

# Sulgrave News



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As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



## Church News March

*The Rector for our Benefice is Nick Leggett 07925 419068  
Email - [leggett1uwe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leggett1uwe@yahoo.co.uk)*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion @ Thorpe Mandeville  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion @ Middleton Cheney  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion @ Sulgrave  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Said Mass @ Marston St. Lawrence

Throughout the lockdown we have been able to have at least one service of Holy Communion a month in Sulgrave. It has been difficult because we have had to adhere to all the necessary regulations, the wearing of masks, hand sanitising and social distancing, but at least we have been able to celebrate Communion in our own church. Rev, Nick Leggett has already put a pattern of services together for Easter and hopefully, we will be able to welcome you to services at St. James the Less. Please look out for notices in the church porch and at the shop for more details.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Shrimp

## **Update from Sulgrave PCC & Father Nick Leggett**

**PCC (Shrimp Christy, Andrew Dixon, Anne Dyde, Jean Bates, Margaret Watts (Treasurer), Ingram Lloyd, Linda Harrison ( Safe-guarding Officer), Susie Mason, John Stimpson, Julie Metcalfe, Kate Miles (Secretary)**

Back in 2019, Peterborough Diocese was forced to re-organise its various Benefices to save money. As a result it was agreed that when our vicar, Brian Fairbank, based in Culworth vicarage, retired at the end of November 2020 the parishes of St James the Less in Sulgrave and St John the Baptist in Thorpe Mandeville should leave the “Culworth with Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville and Chipping Warden with Edgcote and Moreton Pinkney” Benefice and join the “Chenderit” Benefice.

The Chenderit Benefice, which is the responsibility of Vicar Nicholas Leggett, who is usually known as Father Nick, who lives in Middleton Cheney, is a much larger Benefice which currently consists of 8 parishes, Middleton Cheney, Warkworth, Chacombe, Marston St Lawrence, Greatworth, Thenford, Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville.

In practical terms, Father Nick was very happy to welcome Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville into his Benefice from January 2020 and he his Sulgrave parishioners had their first chance to meet at a Communion service here in Sulgrave on the 2nd February 2020, held jointly by Brian, our outgoing vicar, and Father Nick, our incoming vicar. There was also a Benefice welcome evening for Sulgrave & Thorpe Mandeville parishes held in Middleton Cheney which some parishioners were able to attend late February 2020.

Since last February however, largely as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which has led to 3 national lockdowns in the UK since March 2020 there has been very little opportunity for us to get to know our new vicar and his team. Alongside Father Nick, the Benefice is also lucky to have the services of the Rev Carolyn Oley, who is his assistant vicar, based at Marston St Lawrence. We hope it won't be too much longer before we can re-open the Church fully here in Sulgrave and organise some social events so we can get to know our new clergy, but in the meantime villagers are very welcome to attend live services (which are permissible in this 3<sup>rd</sup> lockdown), run by Father Nick that are held in 4 of his Chenderit Benefice Churches (1st Sunday of the month: Thorpe Mandeville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Middleton Cheney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday : SULGRAVE, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday : Marston St Lawrence. There are also some Thursday services at Middleton Cheney.) Alternatively, or in addition, we are very lucky that Father Nick has familiarised himself with technology to allow him to livestream services on Facebook from his home/Church twice a week - Please contact either Father Nick on (07925) 419068 or Shrimp Christy on (01295) 760214 for further details of these services.

## **Father Nick**

Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville churches joined the Chenderit Benefice at the start of February to make a Benefice of 8. This merger has gone well and both churches bring special gifts to our Benefice. 2020 has seen two periods when churches were closed by order of the government, but during this third national lockdown which began in Jan 2021 I have kept four of our churches open for services with about 12 people attending on Sundays and 5 on Thursdays which is nice. It means a lot to me to be able to celebrate in church and I do believe it's the right thing for churches to open for public worship as long as we can keep people safe; I believe that this is possible with the four buildings that we are using.

Meanwhile I have become familiar with streaming a service twice a week on Facebook. I expect streaming, and particularly live streaming, of services will continue for the foreseeable future and we are in the process of installing equipment in All Saints, Middleton Cheney, in order that we can live stream all services to You Tube from there each week. Hopefully this will be up and running from sometime in February.

With regard to community engagement, I am pleased to say that I visit our secondary school, Chenderit, and take assembly in all three of our primary schools, Chacombe, Greatworth and Middleton. We have agreed to support three projects for our local community - a foodbank, a community cafe, and a mental health support initiative, which we had hoped to "work up" during 2020. The community café will be based in the Greatworth Methodist church hall and the other two at All Saints, Middleton. Covid-19 means that the Mental Health project has been put on hold and our weekly coffee mornings at Middleton have had to pause for the time being.

Our Benefice had its normal round of fund raising in 2019 but sadly nothing much has been possible in 2020; only one of the original six churches made a surplus in 2019 and none of the eight in 2020. We are trialling a card machine to facilitate payments at Middleton, but have yet to see how effective this will be. If it proves helpful to offer this facility, once we are back to more 'normal' times, we will look to roll it out across the benefice.

I hope you will support the new Diocesan giving scheme which came in during 2020. Please do think about how much it costs to keep our eight churches open and serving our communities. Insurances and utilities have to be paid as well as our Parish Shares. Chacombe's extended churchyard is now open and was blessed by the Bishop at an enjoyable event in the middle of summer; Chacombe is also the base for the foodbank which we began in April 2020 and which will now continue.

We had hoped to have an occasion to mark the Civil War battle in Middleton Cheney during 2020. We hope to be able to do this sometime in 2021 when we will remember the lads who died in the Battle of Middleton Cheney and who bodies are buried in the churchyard at Middleton.

COVID-19 has been a major problem for a year now. It has made us rethink a lot of what being church is and some good will, I feel, come out of it. Before Covid-19 very few Anglican churches in this country did online services but now it is normal and maybe the initiative at All Saints could be repeated in one or two of the other churches at some point. Live steaming of services will be a game changer in the way people engage with church and hopefully will encourage our younger folk to pop their heads into our buildings for a service.

We lost Easter in Church last year due to the first lockdown so we hope this year the Easter Candle will take on a whole new meaning. Hopefully we will come out of the current lockdown and the pandemic will be under some control by Easter this year, though it will by no means be all over. Resurrection celebrates not only the resurrection of Christ but of our world after the death of lockdowns and the promise of new life for all those who have sadly died.

May God bless you throughout 2021.

Do keep safe and well,

Yours in Christ, Father Nick

## Children's Society Box Collections - 2020/21

Many thanks to the villagers who collect their loose change and sometimes "folding money" in Children's Society boxes they keep in their homes, a practice which has been going on in Sulgrave since 2000, when Marlene Dargan was the local Box Secretary. I took over from Marlene in 2007 and am pleased to report that the last box collection, emptying and counting was completed just before the start of the first UK lockdown last March and yielded £185.65. This brings total donations from box collections since 2007 to £1852.10 – a great sum when you consider that it is usually the smaller denomination coins that find their way into the boxes. Every penny counts!

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the fact that most of us have not been using cash for nearly a year, I do not intend to collect boxes in again until the end of 2021.

Many thanks to all the box holders in Sulgrave.

Kate Miles – Local Box Secretary, Children's Society. Tel 760957



### New Annual Event - Carol Singing round the Village Christmas Tree

Many thanks, if a little belatedly, to Richard Fonge, Chair of the Parish Council (PC) and the rest of the PC committee, for funding, and organising a Christmas tree for villagers to enjoy on Castle Hill, by Castle Green for the first time ever over the festive season. A very enjoyable socially distanced carol singing session took place around the Christmas tree, led by Richard Fonge and by Ian Sanderson on his electric fiddle on the evening of December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm. Villagers were in fine voice and enjoyed singing a number of traditional carols and other Christmas songs accompanied by great fiddling by Ian - who has kindly volunteered his services for next year!!

Due to the pandemic we were unable to hold our annual Christingle service in Church to raise funds for The Children's Society but Carol singers generously donated just over £100 on the evening and so after the event, with other "Christingle" donations she had received from villagers, Kate was able to send a cheque for £150 to the Children's Society. A letter of thanks has been received from Andrew Moran, Head of Supporter Relations at The Children's Society, acknowledging Sulgrave residents' contribution which goes towards transforming "the hopes and happiness of thousands of children in this country who face abuse, exploitation and neglect". Every penny raised makes a life changing difference - anybody wishing to learn more about the impact of their support for The Children's Society should take a look at [childrenssociety.org.uk/impact](http://childrenssociety.org.uk/impact).

Many thanks to all villagers who joined us for this Carol singing session, which we hope will be repeated annually!

Kate Miles - Local Box Secretary, Children's Society



## Village Shop News Update

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We said in the February newsletter that we soon hoped to be seeing signs of a return to normality. We are relieved that, for once, our hopes seem to have been justified and there is a general feeling that the situation is gradually improving. In view of the significant fall in the number of new COVID cases nationwide, the Shop Management Committee, with the agreement of the volunteers and shop supervisors, decided that we could reopen the shop for face-to-face shopping. Although the order and collect system worked after a fashion, many customers missed being able to peruse the shelves and the feedback since reopening our doors suggests everyone is very happy that we are a proper shop once again. For customers who would prefer to order and collect, you can of course still do so, and we continue to offer a free delivery service to vulnerable customers in Sulgrave.

Somehow the letter from the Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire and Northamptonshire County Council awarding the shop a Rose of Northamptonshire award didn't get attached to last month's shop report – so we'll try again.

In a further effort to help the local community, the shop is about to set up a link to a local food bank which is operated by our vicar, Father Nick Leggett. The Shop has made an initial donation to get the project off the ground and, as from 1<sup>st</sup> March, customers will have the opportunity to make payments into the food bank account if they so wish, the fund will be used to buy items from the shop that Father Nick decides the food bank needs. There is absolutely no obligation to do so, but any contributions, however small, will assist in helping those less fortunate than us during these difficult times.

In response to requests from customers, the shop will be trialling quality sausages from Smith and Clay (formerly 'Brackley Butchers'). These are more expensive than our usual range, but the consensus seems to be that they are delicious and worth the premium. If they prove popular, we shall keep them as a regular line.

We have recently had a new delivery of greetings cards including a range of wonderful abstract animal cards by the brilliant Daniel Mackie and some fabulous semi-abstract bird cards from Alison Ingram. Our card selection remains the best in the area.

With Mother's Day (or, if you prefer Mothering Sunday) falling on 14 March, we anticipate a big demand for chocolates, so we are hoping to get a delivery of the absolutely delicious Russell and Atwell Fresh Chocolates straight off the production line in good time for you to treat your mum.

The smooth working of Sulgrave Shop and Post Office is the end result of continuous cooperation between our two supervisors, our many volunteers and, of course, members of the management committee who guide the whole operation. From time to time, committee members retire so we are always on the lookout for new blood. If anyone feels that they would like to play a part in the management of shop activities, please have a chat with any member of the committee or contact the secretary (Alison) on [alisonmalewis@icloud.com](mailto:alisonmalewis@icloud.com) .

It is with great sadness that Sulgrave will shortly be saying goodbye to Peter Pollack who is moving to South Wales to be nearer to his family. Peter has been a shop volunteer for many years and, in the past, has also served on the management committee. Good luck Peter - we shall all miss you.

Let us hope that we shall soon be able to meet one another without having to wear hazmat suits and that, by the time spring arrives, we can once again invite friends around for a coffee or glass of wine (both of which, of course, the shop can supply). Astronomical Spring begins on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March so not long to wait.

Digby and Alison





**Sulgrave Village Shop 01295 760066**  
**Opening Hours and Featured Suppliers**

Day	Shop	Post Office	Freshly available
Monday	8.00am - 1.00pm	9am - 1pm	Sausage Rolls, Pasties
Tuesday	8.00am - 5.00pm	9am - 1pm	Sausage Rolls, Pasties, Filled Rolls, Bread
Wednesday	8.00am - 5.00pm	9am - 1pm	Sausage Rolls, Pasties
Thursday	8.00am - 5.00pm	9am - 1pm	Sausage Rolls, Pasties, Filled Rolls, Bread
Friday	8.00am - 5.00pm	9am - 1pm	Sausage Rolls, Pasties
Saturday	8.30am - 3.00pm	Closed (stamps only)	Croissants, Pain Au Chocolat, Bread, Sausage Rolls
Sunday	9.00am - 12 noon	Closed (stamps only)	Croissants, Pan Au Chocolat

Every month we will take the opportunity to feature our local suppliers - this month: **Windmill Orchards** and a trail with **Smith & Clay Butchers**



Our most local supplier, up the road from the shop, is **Windmill Orchards** who brought us the delicious organic walnuts for Christmas and have just restocked the shop with its super healthy apple vinegar and a great local apple juice. Windmill Orchards has been growing top-fruit in an ecologically friendly environment for over 20 years which is widely distributed throughout the home counties and the midlands - including Sulgrave Village Shop.

### **Smith & Clay (formerly Brackley Butchers)**

Thanks to those who have provided feedback - the shop is excited to announce a trial partnership with **Smith & Clay** to supply their Sausages (whilst also still keeping some of the existing suppliers ones). Playing it safe initially with Northamptonshire Plain Pork, Lincolnshire Pork, and "Brackley Royals" (pork, rosemary and red pepper), other flavours will be introduced or ordered in if successful. Smith & Clay only use English free range pork, made on site.

Other products could also be made available depending on the success of this initiative.



**Rockingham Castle  
Market Harborough  
Leicestershire  
LE16 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Southfields House  
Towcester  
Northamptonshire  
NN12 8EA**

**One Angel Square  
Northampton  
Northamptonshire  
NN1 1ED**

13 January 2021

Good Afternoon,

In order to recognise and celebrate the contributions of those who live or work in Northamptonshire to the County's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, The Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, The High Sheriff of Northamptonshire and Northamptonshire County Council have jointly launched the 'Unsung Heroes of Northamptonshire' initiative. Through this initiative members of the public are invited and encouraged to nominate individuals or organisations whom they think deserve recognition. Nominees who fulfil the criteria will be presented on behalf of the people of Northamptonshire with a 'Rose of Northamptonshire Award' in recognition of their contribution.

We are writing to you today to extend our congratulations as we are delighted to say that Sulgrave Village Shop has been awarded a 'Rose of Northamptonshire Award', a recognition of the hard work and determination that you have shown when faced with the unprecedented threat from the Coronavirus outbreak - keeping our communities together and those most at risk safe. It has been an immensely challenging period for everyone and there is still much ahead of us. However, we feel it right to take this opportunity to display our admiration and appreciation for the work you have done and continue to do.

Due to the current public health restrictions, we are, very sadly, unable to present the award to you in person. Accordingly, the certificate itself will be posted to you and arrangements will be made for a 'virtual' presentation about which we will be in further contact shortly.

I very much look forward to meeting you albeit 'virtually' and once again congratulations and thank you for your continued efforts.

Best wishes,

James Saunders Watson Esq  
Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire

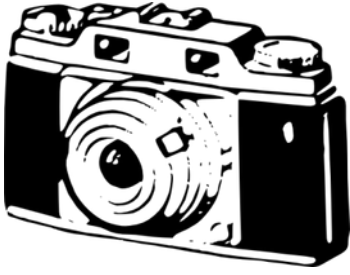


Paul Parsons Esq  
High Sheriff of Northamptonshire



Councillor Matt Golby  
Leader of Northamptonshire County Council





Despite the continuing restrictions imposed by the lockdown we are continuing to find opportunities for our photography. Recently we had a selection of images of "everyday objects" to share at our fortnightly Zoom meeting, the photographs will soon be on the village website for a wider audience to appreciate.

The snow during February gave members another opportunity to capture some village scenes and with the crocuses and snowdrops now appearing yet more opportunities will arise.

We had a very interesting evening talking about Street Photography as an art form with examples from a number of well known photographers during February and more recently discussed setting up web-sites, using social media, for example Instagram or Facebook to bring our photographs to a wider audience.

Our next Zoom meeting will be on 24<sup>th</sup> February when the topic will be 'Editing your photographs, using gradients. The first meeting in March will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to learn more about the Sulgrave Camera Club contact [grahamroberts53@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamroberts53@hotmail.com)



ie small compensations of being housebound by the  
; is the increased opportunity to observe the comings  
; at the bird feeding stations in our gardens. We, at  
fortunate to have an old apple tree behind the house in  
position for the various feeders (peanuts, niger seeds, suet  
d seeds) to give us the chance to watch the activity at  
close range. For instance, the members of the tit family observe a  
strict pecking order according to size, with the Coal Tit at the  
bottom, so it doesn't hang around - it snatches a piece of nut and  
takes it well away to eat it. The other small tits, the Long-tailed,  
usually travel in family groups of six or more (safety in numbers?)  
and it's funny to see them clustered on a feeder, with their tails  
sticking out in all directions. However, there's no doubt who is boss  
when the Great Spotted Woodpecker makes its regular visit. It's  
always the female, it seems. Does the male visit other gardens in  
the village, I wonder? It has a red patch on the back of its neck,  
which the female lacks. The great thing about birdwatching is that  
you never know what's going to turn up. Within the last few days  
(for the very first time, as far as I know) we have had visits from  
both the male and female Blackcap - only the male has a black cap,  
the female's is brown. The Blackcap is a member of the warbler  
family, which would usually be expected to migrate south for the  
winter. However, in recent years more and more Blackcaps have  
stayed in Britain the whole year round. A sign of global warming,  
no doubt?

Happy birding

George Metcalfe



## March 2021

Thank you for everyone who is ordering and recommending us. We are working hard to bring new ideas and bringing back popular dishes. As always happy for any suggestions.

We are also taking bookings for Garden Parties with the hope of seeing some normality come Summer.

### **Webster's Wednesday's.**

Collection from Sulgrave Manor between 5 and 8pm. 10 Minute Time Slots. Call it a Midweek treat ☺ Please book these via email [danny@websters-events.co.uk](mailto:danny@websters-events.co.uk).

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Schnitzel Night**

*Chicken Stuffed with Mozzarella and Sundried Tomatoes or Pork Stuffed with Apricot, Apple and Blue Cheese. Served with Parmentier Potatoes, Pesto Mayonnaise and Mixed Leaves.*

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Curry Night**

*Lamb Madras, Chicken Korma or Vegetable Korma  
Served with Rice and a Homemade Naan Bread and Mango Chutney.*

#### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day**

*Beef and Guinness Pie, Colcannon Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables.  
Braised Pork loin in Cider, Colcannon Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables.*

#### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Burger Night**

*Tandoori Lamb Burger in a Homemade Naan, Beef, Pulled Pork and Crispy Onions or Vegetable Burger and Caramelised Onions. Served with Potato Wedges and Sweet Chilli Dip.*

#### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Fish Night**

*Salmon en Croute served with Herbed New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetable or  
King Prawn, Chilli and Lemon Tagliatelle.*

### **Dine to Doors**

Still proving popular, these can be booked via the website [www.websters-events.co.uk](http://www.websters-events.co.uk). All Dietary requirements can be catered for.

**Mexican is back on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of March – Orders Open**

**Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and 3 Course Sunday Roast Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Orders Now Open**

**New Theme TBC 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March – Orders and Menu go live Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 6pm.**

**Easter Weekend Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Afternoon Tea and a Easter Sunday 3 Course with Roast**

**Lamb - Orders and Menu go live Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of March at 6pm.**



Tea Room is still awaiting an opening date - we are currently working hard on the interior; A new kitchen is being installed and the Tea Room is getting new flooring and a fresh coat of paint. Upcycling Furniture and bringing a bit Webster's to Sulgrave Manor Tea Rooms.

# MARCH

**THE STAR INN – 01295 760389**

Hello Sulgrave – We hope you are all still bearing up – I am sure we are all going into March with added hope and looking forward to better weather, lighter nights and some much needed family time

## **PIZZA NIGHT – SATURDAY'S - £10 each** **TAKEAWAY OR DELIVERY**

We are currently offering our popular Pizzas on Saturday Nights  
These are baked in our Pizza Oven - 12" Stone Baked or Deep Pan

We can also offer a Gluten Free Base

Pizzas are made fresh to order so likes, dislikes & allergies no problem

### Side of Chunky Chips - £3.00

Spinach & Ricotta or Feta Cheese

Tuna & Sweetcorn

Feta Cheese, Olives, Onions & Peppers

Butcher Ham & Pineapple

Spicy Meatballs, Spicy Beef & Jalapenos

Butcher Sausage, Chorizo & Onions

NEW - We have also added;

SCAMPI & CHIPS for £10.00



We thank those of you who have ordered over the last few weeks, your support is very much appreciated! We also thank many of you for your kind words of support and we look forward greatly to welcoming you back when the time is right – Our priority has always been the safety of our family, staff and customers and this remains unchanged

## **Clare & Peter Pollak**

*Dear Friends*

*Clare and I have lived in this village for over 28 years and it has been the happiest time of our lives. Sulgrave is a wonderful place full of friendly tolerant, busy people with many projects and activities. Leaving it is a terrible wrench.*

*You will know that poor Clare is in a home in Cardiff suffering from Alzheimer's. Clare was deeply involved in the life of this village. She served as a Parish Councillor for twelve years but has also helped to bring out the considerable history and archaeology of the Village.*

*It had always been our plan, in old age, to move near to one of our family and our daughter Lucy lives in Cardiff. I will be moving there at the end of this month.*

*The village threw a leaving party for me last February. Just as well since it turned out to be one of the last village get togethers. I promised to hold another near the time. Sorry!*

*Church, Shop and Pub are essential for the cohesion of a community. They must be kept. The shop and pub have been part of my life here.*

*Love to you all, Peter and Clare*



**The fish & chip van** will be visiting Sulgrave on the following dates between 5.30pm and 7.00pm outside the village shop

March 13<sup>th</sup>  
April 10<sup>th</sup>  
May 8<sup>th</sup>  
June 5<sup>th</sup>  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
July 31<sup>st</sup>  
August 28<sup>th</sup>  
September 25<sup>th</sup>  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 18<sup>th</sup>



# Census 2021 – it's coming

Every ten years the census takes place in England and Wales, providing insight into the people who live across the country and what their lives are like. This year, census day is on Sunday 21 March.

## **What is the census?**

The first national census was held in 1801 and is an important part of our history. Many people use it to help trace their family history and to find out how we lived in the past.

But, more importantly, it helps the government plan and fund services in local communities. The responses you give might highlight a need for a new school, increased health care facilities or other services in your area.

## **How does it work?**

Towards the end of February you will receive a purple postcard in the post to tell you that the census is on its way and an Information Pack will arrive in early March. The Information Pack will tell you all you need to know to enable you to complete the form and will include your unique access code enabling you to access the form online using any device.

If you don't want to complete the form online yourself, a family member or someone you trust can do it for you. You can also request a paper copy through the Census Help Line.

## **What information is collected?**

The census collects information about you, your household and your home. This information is collated and analysed and the first figures will be released next year. Billions of pounds of funding depend on the results of the census.

## **Is my information safe?**

Any information that is published following the census is fully anonymised. This year's census records will be held securely and will be released into the public domain in 2121 when they will be available for everyone to read.

## **Do I have to complete the census form?**

You are legally required to complete the census. If you don't, you will receive reminders in the post and someone may visit your home. If you refuse or deliberately supply false information, you might be fined up to £1000.

The Census Help Line number will be in your Information Pack.

To read more, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk)

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We help people to get out and about by providing transport for those who need it to reach services such as shopping, bank, hairdressers and local places of interest.

## HOW TO USE THE SERVICE

All passengers must be registered, just give us a call.

**Booking office open  
9am to 2pm**

All Journeys must be booked with the office in advance.



## FARES

**CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES ARE ACCEPTED AFTER 9.30AM**

**If you do not have a valid bus pass, standard fare applies.**

## WHAT TO DO NOW

Select which service you require, if you require support or would like to be picked up from home and not walk home in the rain with your shopping - select GOLD.

SILVER members receive some support and are picked up near to home. BRONZE service members are picked up from a bus stop.

Then call us on 01327 604123 between 9am and 2pm and we will do the rest.

Service	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Price	£36 Single or £48 Joint Discount for 2 <sup>nd</sup> person from same household	£24 Single or £36 Joint Discount for 2 <sup>nd</sup> person from same household	No cost
Pick up/drop off	Pick up and drop off to home	Pick up nearer to home – advised when booking	At the bus stop only
Destination	Regular bus service to town	Regular bus service to town	Regular bus service to town
Booking	Priority booking Book 4 weeks in advance	Priority booking Book 4 weeks in advance	Book up to 2 weeks in advance and subject to availability
ABILITY Trips	Priority Advance Booking for ABILITY Trips and days out.	Priority Advance Booking for ABILITY Trips and days out.	Requests are on the re- serve list, and subject to availability
Help	Assistance provided getting on/off the bus	Assistance provided getting on/ off the bus	
Extra Help	Shopping Carried to your door		

## **SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Ever thought of being a **Parish Councillor**?

We are holding elections this year in May!

Expressions of interest are welcomed from anyone who is over 18 years old. As a Councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and can undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

If you are interested in joining the council, please contact Christine Coles, Parish Clerk by 20th March 2021 for more information on 01295 276229 or by e-mail at [sulgravepc@btinternet.com](mailto:sulgravepc@btinternet.com). Sulgrave Parish Council currently meets in the evening on the first Thursday of the month (except August and December).

If you care about your community and would like to help make a real difference then why not.....

**Become a Parish Councillor!**

# SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to  
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on

**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

In  
Sulgrave Church Hall



*We look forward to seeing you there*

# MARCH 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 11.00am Holy Communion Thorpe Mandeville
8	9	10 8.15pm Camera Club Mtg via ZOOM	11	12	13 5.30pm Fish & Chip Van Village Shop	14 10.30am Holy Communion Middleton Cheney
15	16	17	18	19 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	20	21 10.30am Holy Communion Sulgrave
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 10.30am Said Mass Marston St. Lawrence
29	30	31				

Deadline for the April Newsletter is 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021