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*Please let us know of any changes.*

**Defibrillators** – *There are two AEDs located within the parish at The Bell Inn, Kersey IP7 6DY and Kersey Mill IP7 6DP.*

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## Church Clergy:

Rev. Jackson Crompton-Battersby.  
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 administrator 07706 188842 weekday mornings.

## DONATIONS

We are grateful to the 35 households who have donated so far to the cost of producing the newsletter. We deliver approx. 200 so we still have a way to go. You can pay online, give to your distributor or to Rachel Wells.

Thank you.

## BELL RINGERS

Ringers from afar are planning to ring a peal on Thursday 28th. Some of our ringers are isolating after testing positive with Covid we wish them well and hope they will be back ringing again soon. You are missed.

## INVALIDS

Our best wishes go to those who have been in hospital or are unwell at home.

## FLOWERS

Thanks to those who responded to my piece in the September issue the rota for the altar flowers is filled until February.

## CHURCH CLEANING

1st Nov – Linda Newbigging and Gillian Sacker

15th Nov – Sarah Partridge and Jenny Partridge.

29th Nov – Bridget Allen and family.







## TUESDAY CLUB

No meeting in November. We will meet again for our Christmas party on 7th December. More details later.



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## PARISH NEWS

### HADLEIGH FLOWER CLUB

On 14th December Hadleigh Flower Club are holding a meeting in the URC, Hadleigh at 7.30pm. The demonstrator will be Alan Smith with "It's Christmas again". Alan is a very popular demonstrator so look forward to a fun evening. All visitors welcome. Price £5 includes coffee and mince pie.

### NIGHTINGALE TRUST

Allotment plot available for immediate use. If you are interested please contact Natalie Blyth on **01473 827805** or email **nablyth1@gmail.com**. Enjoy tasty homegrown vegetables, fresh air and free exercise – its better for you than the gym!

### FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S

**Chris James** is confirmed to sing on Saturday 4th December. As a professional jazz singer, Chris has been noted for his spectacular live shows, headlining in sell out events. Described as 'the man with the gorgeous voice' by the BBC, Chris James delivers a masterful take on the classics, which he combines with charm and charisma to ensure a fantastic entertainment experience. His swing jazz set will include 'Fly me to the Moon', 'Mack the Knife' and a festive 'White Christmas' to name but a few. Go to [www.chrisjames.online](http://www.chrisjames.online) for a more detailed repertoire.

Get in the mood at 7.00pm with complimentary cocktails at the American Cocktails bar. Then settle down to your individual self-catered dinner parties (byo food and wine) while enjoying the show. Theme and stage your tables however festively you desire (a bottle of champagne will go to the most stylish table!). Dancing till midnight set in a beautifully decorated candlelit iconic church.

For more details on how the evening works, and what to bring, please contact Sarah on **07977 725456** or Jackie on **07721 625932**.

### KERSEY HEALTH TRAVEL

If you need help in getting to a medical appointment contact Mark Rigby **07484 649235**, Matt Smith **07918 670024** or Jen Eastwood **01787 211853** who will arrange a driver for you. (See page 18 for more details.)

### WEATHER (for September)

Rainfall . . . . . 31mm (1.2")  
 Maximum temperature . . . . . 27°C (81°F)  
 Minimum temperature . . . . . 11°C (52°F)

*Thank you to Kate Banks who records the weather for us in Wickerstreet Green. The rainfall amount sometimes varies in different parts of the parish.*



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**Oaks (KS2):**

What a super busy time we've been having in Oaks class so far this term. We had a great time during our Sports Week and we've been carrying on our sportsmanship skills in this year cross country event. It may have been a soggy one, but everybody finished!

In English we are reading the story 'The Wild Robot.' It's definitely been pulling at our heart strings and also raising some deep questions about how and what we use technology for. In science we've been conducting a range of experiments around forces and magnets. We found some very strange areas of our classroom that were magnetic, but also came to the conclusion that not all metal attracts to magnets! Over the next few weeks we're hoping to use our magnet knowledge to become inventors!

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Don't forget our next open afternoon is Monday 6th December 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Please contact us if you would like an appointment.

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**DIARY DATE(S)**

3 Nov – PCC.  
15 Nov – Parish Council . . . . . Village Hall . . . . . 19.30  
1 Dec – Lighting the Christmas Tree . . . . . The Splash . . . . . 18.00  
4 Dec – Christmas Supper Dance. . . . . St. Mary's church  
7 Dec – Tuesday Club Christmas Party . . . . . Village Hall  
11 Dec – Christmas Craft Fair . . . . . St Mary's church . . 10.00 to 16.00  
19 Dec – Christmas Carol Service . . . . . St Mary's churchyard . . . . . 16.00

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## FARMING NOTES

### Arable:

For the first time in a number of years the weather this autumn has allowed us to make excellent progress with the ploughing and other cultivations since harvest. The progress has been so good that by mid-October we had completed all the autumn sowing of OSR, wheat and barley and even managed to get the herbicide programme up to date in good conditions. This gets us off to a good start and sets us up well for the rest of the year. Thanks are also due to the diligent work of our loyal staff who have put in some serious hours during and since harvest.

On the downside, we are having to deal with huge input price increases across a whole range of products, not least fuel, feed and fertiliser. This morning I read a publication from our buying group that states that since early September our inputs have been subject to 22.5% inflation and rising. The worst example is urea nitrogen fertiliser that has leapt from circa £300 per ton to well over £700! I fear that this and other factors will result in a steep rise in general inflation and possibly higher interest rates.

### Sheep:

The Suffolk ewes are currently split into 2 groups and are running with our two stock rams: one group of 34 are with Bentley Zoom, a ram which we bought last year; the others are with a home bred ram lamb (our best 2021 born lamb) which I have named Kersey Roooot (a reference to the calls which supporters make when the England cricket captain is scoring runs). Both rams are working well and have covered all of the ewes within the first 3 weeks.

### Cattle:

Most of the cattle have now been housed for the winter and weaned, (the calves separated from the cows). In a change from normal this year at weaning, we kept the calves in yards next to the cows so that although unable to suckle, they could still nuzzle their mums and 'talk' through the gate. So far they seem to be less stressed, to be settling more quickly and making less noise. The mild open autumn and good late grass growth has made it possible for us to leave about 20 of the cows and heifers (which don't have calves at foot) out for a little longer which is nice as it takes the pressure off the yards while other cattle are sorted, handled and in some cases sold.

### New building:

Jimmy and Lawrence recently spent several days putting in a drain for the new building at Bridges Farm. Because of the large volume of roof water which needs to get away quickly when it rains we felt that a new land drain 150mm wide and nearly 200 metres long was necessary. This involved digging a long deep trench all the way down to the nearest ditch. Despite appearances this was not done entirely by hand... our 8 tonne 360° digger also helped!



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



# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Remembrance

There are three occasions when I most feel like I look after three church schools and five churches, Easter, Remembrance and Christmas. I'm not moaning, far from it, I love what I do, but this Remembrance I have to be in three churches at 11.00am. I've got a plan though and with your help we'll start our Remembrance service at 10.58am. It's possible, just, but we may be on Welsh time – they're a bit behind us (no racist jokes please Vicar) – but we'll be fine.

It will be a particularly poignant service this year as we remember not only those who protected our freedoms in the heat of battle; but those who protected us through the pandemic; and those we have said goodbye to but were unable to collectively mourn because of restrictions.

## Last Christmas

Last Christmas they wouldn't let us hold church services but would let us hold a craft fair, that's how weird it was. It does help me to realise that however strange things still are, they aren't nearly as strange as they were.

This Christmas we're allowed inside for an actual service so we're going to have a Carol Service and Midnight Mass. I mean, I say Midnight Mass but we've got five churches in the Benefice group and we'd all like a Midnight Mass. But then who wouldn't? It's the most beautiful service of the year.

So lots of details in next month's newsletter, but we have a Midnight Mass at 10.30pm which takes within a pine-needle's width of Christmas morning and gosh it will be beautiful.

Much love and I'll see you soon,

**Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby**

Vicar of Kersey

Chaplain to West Suffolk Coastal Rescue

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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

3 Oct	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong, Hintlesham	Rev. Jackson
7 Nov	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev. Jackson
14 Nov	11.00am	Remembrance service	Rev. Jackson
21 Nov	4.00pm	Evensong	Rev. Adrian Waller and Julie Boast
28 Nov		No service at Kersey	

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

This month's **500 Club** draw took place in the Church on Sunday 24th October with independent witnesses and the winners were:

1st Prize – Chris Partridge

2nd Prize – Pascoe Gibbons

3rd Prize – Linda Newbigging

Well done to all the winners and thanks to everyone who has already joined the club.

Details of the **500 Club** monthly lottery, plus all membership information can be accessed at: [www.kerseychurch.org/fosm](http://www.kerseychurch.org/fosm)

Or for further details please contact either **Mark Rigby** on **07484 649235** or **Bruce Newbigging** on **07734 595404** or email [fosmkersey@gmail.com](mailto:fosmkersey@gmail.com).

## KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE

We also have a Kersey Community *Google calendar* on the website:

<https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/events/>

If you are planning an event in Kersey please email the information to Sarah Partridge at [kerseyipc@gmail.com](mailto:kerseyipc@gmail.com) so it can be included.

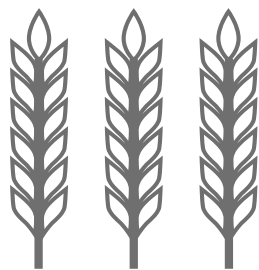
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## PARISH COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 11th October. Present were chairman, three councillors and clerk.

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

**Minutes** of September meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

**Planning:** Progress – Land to the rear of 1-6 The Street. Discharge of Conditions. Condition 3 (Written scheme of Investigation) for SCC. Archaeological service has approved the written scheme for archaeological trenched evaluation and are happy for work to go ahead.

The Old Vicarage. Babergh has approved felling of two trees.

Kersey Mill. Construction of workshop building, erection of garage and domestic outbuilding. Permission has been granted – Ayers End. Babergh has granted permission for erection of a greenhouse. Planning applications – Vale House. Erection of cart lodge with study, store and open garage. Parish councillors considered the proposal and agreed to support subject to it not becoming a separate residential dwelling in the future.

**Consider** nominating The Bell as an Asset of Community Value.

It was agreed that The Bell is at the heart of the Kersey community. Councillors agreed it was important to formally register it as an ACV so that if it is ever sold or changes proposed it can be protected for the community. It was agreed the Parish Council should submit an application to Babergh.

**Proposed feedback to Screen Suffolk** regarding recent filming.

Communication during the recent filming had been poor and the company had left signs behind. Some residents had not been informed on road closures and the need to move vehicles. It was agreed to provide feedback to Screen Suffolk so any future filming in Kersey could be better managed. To avoid filming on a Thursday which is bin day and co-ordinate with The Bell better so business is less disrupted.

**AOB:** A councillor (Pascoe Gibbons) has resigned. They are awaiting confirmation from Babergh this position can be filled by co-option. Vacancy will be advertised.

**Next meeting** 15th November.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

The Parish Council continues to work with Groundwork East and the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership to help Kersey residents reduce their carbon footprint. Hopefully you have all had time to complete the survey, as mentioned in the September newsletter.

The survey is a series of questions which merely need tick box answers and will take only five minutes to complete. Below is the link if you haven't done it yet or you can ring Groundwork East and complete it over the telephone on **07720 098980**.

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/greensuffolkbefore>**


To help you reduce your carbon footprint a new webpage has been created on the Kersey website: **<https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/useful-info/carbon-footprint-reduction/>**

This webpage has advice sheets and information to help you to save energy and money with a variety of low and no cost actions. Sarah Gill from Groundwork East is also available to provide advice and answer individual questions. Tel **07720 098980** or email **sarah.gill@groundwork.org.uk**.

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**PRIDE IN OUR PARISH**

Pascoe Gibbons has resigned as a Parish Councillor. I thank him for his contribution to our meetings and his other work on behalf of Kersey and our residents.

We now wish to find a replacement. This is a voluntary role in the first level of government, representing our Community. The typical workload is preparation, attendance and follow up to c.6 meetings per year, plus other ad-hoc meetings and working parties as required. Training and guidance will be provided.

If you are interested in helping us make Kersey a great place to live, work and visit, please contact me on **01473 810098**, ([johnhumerkerseypc@gmail.com](mailto:johnhumerkerseypc@gmail.com).) or Sarah Partridge, Parish Clerk on **01787 210859** ([kerseypc@gmail.com](mailto:kerseypc@gmail.com)).

Yours sincerely

**John W. Hume. 25th October 2021.**  
**Chair, Kersey Parish Council.**

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## BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Corks Lane

The redevelopment of the old Council offices in Hadleigh has been delayed due to an ongoing dispute with the Cricket club. This issue has now been resolved and it is hoped that the redevelopment can begin in the next few months. However before the work begins there are still some non-material amendments to the planning consent that are in hand with the planning team. Some of the buildings are listed and work on these also still need listed building consent and Local Planning Authority approval. The Council are also awaiting tenders from contractors, but the deadline for this has been extended to allow for the effects of Brexit and Covid on the construction industry.

### Council commits to reducing light emitted

The Council have committed to reducing streetlight intensity across their districts – protecting plant and wildlife, and reducing energy use, in line with biodiversity and climate change ambitions. This will include additional lighting control guidance within their Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), currently in development, was also approved.

The move provides an opportunity for the councils to reduce their energy use, as well as the negative impacts on human wellbeing, and wildlife, caused by intense blue-white light. A particular focus has been placed on protecting and enhancing dark skies for bats, owls and other nocturnal insect populations which are declining.

### iPad Lending Scheme

Suffolk Libraries and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are joining forces to help residents get online with a new iPad lending scheme. Twenty-Six new iPads, all with 4G internet connectivity and a range of pre-installed applications and web links, will be available for free to anyone in the two districts to borrow. They will be based at Stowmarket, Hadleigh, Sudbury and Needham Market libraries.

The pilot, which will last for a year will be available from participating libraries from 19 October. Anyone wishing to borrow one simply needs to have a Suffolk Libraries account and sign up to the user agreement. The iPads can be borrowed for up to three weeks, and as they already have inbuilt mobile internet, residents can get online even if they don't have an internet connection at home.

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## KERSEY HEALTH TRAVEL

### In conjunction with Hadleigh, Boxford Community Car Scheme

The Nightingale Trust was originally set up in 1875 with a remit to help the poor and needy of Kersey. Times have changed and with them, so have peoples needs. Today, we help those in need with their winter fuel bills, in a small way, and we also make donations to the local food bank in the hope this covers Kersey too. We are always looking for new ways to help each other and those with a genuine need.

To this end, we have managed to include Kersey in the existing **Hadleigh and Boxford Community Car Scheme** which has been running for some years and is organised by Jen Eastwood, a resident in Boxford.

If you are a patient, registered at Hadleigh Health Centre, Boxford Surgery, or Bildeston surgery in need of a lift to medical appointments including Doctors, Consultants, Physiotherapists, Opticians, Dentists etc. we will be happy to help. We have a number of volunteer drivers who are available to take you to your appointment, wait for you and then bring you home. There is a charge of 45p per mile for this service to cover the petrol and depreciation costs which I hope you find acceptable.

**For Kersey residents using this service and in genuine need, the Trustees of the Nightingale Trust would like to contribute £5 towards your taxi costs each month to a limit of £20 per year.**

If you need help in getting to a medical appointment then please contact:

**Jen Eastwood** on **01787 211853**, **Matt Smith** **07918 670024** or **Mark Rigby** on **07484 649235** who will arrange a driver for you.

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Do come and join Kersey Projects  
for a glass of mulled wine and  
mince pies at the lighting of the  
**Kersey Christmas Tree**

on:

**Wednesday 1 December  
6.00pm at The Splash**

We look forward to  
seeing you there!