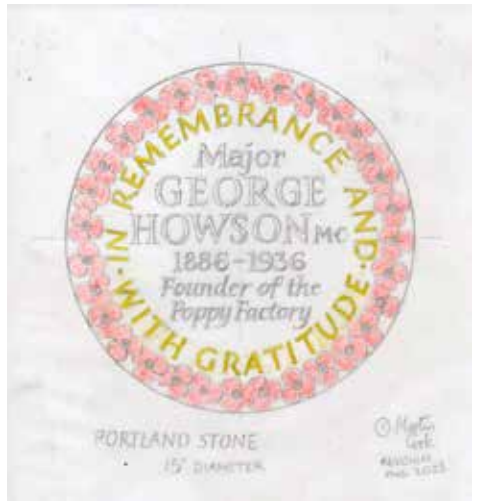
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The Hambleden Cinema Team



Memorial to Major George Howson



You may recall Remembrance Sunday 2021 when Sue Morton spoke about Major George Howson and the Hambleden connection. Since then, there has been a movement to consider a memorial to him in the church. This has rumbled on slowly.

The PCC has approved the idea and is preparing the faculty, a stone mason has done an initial design (attached) and the remaining Howson family members are very supportive.

As I prepare to leave the Hambleden Valley - I am hoping to leave this as part of my legacy to the Valley. It is possible that this could be ready for Remembrance Sunday this year. I am writing to ask if you would consider financially supporting this project?

The total cost of the stone is £3285 + VAT. Any and all support would be greatly appreciated.



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Lane End HP14 3EJ

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10.30am Dog Club

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FAWLEY

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reference: Howson

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the church and village.

For further information please contact Sharon Smith: sharonsmith0505@btinternet.com

Bless you!

Revd Sue Lepp

Hambleden Bonfire Night

“Remember, Remember the 5th of November”

Put the date in your diary for this annual event – (it actually is on the 5th this year)

The Community Group are standing down from organising this village affair and we would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help and supported us over the last 25 + years.

Charlie Armstrong and his team are taking over beginning this November and we wish them well.

Caroline Wilcock

Annual Village Hall Quiz

It's that time of the year again, folks, when your wits need to be at their sharpest, and your competitive juices need to be flowing at full throttle!

The Quiz this year is on Friday November 24th in Hambleden Village Hall.

As usual, teams of six, so now is the time to gather your cohort. Tickets will be on sale from November 1st in Hambleden Stores. Still only an unbelievable £12 each – all proceeds to the Village Hall Repairs Fund.

Look forward to seeing you for another fun evening.

Chris Whitehead

To the angels of the church at Hambleden:

In the heart of the valley, in the heart of the action. Things just happen in the church as though by magic. You are a graceful swan gliding down the humble Hamble Brook. Yet underneath is some mad paddling. People who visit are constantly amazed at the beauty of this building. The more astute know that it is the beauty of the people who care for this place that shines through. Your dogged dedication is what keeps the roof literally on this place.

The care and attention for wedding couples and baptism families, the sensitivity for bereaved families is renowned. Nothing is too big or small, no detail overlooked. Thank you to the choirs, bell ringers and flower ladies for making these events even more special.

To the grand-dame of the organ loft - thank you for sharing your immense gifts with us and so many for so long. We are now on to the 3rd generation of some families that you have played for.

Bless you Christine.

Bless you dear Hambledonians.

Sue Lepp

FAWLEY

Fawley Church update



Some of you will know that on a Friday at noon the sun invariably shines on the churchyard in Fawley. It is remarkable that in three-plus years we have only retreated inside a few times for our Friday prayers which is a

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relief for the many dogs and occasional horses that turn up for the 15 minutes of reflection and prayer. Attendees come from a variety of faith backgrounds (and none) and from all around the local area including Fawley, Hambleden and Henley.

It is a unique chance to be outside in relaxed community with others, to have time for grief, to share worries and concerns, to be inspired by poetry and readings, and to remember issues that affect the world as well as our villages. We always pray for around 30 people (by reading out first names only) who are known to us but could be living anywhere in the world and we do feel miracles have happened. Please know that we love to welcome anyone who wants to see what this is all about, to attend regularly or just once in a while. We particularly love children joining us during the school holidays.

In recent months we have also had the excitement of watching the builders at work in Fawley church – a wonderful team from Ward & Co in Ibstone. By the end of November we will be ready to re-open our new worship and community space, gleaming with new paint, warmed by better heating, ready to serve the best coffee from our new kitchen and with the exciting new WC! We will look forward to hosting all kinds of events and classes and hopefully a weekly café during better weather so please contact us if you would like more information or to get involved via fawleychurchfriends@gmail.com My thanks for all the hard work by the trustees and friends of the Friends of Fawley Church and the many generous donors and Trusts who have supported this project.

Julia Ogilvy

The Fawley Friday Churchyard Gathering

This was started by Julia Ogilvy at the beginning of the pandemic as a way of being able to meet our neighbours in the fresh air. It usually took the form of a poem probably with a theme, a few prayers, then a good chat across socially distanced tombstones. Not just Fawley but other folk from the surrounding valleys who wanted to join in.



Our Priest in Charge, Sue Lepp, also then a newcomer, often attended and got to know us all. She was very helpful in standing in when Julia was away so between us all, Fridays have been a fixture every single week since Spring 2020.

Sadly, Sue has left the Hambleden Valley to take up her new post as Chaplain at Gatwick Airport this autumn, so some of us gathered in Christine and David Collas's lovely garden one fine August evening to thank her and wish her well in her new appointment. Sue is a delightful friendly outgoing Canadian who will be perfect, I'm sure, in her new abode. I wonder how many of us will spot her in the endless corridors of Gatwick.

Hilary Beck-Burridge

To the angels of the church at Fawley:

Fawley is special to me as you were the first people I got to meet in person when I started in January 2021. Your tenacity to keep meeting every Friday at noon, lockdown restrictions or not, week in and week out, rain or shine, warm or cold is truly inspirational.

Your care for friends and neighbours has been, and continues to be, unstinting. Fawley is also a place of convivial hospitality all done to impeccable standards.

I cannot wait to see the building once it is reopened. Please invite me! You should be commended for the desire to put the church back in the centre of the village.

Bless you dear Fawleyites.

Sue Lepp

FRIETH

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Frieth School

I am thrilled to report that it's been a successful start to the new term; the children have settled back into their routines and have been 'Letting Their Light Shine!'

It was a wonderful end to the school year and one of wettest Summer Queens in history certainly made it very memorable! The children looked exquisite in their outfits and the performances were fantastic despite the weather. Thank you to all the parents for braving the elements supporting the event, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!



With the help of Mrs Cadogan at Great Marlow School, Year 5 have designed and made a wall-hanging. They chose to theme it on the sea. As you can see, they have really let their light shine and are looking forward to hanging it up, ready for next year. A big thank you to Mrs Cadogan for all her help.



Eagles class had a great time at Garsington

Opera, taking part in day two of the Opera First scheme. They especially enjoyed watching a special version of The Barber of Seville!



Well done to Thomas Farrow who was chosen to represent Frieth CEC School at the University of Hertfordshire. Thomas was given the opportunity to read out diary entries of those who sang as boy choristers at the 1953 Coronation to mark the 70th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's Crowning. Well done for representing the school so brilliantly and thank you to Frieth resident, Andrew Green, for providing this opportunity.



Martin Gosling, Headteacher

To the angels of the church at Frieth:

You might be the daughter of the bigger church down here in the valley - thanks to those do-gooders of bygone days who thought the fine people of Frieth needed to go to church more regularly - but you are your own woman!

Your welcome to the students and staff at the school is noted. They love coming to visit even if, in the words of a reception student, it smells old. Nothing is ever too much trouble

FINGEST, TURVILLE AND MEDMENHAM

or fuss. The choir turns up on time (you smell just fine), sing beautifully and manage to do many other tasks in your choir robes; flitting around the church like little blue angels.

The spirit of Frieth is gentle and welcoming. My prayer is that more people will come to experience that.

Bless you dear Friethians.

Sue Lepp

FINGEST

To the angels of the church at Fingest:

You might be small but you are fierce! You like to do things your own way and take great pride in doing just that. The devotion to the church, village and pub is admirable.

Fingest is also the first and loudest to remind us that we are a Group in the Hambleton Valley. This is not to be forgotten or put to the side. Keep on banging the drum!

Fingest has a speciality for Evening Services. There is nowhere more peaceful than the 6pm in St Bartholomew's on a Sunday evening. When the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, even on a cold winter's evening, the radiators in Fingest are ablaze. I highly recommend attending.

Bless you dear Fingestites.

Sue Lepp

TURVILLE

To the angels of the church at Turville:

Dibley. It was a pleasure to be your Priest-in-Charge! Not Vicar. You wear the mantle of that with grace and nonchalance despite the

attention it brings you. It does not go to your head. I will not let it go to mine either.

If you are at a loose end on a Wednesday morning, please do stop in at the 10:15 Communion service. It is beautiful! There is sometimes Bazil the cat, often a sweet toddler, highly esteemed elders from across the Valley bearing the local news and a very warm welcome. We break bread and then have biscuits. This is the ideal midweek oasis.

There are plans afoot to spruce the place up. Prayers for this journey. There are people rooting for you and desire to see this come to pass.

Bless you dear Turvillians.

Sue Lepp

MEDMENHAM

To the angels of the church at Medmenham:

Oh Medmenham. You have certainly kept it interesting! You are on the cusp of a brighter future as a church; I really believe this. The pieces to this puzzle are almost certainly there; just needs some time to come together. The dedicated core keeps things moving; even when very few show up. Your gracious attitude means that it is always worth it. The village is slowly waking up to the gem of the church in their midst. We are to preach the gospel in season and out of season. Keep on going.

Brothers and sisters, please keep helping Medmenham. Just a little support will go a long way and help to encourage the villagers.

Bless you dear Medmenhamites.

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