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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

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01473 657349 rev@kind.church

Church Wardens:

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230.
and vacant position.

Elder: Mrs Julie Boast 01787 249511.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact the Benefice Wedding Clerk – Jenny Cox 01473 652466.

SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning:

29th April – Suzie Rudkin and Philippa Harris

13th May – Janet Covell and Rachael Rogers

27th May – Susannah Marsh and Sue Jones.

There is a new vacuum with attachments in the church.

INVALIDS

We wish all those who are currently in or recently been in hospital a speedy recovery.

THE FOODBANK

Thank you for all the donations received over the Easter period which were given to all those in need in the surrounding area.

Roger Jones.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S EVENTS

Firstly, a very big "Thank you!" to all of you who supported our inaugural concert in aid of protecting and developing the beautiful church building of St. Mary's. In addition to purchasing much needed glassware, licenses, equipment and other important sundries over £250 was raised at the Beech Duo concert.

We are delighted to announce the next events, starting on Wednesday 29th May, with an illustrated talk on Constable's, 'The Leaping Horse', with ex Tate Curator, Richard Humphreys' explaining why Lucian Freud described the work as "The Greatest Painting in the World".

Then on Saturday 8th June, we welcome back the very popular trio, Hexachordia, who will be performing 'An English Country Garden' through the middle ages to music, song and poetry, also in St. Mary's Church.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

The annual meeting was held on the 3rd April with 14 people from the PCC and village attending.

Rachel Wells was elected to serve as churchwarden for the coming year.

Electoral roll. A new officer was appointed. There are now 33 names on the roll.

The annual report was adopted.

Finance. The treasurer gave a detailed report which included money raised for the tower work.

Reports. Inventory and terrier had been updated. The bell ringers ring most Sundays and practice on Thursdays. They were grateful to neighbouring churches who had let them use their bells during the tower restoration. Music. Our organist continues to play twice a month. Hymns from the iPad are used at other times.

Fund raising. During 2018 a concert, plant sale and buffet supper had been held, also a new church guide was published.

PCC members and side persons were re-elected.

The Rev Jackson ended by thanking everyone and spoke about the formation of the Friends of St. Mary's and the re-hallowing of the shrine in 2020. He commented that he loves being vicar here.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Planning. Babergh council had approved tree work to be carried out at Little Manor and also plans for a cart lodge at Three Stones. A long discussion took place on an application to build a bungalow in the grounds of Linton House. In the end a majority decision was made by councillors not to approve these plans.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The annual parish assembly was held on 8th April.

Around forty people attended.

Apologies were received from two councillors and one member of the public.

Minutes of 2018 assembly had already been circulated, these were confirmed as correct.

Reports. *Suffolk County Councillor Robert Lindsay* gave an update on some of the council's work during the year. This included Special Educational Needs, the budget cuts, school transport cuts, highways, increase in council tax, Citizens Advice Bureau, money spent on proposed bridges over the Orwell, cycling, single use plastics, making Suffolk carbon neutral, Kersey crossroads and the new leader at the council.

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Babergh District Councillor Alan Ferguson. During the year Babergh had also appointed a new leader and their headquarters had moved from Hadleigh to Ipswich. There is now an outpost in Hadleigh library half a day a week for council questions, he stressed it was important this facility is used. Work on a new Hadleigh pool would start next year. The Boundary Commission had agreed to reduce councillors from 43 to 32 with Lindsey and Chelsworth joining the ward. The go ahead has been given for public sector housing on the old Angel Court site and for private houses and flats at the Corks Lane site. There were challenges in Babergh with private housing developments. He also spoke about the proposed merger with Mid Suffolk and car parking in Hadleigh. He ended by saying he had enjoyed working with the village and however people decided to vote on 2nd May it was important to do so.

Parish Council chairman John Hume. This was his 6th annual report. He thanked the County and District councillors, his fellow parish councillors, clerk and villagers who work behind the scenes.

A special thanks was expressed to the two councillors who were not standing for re election. Amongst items dealt with during the year were 15 planning applications, Emergency plan and village Emergency Telephone System. There was an excellent web site to view all aspects of council work. He ended by saying it was a vibrant generous and lovely place to live but would encourage more contributions from younger village members.

Footpath Working Group. Giles Hollingsworth. All paths are well maintained, new dog bins have been purchased and signs repaired or replaced. He said please keep to marked paths the other parts are left for the benefit of wildlife. He thanked all the volunteers who help and those who had resigned from the working group.

KCPC Working Group. Jonathan Marsh. This was a popular resource for villagers and others. Quiz night raised £820. They had enough funds available to replace the chestnut fencing. Thanks were expressed to those who help on the grass cutting rota and with maintenance.

Kersey Volunteer Working Group. John Hume. This has been formed to help with litter picking and reporting of potholes.

Forget me Nots. Veronica Partridge. These meet twice a month for coffee or lunch.

Franey Rand Charity. Rachael Rogers. One request was received from Kersey.

Friends of the Bells. Neville Whittell. A quiet year with the bells unable to be rung for 4 months due to the tower work. New ringers are always welcome.

Grays Trust. Joan Hattrick. The trust had helped six university students and presented gifts to nine school leavers.

Kersey School. A recent OFSTED inspection found there to be key areas for improvement. There are 67 children on roll.

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Playing Field Association. *Ian Hattrick.* The school fete on the 30th. June will be the only activity this year.

Kersey Projects. *Suzie Rudkin.* This was formed to organise fun events and possible fund raising. There has been a Christmas party and open gardens. Next event is the plant sale and sale trail in May.

Lewis Mowles Trust. *Norah Orriss.* Donations had been given to help install a second bore hole on the allotments and to the village hall to help towards new cooker.

Millennium Book Fund. This is to benefit village organisations, as funds are not used it was suggested this could be wound up.

Nightingale Trust. *Natalie Blyth.* The three trustees who had recently resigned after many years service would be sadly missed. Welcome to the new trustees. Gate and steps had been refurbished. It was stated that the allotments are private land with no public footpaths. There are two half allotments to rent.

St. Mary's PCC. *Linda Newbigging.* Thanks to everyone who help look after the church. In September Rev Jackson Crompton Battersby was welcomed into the life of St. Mary's. Repair work on the tower had been done and the clock face re-gilded.

Table Tennis Club. *Adrian Blyth.* They meet from September-June on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. This is well attended by up to 15 players.

Tuesday Club. *Rachel Wells.* Encouraging to have more people attending the monthly meetings which included talks on Bhutan, Margaret Catchpole, brickwork and work of a journalist.

Village Hall. *Veronica Partridge.* The hall is used by many organisations on a regular basis. This year plans are underway to refurbish the toilets and purchase a new cooker for the kitchen.

Village Produce Association. *Rachel Wells.* 2018 had been a good year for marquee lettings. The annual outing had been to Penshurst Place and a flower show was held in September. Donations were given to help the newsletter, churchyard, floodlights and the church tower appeal.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Shrine On You Crazy Diamond

Discussions about Kersey's shrine have been taking place in the Parish with lots of information about the history emerging. It's an amazing opportunity to reconnect with our heritage and restore something beautiful that was destroyed in hatred and anger. After all the discussions the artists drawings and plans will be finished in the next two weeks. On 20th May the drawings will go in to St Mary's at 11.00am to be displayed in the North Chancel, I'll be there all day until 3.00pm so please pop in and ask questions about the design and I'd love to hear your suggestions; everyone has added something, the whole process has been a collaboration and the changes from now until installation will be part of that collaboration.

Adding your thumbprint

The outside of the dish of the Shrine will be covered in hundreds of small ceramic tiles, each hand made and individual. Everyone in the School and Parish will be able to put their thumbprint on a tile, a way of marking for history the joint collaborative effort that is making this possible. It's not a money raising thing, just a way of everyone being able to say we were here when the Shrine was restored to its rightful place in the church and village. To make the tiles there will be a week in the summer when we will have a potter in residence in St Mary's. As well as giving free pottery and throwing lessons they will be making the tiles - sounds exciting I may even have a go myself, I mean what could go wrong for the least artistic and most uncoordinated person I know?

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

Vicar of Kersey, Elmsett, Aldham, Hintlesham & Chattisham

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 28 April	2nd of Easter 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Mrs. Julie Boast
Tuesday 30 April	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 5 May	3rd of Easter 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 7 May	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 12 May	4th of Easter 11.00am	CW Holy Communion Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 14 May	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 19 May	5th of Easter tba	Cafe Church
Tuesday	21 May	NO SERVICE
Sunday 26 May	6th of Easter 6.30pm	Evensong Mrs. Julie Boast
Tuesday 28 May	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led



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PARISH NEWS

NIGHTINGALE SAYS GOODBYE TO THREE STALWARTS



With over 75 years service to the Nightingale Trust between them, **Norah Orris, Joan Hattrick and Jill Harbinson** said farewell to one of the oldest Kersey Trusts this year. The Nightingale Trust was set up by villagers of Kersey in 1873 in order to 'provide help and support to the needy of Kersey and its surroundings'. It has and continues to provide

financial support to those villagers in need ever since using funds raised from the allotments and other charitable donations and good works.

A presentation was made to the three ladies at the Bell Inn, recognising the incredible length of their time given to the Trust. The existing Trustees would like to also make special mention to **Mr David Griffiths** who also stepped down from the Trust the year before. Our sincere thanks go to all four people

If anyone would like to know more about the wonderful workings of this Trust, or indeed to donate or become a Trustee themselves, then please contact Natalie Blyth on 01473 827805.

KERSEY VILLAGE HALL

The Kersey Village Hall is a valuable resource for all Kersey residents. The Village Hall Committee is delighted to confirm that **Norah Orriss** has completed 51 years as a Committee Member and 50 years as Treasurer. This is an outstanding achievement and the strength of our Village Hall's finances are testament to her careful and diligent stewardship. We are grateful for her invaluable and continuing contribution to our community.

To mark this anniversary, and to thank her for her commitment, the Committee have contributed to a celebratory lunch at Hintlesham Hall for Norah and her guest. *Veronica Partridge, Chair, Kersey Village Hall Committee. 18 April 2019.*

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PLANT & TABLE TOP TRAIL SALE – MAY 11th, 12.00 – 4.00pm

Our usual plea to all you lovely cake makers to perhaps make a cake for the PLANT & TABLE TOP TRAIL on Saturday 11 May. We are hosting refreshments in the Village Hall from 12.00 to 4.00pm and are hoping to offer visitors scrumptious refreshments, including home-made cakes. If you could make us a cake, please let us know via the e-mail address at the bottom of this notice. We're happy to collect.

We now have around 25 'table tops' dotted around the village, taking part in the Sale. It is not too late to sign up for a table, but please let us know asap as we are working out the positioning of the pitches. Please also let us know if you need us to supply you with a table. Pitch fee is £5, for the benefit of St Mary's Church, Kersey.

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FORGET ME NOTS

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VPA OUTING

Visit to RHS Wisley on the 6th July. Cost for coach and gardens is £27 each. RHS members pay for coach only which is £15 per person. Cheques payable to "Kersey VPA" and sent to Rachel Wells.

TUESDAY CLUB

At the April meeting members were joined by Rev Jackson Crompton Battersby who came to talk about his life and entertain us by playing his guitar and singing. Competition for "Something comical" was won by Jill Harbinson.

We meet again on the 7th May for the annual meal this year being held at The Bell at 7.00pm. Competition "Something edible beginning with P".







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FOOTPATHS & DOG FOULING

Many thanks to **The Bell Inn, Kersey Mill** and **The Millers Kitchen** cafe/bistro at Kersey Mill, for kindly sponsoring the three new dog bins which are now installed around the parish.

One is located in Vale Lane near the triangle, one at the top of the footpath near to Kersey Priory, and one in Wickerstreet Green. The original bin is still in Kedges Lane near the entrance to the allotments.

Please help keep our pavements and public footpaths as pleasant as possible.



HEALTHWATCH SUFFOLK

Thomas Gainsborough School's children will potentially benefit from changes in how their mental health and emotional wellbeing is supported, after taking part in a report released this month focusing on the challenges they face in and out of school.

Healthwatch Suffolk's "My Health, Our Future" project reveals troubling statistics surrounding body image, self-harm, self-esteem, cyberbullying, and social media use.

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WEATHER

Rainfall for March: 42mm (1¾" approx)

Minimum temperature: 2°C (36°F approx.)

Maximum temperature: 18°C (64°F approx.)



Please remember to keep dogs under close control where necessary and to clean up after them.



FARMING NOTES - April 2019

Arable:

As we compile these notes in late April the subject on all farmers and gardeners lips is RAIN - or the lack of it! Although there are a few showers in the forecast this week, only sustained rain of 30 or 40mm will help to rectify the serious soil moisture deficit we already have. This is due to the very dry winter followed by a warm dry spring. Crops and grass are already showing signs of drought stress, which could be very serious as it is so early in the growing season.



I am pleased to say that we have completed the meadow fencing job and at least the dry weather has allowed us to get on top of the fungicide spraying program and the application of the final nitrogen on the wheats. We have recently been doing some PH tests and have found some of our grassland to be rather acid. This will be rectified in the autumn by applying a dressing of lime which is a by-product of the sugar industry.

Cattle:

At the time of writing there is still one cow left to calve, she is very close to calving and it will be a relief when she finally produces since we have been checking the cows several times a day since the beginning of February. In an ideal world calving would be compacted into the months of February and March but inevitably there are always one or two stragglers. All of the cows which calved earlier in the season are settled out at grass and will be ready for the bulls when they are turned in with them in early May. Three of our breeding bulls were recently fertility tested by the vet using a process called electro ejaculation (I think that phrase is self-explanatory). A sample of semen is checked under the microscope for motility and is then stained and individual sperm are checked for morphology (correct structure). Two of the

FARMING NOTES - (cont.)

bulls passed with flying colours but the third which we suspected might have an issue is sub fertile and may not be used, obviously this is bad news for him. Since cows only come into oestrus once every 3 weeks it is all too easy to lose time in the breeding season by using a bull which is firing blanks! While the vet was on the farm he pregnancy checked the five cows who were implanted with British Blue embryos in March and we were pleased that four of them are in calf, they should calve in December. We have been selling last year's calves as finished beef animals at Colchester market recently, they now weigh about 600kg and while prices could be better, they are reasonable. Our show cow, Kersey Jet, together with her bull calf and two of her grown up (embryo transfer) daughters have been entered for the Hadleigh Show which is on 18th May.



Sheep:

The ewes and March born lambs are enjoying the spring grass and warm weather. However, as mentioned we are concerned that the continued dry weather will cause serious grass shortages later. Some of the January born lambs were sold recently for meat during Easter week, the best ones however, have been retained and will be part of our show team for the Hadleigh and Suffolk Shows.

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DIARY DATES

- 1 May – PCC19.30
2 May – PC and DC elections Village HallAll day
7 May – Tuesday club meal..... The Bell19.00
11 May – Plant sale in Church, Sale trail..... Around the village. 12.00-16.00
13 May – Parish Council annual meeting19.30
14 May – University of Berne church visit.....Afternoon
18 May – Hadleigh show.
21 May – Churchwardens visitation..... Hadleigh church19.30
27 to 31 May – Half Term holidays
29 May – Constable talk..... St Mary's church . . 19.00-21.00
4 June – Tuesday club visit to Kersey Mill.....19.00
8 June – Hexachordia music group St Mary's church.....18.30



Spring morning mist from Water Lane.

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