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## From the Editor's Desk

So here we are, almost another year over and done with! And we successfully managed the BST transition last weekend! Or did you miss it?

During the first world war, Germany and then the allies introduced daylight saving time as a way of saving energy, reasoning that increased light in the evening would reduce the consumption of energy. In 1916, Parliament passed the Summer Time Act, creating British Summer Time (BST). It was the result of a campaign started in 1907 by William Willett, to stop people wasting valuable hours of light in the summer and to save fuel during the war.

During the Second World War (1939-1945), British Double Summer Time - two hours in advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) - was temporarily introduced for the period when ordinary daylight saving would be in force. During the winter, clocks were kept one hour in advance of GMT to increase productivity. In 1968-71, a three-year experiment was conducted with British Standard Time, keeping the clocks fixed throughout the year on GMT+1. But the dark winter mornings were unpopular, particularly in Scotland. In 1971, MPs voted to return to the system that continues.

**IAN DRAPER, EDITOR - NOVEMBER 2023**

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**BROWNIES AND FOSS**  
**PHOTOS CAROLINE FERGUSON**



## GRATEFUL THANKS—PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>

Back in February we remembered the sad passing of Ron Cox of Crowfield. Ron had suffered from



Parkinson's for some time.

Following the funeral, the Banbury Branch of Parkinson's<sup>UK</sup> wrote to the family to acknowledge the very generous donations and collection in Ron's memory. There was a collection/donation of some £200, and the charity has formally acknowledged the support for its work via the generous donations made at the beginning of the year.

Funds are used in a variety of ways to support those with the illness and their family members too. Those who are afflicted by this illness are encouraged to seek advice and support through the organisation. And where appropriate support and equipment are available. Sing for Parkinson's sessions are held and group meetings take place too.

The Banbury Branch supports research projects which aim to learn more about the causes and effects of the disease, ultimately it is hoped to discover a cure.

**JANET COX, AND PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**

## NEWS FROM ST JAMES CHURCH



At the end of September we gave thanks for all the good gifts we have whilst also reflecting on our need to reach

out to others with generosity. The school brought gifts for the food bank to their service and the congregation gave generously to a farming charity and the DEC disasters fund.

**OUR HELPERS** The Churchyard Working Party have finished work for the year tackling a range of jobs from ivy clearing to painting ironwork. A huge thank you to all who contributed. I started making a list of all the folk who help us in various ways and have got to over seventy so far **thank you all**.

**NEW RECTOR** We are looking forward



to welcoming Revd Dr Hugh White as our Rector. He starts officially on December 7<sup>th</sup> and we hope he will manage to visit all the parishes over the Christmas period. We will

hold a Syresham welcome party at some time in the New Year to give everyone a chance to meet and greet him. As I write, Hugh is working as part of a team in Witney, with particular responsibility for Minster Lovell Parish where he plays cricket for the village. He has a role as Diocese's Link Officer

for its link with Växjö Diocese in Sweden. Prior to ordination he was a university lecturer.

**A BIT OF A CLIFF HANGER.....** The deadline for this article is the 31<sup>st</sup> of October – this is also the deadline for final tenders to complete the work needed on the church steeple – I will, no doubt, be letting you know of the outcome soon.

An angled mirror? I do try to follow St James' teaching to "*count it all joy when you face various kinds of trials, knowing that testing of your faith develops perseverance*" – it was quite a challenge when we learned that bats had moved back into our belfry, causing more costs for the project. However, only thirty seconds listening to the world news rebalances the perspective and reminds us of the need to: count our blessings and be an angled mirror to reflect God's love into the world and reflect the world's joys and tribulations back to God. With this in mind we look forward to a season of remembering, All Souls, Wars and the Light coming into the darkness of the world.

Here are some dates to look out for.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30** - All Souls service to remember our loved ones.

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** - Friends of St James Autumn walk and soup lunch

**November 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** – Friends' exhibition of poppies and war memorabilia

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Joint Remembrance service at the Stone.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Christmas Fair in Church

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Joint Carols by Candlelight in church



**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christingle – the quiet one at 3 – the traditional version 4:30

**Christmas Day -10:30** – Family Service with carols.

**Alice Palmer**

**Faith Sharp**

Faith Sharp sadly passed away in August of this year. Whilst living in Syresham she did so much work in the Chapel and soon got involved in the village. She became a school governor and regularly went into school to hear the children read. She became programme secretary of the Friendship Club, part of the WI Drama group and helped at the coffee shop.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter, son and grandchildren.

**DOT**

**RECYCLING AT THE VILLAGE SHOP**

Now that the recycling stands have been removed from outside the village shop, if you have any clothes or shoes suitable for babies or children up to age 8 to 10 yrs, please let me know and I will collect from you for Sue Dunn, in Bell Lane, to send on to The Ukraine.



**Ruth Grovell**

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## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**



During recent months the Parish Council has been working without the services of a Parish Clerk. We are very pleased that we have been able to keep the wheels of the council turning and now anticipate our new clerk Mrs Nichola Ali, taking on the role early in November. We look forward to working with her.

At the same time we have also been working with eight instead of nine parish councillors. A new councillor, Mr Gary Lowther from Crowfield, has now been appointed. We welcome Gary and look forward to working with him in the future. However, we still have a vacancy for another councillor as Councillor Jenny Haycock will be moving away and has resigned. Jenny has been a very proactive member of the council for a number of years and we thank her for all the great work she has done on behalf of the council. We wish her well as she moves on.

The role of Parish Councillor is a very important one and can be both satisfying and rewarding. If you feel that this is something you might like to consider, please contact the new clerk [parishclerk@syresham.com](mailto:parishclerk@syresham.com) and she will be pleased to give you further information.

The Parish Council held a second Climate Change Fair in the village hall on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and we were very pleased that a reasonable number of village residents came along to speak

to the stallholders about a very important issue that affects us all. Stallholders included Swallows Nursery from Mixbury, Climate Action-West Northants (CA-WN), RSPB, Green Machine, ACRE, SNATRA, Anglian Water, Syresham Repair Shop, Towcester and Brackley Foodbanks. We also welcomed children from the school who produced a lovely poster display and also showed great interest in this important subject.

In the Summer the Parish Council made the considered decision to declare a Climate Emergency. As a consequence of this we have produced a Climate Action Plan that was on display at the Climate Change Fair and can now be found on the village website [www.syreshamvillage.com](http://www.syreshamvillage.com)

We know that there are many dog owners and dog walkers in the village who may be interested to know that West Northants Cabinet has introduced a variation to the *Public Spaces Protection Orders* which came into force on 3<sup>rd</sup> October to promote responsible dog ownership and also prohibit smoking in certain public spaces across the whole of West Northamptonshire. More details can be found elsewhere in this edition.

If there are any issues you would like the Parish Council to consider, please contact the Clerk, as above. If any of the issues concern roads and pavements, fly tipping etc you can report them directly to West Northants on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) or on Street Doctor at West Northants Council. The more people who report such issues, the better. **CLLR CHRIS MUNSEY**



**REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCILLOR, SILVERSTONE WARD, DERMOT BAMBRIDGE**



There is not a great deal to report this month. I am starting with an issue related to dogs which you may have picked up from the recent WNC Parish Briefing but as there is an item related to dogs on your PC agenda, I felt it was appropriate to highlight it.

**NEW RULES FOR DOGS AND SMOKING.**

West Northants Cabinet has introduced a variation to the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOS) which came into force on 3<sup>rd</sup> October to help promote responsible dog ownership and now prohibits smoking in certain public spaces across the whole of West Northamptonshire.

The requirements and restrictions of the variation to the Order are summarised as follows. Anyone who is in control of a dog in a public place must:

- pick up after the dog immediately;
- have the appropriate means to pick up after that dog;
- prohibit dogs from entering the following: children’s play areas, schools when open and in use by pupils, skateparks, tennis courts, multi-use games areas (MUGAs) and bowling greens;

keep the dog on a lead when in:

**GENTS, CHECK OUT YOUR WARDROBE PLEASE?**



A gentleman’s blue suit was brought into the Shop back in March 2023 for Dry Cleaning. The person didn’t leave a name or address. The suit is Navy Blue, Size 34R, Maker: T W Lewen. The Jacket has a maroon lining with a red/blue pattern. Is your wardrobe missing a Two Piece Suit?

**RUTH GROVELL**

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS - SEE PAGE 25

**593 EXTENSION**

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**304 BASIC**

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Cemeteries, burial sites, graveyards, memorial gardens, allotments, car parks, sports grounds, fields and pitches, when in use for authorised sporting activity, land near the café area at Daventry Country Park, Northampton Town Centre, Land at Upton Country Park Phase 2 (land between Kislingbury and Upton) and near schools when open and in use by pupils

- put the dog on a lead when requested to do so by an Authorised Person;
- restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of four dogs at any one time, unless they are a licensed boarder, breeder or dog day care provider whereby a maximum of six can be walked at any one time.
- In addition, the smoking of tobacco, tobacco related products, smokeless tobacco products including electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes or any illegal substances is prohibited in the following areas:
- Children’s play areas, in and near schools when open and in use by pupils; Skateparks; tennis courts;
- multi-use games areas (MUGAs) and bowling greens.

A £100 fixed penalty notice (FPN) may be issued if you fail to comply with any of the requirements or restrictions contained within the varied PSPOs.

### **PLANNING UPDATES**

Nothing has happened on the

Syresham Truck Stop application since April. Planning Department still awaits the applicant submitting further highway information.

The AL employment sites are still in ongoing discussions with the respective highway authorities. DHL and Bell Plantation (both AL1) might be making further formal submissions in about three weeks. The committee dates are still unknown.

### **CLL DERMOT BAMBRIDGE (18/10/23)**

#### **SYRESHAM BROWNIES**



What a fantastic time we have had this first half term. Lots of great evenings with many people stepping in to

help.

The Brownies have enjoyed an Autumn craft night and good old fashioned games night. One of the games was rolling the dice to get a 6 then dressing up with hat and gloves and trying to cut a piece of chocolate off a bar before the next girl rolled a six! Great fun. The Brownies had an evening where they became a curator of their own museum, showing off their collections to our wonderful testers. These ranged from keys, to crystals, make up, to squishy toys and feathers! Thank you to Mrs Brunning, Miss Palmer and David. All Brownies successfully gained their Collector’s Badge.

The Brownies did their bit for the community by helping undecorate the Chapel after their Harvest Festival and

box up the donations for the Hope Centre in Northampton.

The girls attended a Barbie Dance Workshop at Starlight Dance Studios in Turweston. Charlotte put them through their paces with a demanding choreographed routine which I was amazed they picked up and performed so well in just an hour. Great fun was had by all. We are hoping to host a charity jacket potato night and will be having a few Christmas activity sessions.

Thank you to all the helpers and Natalie and Tina who have stepped in to help out. Congratulations to Rabbit (Wendy) who is a Grandma now. She's very excited about the arrival of Molly. Congratulations to the new Mum and Dad, Hayley and Russell.

(Photos, page 16) **WOL**

### **FRIENDS OF SYRESHAM SCHOOL**



#### ***We are all getting excited again...***

The Towcester Young Farmers Club will be hosting a charity bonfire and fireworks party on Monday 6th November at Kiln Farm in Pimlico, in aid of Syresham School. Gates open at 5.30p.m with fireworks at 6:30 pm (approximately.) £5 entry or £15 for a family ticket. Please pay on the gate.

**STRICTLY NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED.**

There will be hotdogs, bar, tuckshop. Please come along to support this



great community event.

With the summer holidays now in the past, a new school year has

begun. Fundraising activities were kicked off with a back-to-school feeling when parents headed to the Mogul Rooms in Towcester for a brilliant curry night. The food was delicious and everyone was keen to make a return visit. Now it was time for the kids to have fun. Film night is always a firm favourite with the children and 77 of them sat down to watch Disney's **ELEMENTAL** and have the full cinema experience with popcorn and ice cream.

Christmas is only just round the corner and we are excited that **Santa Claus will be returning to the village on MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER WITH THE HELP OF BRACKLEY ROUND TABLE.** We are always on the lookout for extra elves to help on the night. It is a really fun way to kick off the festive season.

We are also just finalising the festive activities coming to the school, so please keep a look out for more information.

*Just to remind you that you don't have to be a parent to get involved with FOSS. We are always on the lookout for bakers, helpers or anyone who wants to get involved in the school community, please contact the school office (01280-850269) if you are interested.*

If you can lend a hand please contact **SARAH PATERSON 07971-979034**

## **SYRESHAM ART EXHIBITION 2023**

The Syresham Art Exhibition took place over the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall.

We attracted 21 local artists to display their artwork which totalled more than 150 exhibits. All 44, double sided art mounting boards were filled, with the larger paintings on easels and tabletops. Prices ranged from £4.50 to £385.00, so covered most people's pockets.



Physical sizes also covered a wide range from typical 'fill a gap on the wall' to a 3 metres x 2 metres 'giant'.

Art sales were excellent, exceeding previous years. The raffle and teas plus catalogue sales were also very good. Having tea and cake whilst reviewing purchases or contemplating buying were a definite bonus. Overall, we made over £550 for the village hall fund.

Thanks to all the artists and the village hall organisers and helpers who yet again put on a super event.

We feel sure that 2024 will be another positive year for the exhibition. Photos pages 14 & 15.

### **MARY TURNHAM**

#### **PARISH PATH WARDEN**

This is a great time of year to enjoy walking in the countryside around Syresham,



whether you're out for a 20 minute stroll or a 2 hour yomp. As the nights draw in, there's even more reason to get out for some fresh air during daylight hours. For the next few weeks our fields and woodlands will continue to be transformed with a beautiful palette of red, orange, gold and yellow. The ground is likely to get boggy in places though, so don't forget your wellies or walking boots.

You can use the online map at <https://bit.ly/45RDjmu> to identify the footpaths, bridleways and byways around the parish; select the 'public rights of way' layer. Having this or an Ordnance Survey map on your phone, or a printed copy in your pocket, will help you keep on track.

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**ANDREW HORNBY**

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**SYRESHAM ART EXHIBITION 2023**



***THE SHALLOW STREAM—ANGELA VLAD***



***HARES BY THE SEA—RACHAEL SMITH***



***A OR E?—JANE RENNIE***

***SUNSET OVER THE SEA—YVONN LEA***





**'EARLY MORNING - SANGIORGIO, MAGGIORE –NORMAN REEVE'**



**WAVES—ANGELA VLAD**



**FOXES—JUNE CARPENTER**

**Art Exhibition Photos by**  
*Terry Irwin*



**VILLAGE HALL DISPLAY**



**TRANQUIL— YVONN LEA**



*BARBIE DANCE WORKSHOP AT STARLIGHT STUDIOS*



*COLLECTORS BADGE*

**SYRESHAM  
BROWNIES  
ACTIVITIES**



*AUTUMN CRAFTS*



*GAMES NIGHT*

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*Mums & Tots, Gardening Club, History Society and Gems Women's Group on Wednesdays*

*Bowls Club, Village Hall Coffee Shop on Thursdays*

*There's so much going on!*





### **SYRESHAM CHAPEL**

Our Harvest Thanksgiving service was well attended and many thanks to Paula and David



for conducting the service, when our appointed preacher had an accident and was hospitalised. Again the chapel looked beautiful and our gifts of dried goods, tins etc were delivered to The Hope Centre in Northampton.

The service was preceded by a bring and share tea with parents and children who attend breakfast church. It was good for everyone to join together.

Now is the time for us to ask you to fill a shoe box for children in other countries who get so little. Forms for shoe boxes will be in the Chapel, the village shop etc. Last year we were fortunate so many villagers took part and hope you will be as generous again. Last year the majority of the boxes went to children in Ukraine.

We are looking forward to joining with the Parish Church for the Carol service on December 17th.

Hopefully we shall be having carols and brunch on Saturday December 23rd but more details will be available later.

**DOT**

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

It was good to commence our meetings again



in September when Derek Blunt based pictures of places, transport etc in Northamptonshire. None of us did too well! Sadly we don't know our own county! Kevin Varty talked about chocolate, and rather made your mouth water!

Again we welcomed Graham Kingersley with his music, listened to the history of a farm house in Braunston.

Our next meetings are 7th, 21st November and 5th December. Every meeting we have tea and cakes and would to welcome more people to join us.

**DOT**

### **SYRESHAM MUMS AND TOTS**

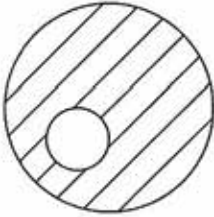
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Thursday - 5pm to 11pm  
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HAZEL BULLEN 07798 567884



### **SYRESHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY**

As the year gradually draws to a conclusion, we held our AGM in October, and took some important decisions to re-establish the Society on a firmer financial footing. Alongside other local groups, clubs and society we have struggled to fully recover from the impact of the enforced closure of the village hall, during the Covid Pandemic.

We used to be a society of almost 50 members, and had very good attendances. Today we struggle to get above 25! If we had not received some very generous support from the Parish Council this year, then we might well have collapsed totally.

As it is we just about have enough funds with the current situation and a very carefully budgeted programme of speakers for 2024 and into 2025.

The problem we face continues to be the increasing levels of speaker fees, often struggling to find someone for less than £70, PLUS of course travel costs. In some cases the anticipated fee is over £100 plus travel. And that would break the bank!

We are looking to submitting a further bid for additional support in 2024, but it would really help if more people were to join us on a regular basis. The annual fee for the full 12 months will rise to £18.00 on January 1st, with visitors paying £4.00 on a monthly basis. Do please give the History Society some thoughts and come along and see how you enjoy our programme?

### **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7.30P.M.**

**JANUARY 2024** will begin with a combined meeting with Gems Women's Group, about life and history in Japan. The speaker will be Laura Malpas from Canon's Ashby. Laura is an excellent speaker and has been to us several times before.

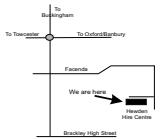
In **FEBRUARY** Rosemary Leeper from Brackley will be speaking about Brackley's Churches, and in **MARCH** the theme will be Northants Medieval Crime and Punishment, followed in **APRIL** by a talk about the 1914-19 Women's Land Army.

*Do please give us a thought and come along to at least one of our evenings.* **IAN DRAPER, CHAIRMAN**



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Our September meeting was very entertaining, our speaker singing as well as speaking on the subject of pumpkins. We were amazed at the size and quantity he grew. One lucky winner was definitely making pumpkin soup on their return home!

For our October meeting we joined with Evenley Gardening Club for an enjoyable evening on the subject of planting pots which proved to be a good evening and meeting new like-minded friends.

In November we are making Christmas decorations and will enjoy an afternoon tea in December.

### **Dot**

### **SYRESHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

#### **UPCOMING**

#### **ACTIVITIES NOV – JAN 2023**

Contact Sarah Whitehead for all events  
- 07912 784294.

[sarahjwhitehead@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahjwhitehead@btinternet.com)

#### **MONDAY NIGHT DOMINOES**

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#### **LIVE FOOTBALL**

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It's a classic whodunnit surrounding the main character of Lizzie Barnes, a 23 year old pilot with the Air Transport Auxiliary who discovers the body of a civilian girl who has been strangled.

Copies are available at local bookstores, e-book editions available from Amazon.

**For further information, please contact:**  
**Kevin O'Regan 01280 702300**  
**kevinoregan54@btinternet.com**

**Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Prize Bingo** Join us for our Christmas prize bingo evening. 7.45pm start

**Christmas Eve** From 10pm. Mulled wine, mince pies. Claude's Christmas Board Draw

**Boxing Day - The Roy and Lillian Hawkins Charity Football Match** Under 30's V's Over 30's. Kick off 10.30am. Bar open from 12pm with turkey sandwiches

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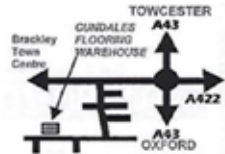
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE HALL THESE DAYS?

<b>MON-DAYS</b>	<p><b>DANCE CLASSES</b> 6.00PM TO 8.30PM (<i>Term time</i>)</p>	<p><b>TUESDAYS</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays</p>	<p>11.00am to 2.30pm BALLET/PILATES/ SEATED PILATES (<i>Term Time</i>)</p> <p>5.30PM TO 7.00P.M. DANCE (<i>Term Time</i>)</p> <p>6.00PM TILL 7.15PM BROWNIES, <u>Sunday School Room</u>,</p> <p>TAEKWANDO 7.30PM TO 9.00PM</p> <p>PERSONAL TRAINING 7.30PM TO 8.30PM</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP CLUB (29/03) 2.15PM TO 4.00 PM FROM APRIL 1ST 2022</p> <p>CRAFT GROUP, <i>Sunday School</i> 7.30-10.00PM</p>
<p><b>WEDNES-DAYS</b></p> <p>1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY</p> <p>2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY</p> <p>LAST WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>10.00AM TO 11.45AM MUMS &amp; TOTS (<i>TERM-TIME</i>)</p> <p>12.15 TO 1.15PM PILATES (<i>TERM TIME</i>)</p> <p>2.30 TO 4.30PM GARDENING CLUB (<i>FROM JANUARY</i>)</p> <p>DANCE 5.00PM TO 7.00PM</p> <p>BALLET 7.15PM TO 9.00PM</p> <p>HISTORY SOCIETY 7.30PM TO 9.30PM</p> <p>GEMS WOMEN'S GROUP 7.30PM TO 9.30PM</p> <p>7.30PM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<p>COFFEE SHOP 10.30AM to 12.30pm</p> <p>BOWLS CLUB 2.00PM TO 4.00PM (<i>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME</i>)</p>
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	<p>Various activities</p> <p>SPORTS CLUB QUIZ (3RD FRIDAY) SPORTS CLUB)</p>	<b>SATURDAYS &amp; SUNDAYS</b>	<p>SEIDOKAN 2ND &amp; 4TH SUNDAYS 10.00AM - 12.00PM</p> <p>SOCIAL EVENTS SPORTS CLUB</p>
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	<p>ST JAMES CHURCH 11.00AM</p> <p>1ST &amp; 3RD SUNDAY</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY</p> <p>4TH SUNDAY</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>MORNING WORSHIP</p> <p>PRaise AND PRAYER</p>	<p>SYRESHAM CHAPEL</p> <p>WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE 6.00 P.M.</p>

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