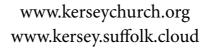
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Please let us know of any changes.

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:

Church Wardens:

Rev. Jackson Crompton-Battersby. 01473 657349 rev@kind.church

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230. and vacant position.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact the Benefice administrator 07706 188842 weekday mornings.

CHURCH CLEANING

Weeks beginning 30th May – Sue Jones and Lynn English.

Weeks beginning 13th June – Neil and Joan Hutton.

Weeks beginning 27th June – Elizabeth Cousins and Jo Jennings.

BELL RINGING

A quarter peal of plain bob doubles was rung for the platinum jubilee of the Queen on the 7th April by 1 Richard Gates, 2 Pauline Brown, 3 Kathleen Banks, 4 Neville Whittell, 5 Robert Howe, conducted by Neville Whittell

Saturday 30th May a quarter peal of plain bob major was rung by 1 Ruth Suggett, 2 David Steed, 3 Catherine Riley, 4 Abbey Antrobus, 5 Kay Lucas, 6 Deborah Blumfield, 7 Neville Whittell, 8 Alan Mayle, it was conducted by Alan Mayle and rung to celebrate the life of David Salter.

Friday 13th May a peal of Bristol major was rung by 1 Stephen Pettman, 2 Christine Knight, 3 Richard Knight, 4 David Sparling, 5 Brian Whiting, 6 Simon Rudd, 7 Alan Mayle, 8 Brian Meads, it was conducted by Stephen Pettman.

CONGRATULATIONS

Nick and Philippa Judd's eldest son Ollie married Ellie Cook at Norwich Cathedral on the 7th May.

We wish them every happiness in their future together.

SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to the family of the late Nicholas Harris whose funeral service took place at St Mary's on 5th May followed by interment in churchyard.

INVALIDS

We send our best wishes to those who have been in hospital, attending for treatment or unwell at home. It seems as if Covid is still affecting some people in the parish as well.

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PARISH NEWS

SOUP FOR UKRAINE

Kersey experienced an outpouring of generosity on 30 April. We are extremely grateful to all our supporters, helpers and donors for contributing to our lunchtime **Soup for Ukraine** event. As Veronica Partridge put it, it was "wonderful to see people back in the Village Hall for such a



worthy cause". More than 50 people attended and enjoyed soup, conversation and the chance to win valuable raffle prizes. Others who could not come bought tickets and raffle tickets or made a donation. The village succeeded in raising a grand total of £2,570 with Gift Aid. All the money is going to the Ukraine Disasters Emergency Committee humanitarian appeal. This umbrella organisation represents 15 member charities which are helping the Ukrainians who remain in the country and are experiencing unimaginable hardship. Everything was donated, so there are no costs to be taken into account. Thank you everyone.

Philippa H, Ruth and Yvonne.

TUESDAY CLUB

On 3rd May members enjoyed there annual meal, this year held at Groton Fox. Competition for "Something edible beginning with B" won by Norah Orriss.

On 7th June we will be back in the Village Hall 7.3opm when Rev Holly Crompton Battersby will be giving a talk. Competition will be "A royal theme".

Thank you to members for my gift, I might keep it until I go to Bressingham and treat myself there.

Rachel.

KERSEY FOOTPATH WORKING GROUP

As many of you are aware, Kersey has a number of excellent Footpaths and Byways within the Parish that are regularly maintained by volunteers.

We are continuing to seek additional people to help us continue the excellent work of these volunteers and if you or you know of anyone who would like to volunteer and join the FWG, please can you make contact with, Kevin Pratt *kevin.r.pratt@gmail.com* or 07854 390658 or Sarah Partridge *kerseypc@gmail.com*.



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THANK YOU

Andrea Sargeant and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all their kind thoughts through cards and letters at this a sad time with the loss of Mark. The funeral service was held at Polstead Church on the 17th followed by interment in the churchyard. At peace overlooking the farmland.

BILDESTON FOOD BANK

Bildeston Food Bank are offering help to individuals who need help with putting food on the table.

We are a small foodbank run by local volunteers supporting people in need.

We are free, discreet and non-judgemental.

Our chair is Shaun Moffat.

We look after residents in need in Bildeston and the surrounding satellite villages including Semer and Brettenham, Chelsworth, Hitcham, Kersey, Kettlebaston, Lindsey, Milden, Monks Eleigh, Nedging with Naughton and Wattisham.

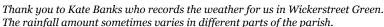
Individuals/families do not need to be referred by the authorities they can contact Shaun directly. Many do this through Facebook messenger from the Bildeston Foodbank Facebook page.

Tel:01449 257136

Bildestoncsg@gmail.com

WEATHER (for April)

Rainfall	12mm (0.5")
Maximum temperature	20°C (68°F)
Minimum temperature	2°C (28°F)





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KERSEY HEALTH TRAVEL

In conjuction with Hadleigh, Boxford Community Car Scheme

The Nightingale Trust was originally set up in 1583 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.



Small changes can sometimes make the greatest difference. Does anyone in your family need help coping with the challenges of living at home with long term health conditions?

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The Independent Living Service (ILS) offers advice and support on home adaptations to Babergh & Mid Suffolk residents.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The place that is St Mary's

There is nowhere like St Mary's. It stands on the hill, an iconic Kersey image in thousands of photographs and hundreds of watercolours. It symbolises the beauty, history and continuity of the parish as a whole. In a typical few months of existence, it will be the place parishioners gather to pray and worship. It will host hundreds of visitors and pilgrims, some looking for peace and prayer, some looking for somewhere to sit down and to buy a nice pot of jam. It will also be where a family gathers to say farewell to a loved relative, where they are held in the beautiful embrace of St Mary's to share their grief and their joyful memories.

On Wednesdays it will welcome the whole school to learn timeless Bible stories and pray and sing together. Then it will be transformed into the Savoy Tea Rooms for a hundred people to share afternoon tea. With barely a pause it will welcome a young couple and their families and friends to witness vows of love and commitment. Almost before the wedding cake is eaten it will host a craft fair, with five or six hundred people through the doors and a peerless BBQ to keep them sustained.

It has become again its young, medieval self. Not a museum or for Sundays only, but part Shrine, part marketplace, part place of prayer. They didn't have jazz in the fourteenth century, but they had music and laughter, markets and worship and were happy for those to coexist, in the place that marked where their life's journeys began, and would end...

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby

Vicar of Kersey rev@kind.church www.kerseychurch.org

The next issue will cover **July/August 2022**. Please send items for inclusion well before the *early* deadline of 21st June to:

Rachel Wells: 01473 822230 - rachel@kersey-village.co.uk or Viv Marsh: 07747 175858 - kersey@moonridge.me.uk

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

5 June	12.45	Jubilee service at the Street party	
12 June	9.00	BCP Holy Communion	
19 June	18.30	Evensong	
26 June	11.00	BCP HC at Aldham (No service at Kersey)	_

ST MARY'S FLOODLIGHTS

The lights on our church guided home lost aircraft in WW2 and continue to show our beautiful parish church at its best. Can you donate £8 a month to light up the church one night a month?

To have St Mary's church lit up, please email Philippa at community@kind.church

5th of each month: Sarah, in memory of my father, Robert Visick **8th** of each month: Helen, in memory of my brother Matthew

9th of each month: Meg, in memory of my father

12th of each month: The Anderson family, in memory of the L-B family

14th of each month: Michele, in memory of Anne Maltby

18th of each month: Jackson, in memory of my brother Mark

24th of each month: Sponsored by Ipswich Senior School

27th of each month: Michele, in memory of John Maltby

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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

The May **500** Club draw took place in the church on with independent witnesses and the winners were:

1st Prize – Nick Hamblen 2nd Prize – Matthew Grannell 3rd Prize – Pascoe Gibbons

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**

Or for further details please contact either *Mark Rigby* on *07484 649235* or *Mark Pertwee* on *07919 166782* or email *fosmkersey@gmail.com*.



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PARISH COUNCIL

The annual meeting of Kersey Parish Council was held on the 16th May.

Present were Chair John Hume, three members of the council, plus clerk and one member of the public.

Election of Chair: John Hume was proposed and elected. Andrew Rogers was elected as vice chairman.

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

Dave Finch has resigned as a parish councillor. This vacancy will be advertised.

Co-option: There are two vacancies on the council which can be filled by co-option. All other appointments were confirmed.

Reports were received from Robert Lindsay and Leigh Jamieson.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerk's report: The website has been updated following confirmation of details. Work to convert the street lights to LEDs should be completed in June or July. There was a very low response to the Climate change and energy reduction project. The defibrillator is not working at present. New parts have been ordered.

Correspondence: All correspondence has been circulated to councillors.

Finance: All officers were confirmed. Payments were approved.

Parish council accounts and governance statements. The internal audit had been completed and everything was in order.

Planning progress: Land adjacent The Grain Store, Wickerstreet Green. Application for agricultural building had been withdrawn.

Orchard House. Erection of garden home office. Babergh had granted permission with one condition.

Little Pond Barn. Erection of carthouse. Babergh had granted permission.

To be considered. Bridge House. Erection of shed. Councillors fully supported. Green Gables. Erection of chicken shed and run. An extra meeting will be called to consider this.

Footpath Working Group: Some cutting has begun. More volunteers are needed to support the group.

Jubilee Working Group: Plans for the street party on the 5th June are progressing well.

KCPC: The mowing rota is working well.

Review and adopt policies. These were all done and will be published on the website.



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



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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

Consider the concerns with speeding. The problem with speeding was discussed. Particular areas of concern are Mill Lane, Hall Road and Wickerstreet Green. This route is used as a shortcut. It was noted that there had been a serious accident at the Splash involving a motorcycle. The road surface is damaged. Highways have been informed and councillors are waiting to see what they are proposing to do.

Reviewing the Parish Action Plan and creating a new one. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Agree a content for Pride in our Parish. It was agreed to write an item encouraging residents to become a parish councillor.

Training: SALC continues to offer on line training.

Notes have been circulated to councillors from Police and Parish forum and SALC Babergh area forum. The chair would attend the next two meetings.

AOB: A soup lunch in aid of Ukraine was well supported and raised over £2000. The new landlord at the Bell has now given notice. Parish councillors are concerned for the future of the pub as it is an important venue for local residents and visitors. A meeting to discuss the future has been requested with the property owners. Next meeting 4th July.

FARMING NOTES

Arable

Our well known senior employee, and Kersey resident, Jim Pryke has now retired after 52 years of loyal service. We are very appreciative of all his diligent, skilful and thoughtful efforts, and wish him well for the future whilst still hoping he will find time to help us on a part-time basis, when it suits him. Jim will be receiving a long service award at the Suffolk Show on Wednesday 1 June, at 10.30am at the Courtyard (between the Events Centre and the Offices), and anyone wishing to support him will be welcome to attend.

It would appear, as I have been predicting, that general inflation is catching up with the agricultural input price increases I mentioned last month. Wheat prices have gone some way towards compensating for the huge increase in fertiliser prices, and now stand at an all time high of over £300 per ton for feed wheat for new crop (this coming harvest) in August. When a premium is added for best quality milling wheat, this will be a substantial increase over previous years, but of course, will add to the price of bread, and will do nothing to ease inflation. It remains to be seen whether we will achieve this premium, or indeed, whether we will have a decent yield of anything after the current drought!

Cattle

This is the time of year when we normally turn out the bulls with the cows. Cattle have a nine month gestation so putting the bull in now (all being well), results in

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calves being born from the beginning of February the following year. The Limousin bull Jimjam is running out with 10 maiden heifers, his calves are more easily born, ideal for first time mums. A further 14 cows are running with a British Blue bull. This year however, there are changes due to our ever-increasing commitment to the breeding program with Cogent to produce white British Blue Bulls for their stud: Fewer cows will be bred to the bull conventionally; while far more are either already pregnant via embryo transfer or will be implanted with embryos in the coming months. The embryos needed for this will be produced from our own pedigree cows in one of two ways, either by standard embryo transfer or by a more recent specialist method involving the collection of eggs from the ovaries of live females followed by in vitro fertilisation (IVF). The net result of this will be fewer commercial crossbred beef calves born next year but more of the high value white bull calves. An unfortunate consequence of the breeding program is that calving, rather than being concentrated into a few months in the spring, will be at different times of the year, there will be batches of calves in September and November as well as a reduced number in February, March and April, All of this makes for lots of different groups of cows at grass and lots of opening and closing gates on the daily round of checking the stock.

We are currently selling last year's calves as finished beef animals at Colchester market. The trade has been consistently good, but it needs to be to cover the spiralling input costs of fuel, feed and fertiliser. We also had three nice animals slaughtered for sale privately and were pleased to supply twenty-four freezer packs of high quality local beef to discerning customers. We plan to do more in the autumn if we get sufficient orders.

Sheep

Despite the lack of meaningful rain, the lambs are growing well on mum's milk and what grass is available. One benefit of a dry season is that it limits the harmful effects of parasites like stomach worms and coccidiosis. Despite being only ten weeks old the heaviest lambs are already reaching 40kg. We are looking forward to attending the Hadleigh and Suffolk Shows this year, a novelty as they will be the first shows for three years.

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 **kerseypc@gmail.com** so it can be included.

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PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

Do you enjoy living in Kersey? Perhaps you have an interest in the beautiful landscape, the architecture, the school, the church, the environment and the community?

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes to help the parish move with the times? The parish has slowly evolved with improvements and subtle changes to ensure sympathetic continuity with the past.

Would you like to help represent the future of Kersey? Would you like to help in some way for the benefit of the community and future generations?

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a Parish Councillor? You don't need any government experience or any political persuasions but a wish to help your community in a responsible way.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please email *kerseypc@gmail.com* or speak with the Clerk (Sarah Partridge) or present members (John Hume (Chair), Andrew Rogers (Vice Chair) Penny Calnan, Esme Chapman).

Yours sincerely

John W. Hume. Chair, Kersey Parish Council.

More information is on the Kersey website: **www.kersey.suffolk.cloud**.

If you don't have access to the internet, contact a Parish Councillor for help.

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2 Jun – Queen's Jubilee Drinks and Music on The Glebe 1	9.30
5 Jun – Kersey Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party 1	2.45
7 Jun – Tuesday Club	9.30
4 Jul – Parish Council meeting Village Hall	9.30

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