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| the local police is 101 (when it's less urgent than 999). |
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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

10th October – Bridget Allen and daughters.24th October – Esme Chapman and Marvin Kuzamba.

HARVEST

Would all the flower arrangers be able to do their normal places in church for the Harvest Festival on the 16th October please? Tins and packets will be accepted and sent to the Food Bank. Thank you.

FAREWELL

Grace Farthing has moved from Vale Lane. Grace has lived in Kersey all her life so I'm sure she will miss the village. We wish her all the best at Newell Court in Hadleigh.

JACKSON'S FAREWELL

Sadly it's soon to be Jackson's last Sunday service – Sunday October 23rd at 9.30am. Holy Communion service at Hintlesham.

Please join us as we say farewell and pray for Jackson, his family and our Benefice.

KERSEY PLAYGROUND CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Back for the first time for 3 years – the highlight of the Kersey Social Calendar!

Friday 11th November, Kersey Village Hall.

Doors open 7pm, start 7.30pm - Carriages 10.30pm.

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FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S

On Friday 2nd September, we held another Jazz Night at St Mary's. The brilliant Derek Nash Trio performed for us and our very own Jackson did a couple of guest numbers on bass and vocals! The church was transformed into a jazz club for the evening and looked stunning with cordless red table lamps very kindly supplied by TDC Cordless Lighting. As ever, we would like to thank our event sponsor **Nevelli Designer Home Heating & Interiors** for their generous support and **The Swan Hotel** in Lavenham for providing the auction prize. Finally, thank you to everyone who helped to organise and set up the event.

FoSM would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supports their local church, either through FoSM membership, taking part in the monthly lottery or by attending one or more of the fun events we put on.

So far this year we have raised a total of £3,285 (including Sarah and Chris Partridge's Open Farm Day in April and the September Jazz). We were unfortunate to have two planned events postponed due to covid illness. That means that we really need a strong end to the year in order to fund the repairs we have focussed on. There is an annual Christmas Supper Dance Party on Friday 2nd December, Tickets are at £25 per head and will go on sale to Friends of St. Mary's members first. We have limited space as usual and are restricted to 80 people max.

Finally, if you have been meaning to join the membership trust or even the lottery and have a little flutter whilst donating to the church, then now is the time to do it. For details of how you can help please go to **www.kerseychurch.org/fosm** or simply email us at **fosmkersey@gmail.com**. Every little helps, so why not enjoy yourselves whilst helping to raise funds for such a beautiful good cause?

NIGHTINGALE TRUST – ALLOTMENTS

The Nightingale Trust are members of Kings Seeds Allotment and Horticultural Societies and Gardening Seeds Scheme. Last year was our first year and we successfully managed to obtain a 50% discount on our total seed order. I'm sure you will agree, its a big saving and well worth having, especially in these current difficult times. In order to receive this 50% discount the total order value for seeds needs to be £200 or more. We managed this easily last year with orders totalling just over £500 on only 12 orders!! (NOTE: 50% discount only available on seed orders, exculdes seed potatoes, onion sets, ancilliary items etc.) With this discount, why not try something new for next years growing season.

If you would like to take advantage of this great offer and for more information, please contact me. I have a small suppy of brochures or you can browse online then contact me: *01473 827805*, *07487 816966* or email *nablyth1@gmail. com*. Orders need to be in by the middle of November.

I look forward to hearing from you. *Natalie Blyth*

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VILLAGE HALL

The Autumn Buffet is back again this year following Covid restrictions. The date is 15th October. Tickets are £12.50 per person. Tickets from Norah Orriss 827513 or Natalie Blyth 827805.

FLOWER SHOW

The Village Produce Association held its 57th Flower and Vegetable show on the 10th September. Despite the dry weather the standard of entries were good.

Main prize winners were -

General Sir Gordon Finlayson cup for Vegetable and Fruit classes: *Kate Banks*. Tom Evans memorial cup for runner up in Vegetable and Fruit classes: *Natalie Blyth*. Shield for allotment holder with best exhibit of Vegetable trug: *Natalie and Adrian Blyth*. Challenge cup for Household classes: *Norah Orriss*. Runner up: *Ray Banks*. Wooden spoon for men's cookery class: *Duncan Wells*. Challenge cup for Handwork classes: *Susannah Marsh*. Runner up: *Emma Kerridge*. Rose bowl for Flower classes: *Kate Banks*. Runner up: *Natalie Blyth*.

Prize for child 6 yrs and under: *Toby Spencer*. Runner up: *Marley Cook*. Prize for child 7-10 yrs: *Alex Woods*. Runner up: *William Woods*. Prize for child 11-16 yrs: *Matilda Chew*. Runner up: *Phoebe Chew*. Challenge cup for Children's classes: *Toby Spencer*. Challenge cup for child with Best exhibit in Children's classes: *Toby Spencer*. Prize for Best Exhibit in Floral Art (presented by Joan Hattrick): *Jenny Leeks*. Prize for Photography: *Colin Grannell*.

Bowling (adults): *Bunny Crompton Battersby*, (child): *Orla Kievenaar*. Bean bags (adults): *Susannah Marsh*, (child): *Orla Kievenaar*.

Congratulations to all the winners.

TUESDAY CLUB

In September members welcomed Pip Wright from Stowmarket his subject for the evening was "Watery places of Suffolk". Illustrated with some lovely pictures he spoke of many places in Suffolk where there are lakes, ponds and rivers all with a fascinating story to tell. It was interesting to hear that Suffolk is surrounded by water with the rivers and the North Sea.

Competition for "Something beginning with W" was won by Liz Hanson.

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

Please remember to clear up after all dogs. Not only on pavements but on all footpaths including the churchyard, cross-field paths and the fields themselves where farming machinery can be contaminated. Please also dispose of soiled bags responsibly. Often bags are just being thrown into hedges, ditches and verges. This is not only littering but makes subsequent maintenance of these areas unpleasantly hazardous.

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Council tax:

• In July 2022, a Council Tax rebate grant of £150 should have been paid to all households in Council Tax bands A to D, or those in band E in receipt of a disabled band reduction. If you didn't receive this and think you should have, contact Babergh Council on 0300 1234000 and select option 2.

Energy bills:

• Every household is entitled to a £400 energy bills support payment. This will be automatically subtracted from your bill by your energy supplier over the 6 months from October 2022. Those with pre-payment meters will have the money applied to their meter or paid via a voucher.

Cost of living payments:

- If your household receives universal credit, income-based jobseekers' allowance, incomerelated employment and support allowance, income support, working tax credits, child tax credit or pension credit you are entitled to a £650 cost of living payment. This will be paid directly into your bank account by DWP, split across two payments in July and October.
- A £300 pensioner cost of living payment will be paid to all pensioner households as a top-up to their annual winter fuel payment in November/December 2022 in addition to the payment above.
- A £150 disability cost of living payment will be paid in September to anyone receiving disability living allowance, person independence payment, constant attendance allowance or war pension mobility supplement.

Food banks:

- Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can help you get a referral for a food bank. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us.
- Bildeston food bank is located at Bildeston Baptist Church. To use this service please call 033 33 355254 to speak to a coordinator in complete confidence, or email Bildestoncsg@gmail.com.
- Hadleigh food bank is located at Unit 12, Crockatt Road, Hadleigh IP7 6RH. Please contact info@hadleighfoodbank.org or 07377 190455.

Other support

- Healthy Start vouchers help parents of children under four years old to access healthy food and milk. To check if you can apply or to find out more speak to your Midwife or Health Visitor or visit www.healthystart.nhs.uk/.
- Suffolk Advice and Support Service (SASS) is a free phoneline and provides debt and money advice. The telephone number is freephone 0800 068 3131, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
- If high energy bills are preventing you from putting the heating on, or you know anyone who needs extra help heating their home, please contact Warm Homes Healthy People on 03456 037 686 or email whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk
- Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk provide advice on debt, employment, benefits and family law. Contact them on 01449 676060 or midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us.
- The Kersey website contains information about other support and services available, including the Franey and Rand Charities which provide support in times of hardship https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/useful-info/

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Thank you so much for the last four years, it has been the privilege of my life to be your Vicar.

I had no idea what to expect when we moved in June 2018, all I knew was that St Mary's was beautiful, was the focal point of the village and that it had a famous past as a site of international pilgrimage. I discovered that it had a remarkable team of people on its PCC – the group that is responsible for the building and everything that happens in it – I joined that team at a point in history when St Mary's was beginning a remaissance. I am so fortunate to have shared in that.

The PCC had begun a process of cleaning, tidying and also removing old and unsightly items. I joined the big cleaning days with everyone taking turns using the 45 foot long cobweb cleaner; it turns out our treasurer wasn't so pleased about this as he used the long slow parts of my sermons to count the cobwebs and after the cleaning days, he was forced to listen to my ramblings.

It wasn't all plain sailing, but soon the building began to shine. Behind the scenes I witnessed a wonderful process of rejuvenation as several parishioners decided they wanted to start a Friends group. Despite the hiatuses of the pandemic, they grew the vision into something that now raises thousands and thousands of pounds each year, and even more importantly, fills the church with music, dancing, feasting and culture.

Early on, the PCC appointed Lucy and Max to chair a team investigating a potential re-hallowing of the Shrine. They raised £7,500 from villagers and just before the pandemic the ancient Shrine was re-hallowed by the bishop, the following week the government shut the churches. On their eventual re opening, a strange and beautiful miracle began to take place; thousands and thousands of people made their way to St Mary's to place prayers in the Shrine. Prayers of gratitude, prayers of heart-breaking loss, and prayers of hope. The Shrine continues to be a focal point for pilgrims.

Meanwhile villagers rediscovered the church through the breath-taking flower festival – remember that staircase of fruit? The PCC ensured that the services were developed to provide variety and spiritual engagement. Numbers increased and St Mary's flourished.

And I got to be a part of that. All the news I ever heard about churches was that they were in decline; and all I saw in Kersey was hope and love and positivity. Thank you for letting me be a part of that, for sharing your journey with me and for everything you've taught me. How do I sum up what I was able to see at St Mary's? Let me share a quote with you, it's from the Suffolk Churches website, the go-to place for Diocesan decision makers no less! But first, an invitation, my farewell service is at St Nicholas Hintlesham at 9.30am on Sunday 23rd October please come, it will be so sad to say goodbye but so much better to do so in person.

Now here's that quotation:

"Visiting Kersey church towards the end of the 20th Century I felt its grand interior reflected 19th century Anglican triumphalism more than its Catholic past, and the historical evidence, the rood screen, ancient font, carvings and statues, were all preserved somewhat in the manner of a museum. In recent years, however, there has been a revival of spiritual interest here, including, in 2020, the restablishment of the Kersey shrine which had been destroyed in the middle years of the 16th Century. It sits in the north aisle, a powerful statement of this place's intent to serve everyday pilgrims as much as its Sunday worshippers."

Simon Knott, August 2020. www.suffolkchurches.co.uk

With much love,

Jackson.

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby Vicar of Kersey rev@kind.church, 07706188842 www.kersevchurch.org

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

| 2nd Oct | 9am | BCP Holy Communion | |
|----------|--|--------------------|--|
| 9th Oct | t 11am Parish service | | |
| 16th Oct | 4pm Parish and school harvest festival | | |
| 23rd Oct | rd Oct 9.30am Hintlesham | | |
| 30th Oct | 6.30pm | Benefice Evensong | |

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE QUEEN ELIZABETH



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

| | August | September | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| 1st Prize – | Matthew Grannell | Matthew Grannell | | |
| 2nd Prize – | Nick Hamblen | Bruce Newbigging | | |
| 3rd Prize – | Bruce Newbigging | Viv Marsh | | |
| 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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FARMING NOTES

Arable

Since the recent harvest we have still not had enough rainfall to soften the ground and have had to use the full 300 horsepower of our new John Deere tractor to pull the 5 leg subsoil cultivator with hardened, very expensive, tungsten tips on the wearing points. Had we been trying to plough as in previous years, we would probably have pulled the plough in half and would certainly have produced some unmanageably large and hard clods! However, we have made a start drilling wheat for the 2023 harvest and the first two fields following oilseed rape have gone in well. All of the land following OSR and spring barley has been subsoiled and the remaining land with chopped straw following wheat, has had a pass of the disc cultivator-2 passes on the less kind land, and will be sowed with winter barley with our new direct drill in due course. We have applied in excess of 500 tons of limex-a soil neutralising by-product of the sugar beet factory in Bury St. Edmunds, and of course a similar tonnage of farm yard manure, a by-product of our livestock enterprise, which has been incorporated with the discs instead of the plough for the first time. This year we have been unable to establish OSR due to the hard dry conditions and instead have opted to grow 3,000 tons of sugar beet in spring 23, as without the OSR we would only have had 50 acres of winter beans (to be sowed in mid-October) as a break crop. We would normally like to sow OSR by 15 August and this year that was all but impossible.

Livestock

The pedigree British Blue embryo transfer (mentioned calves month) last all arrived in the space of a busy few days in mid-September. We were pleased to end up with seven healthy bull calves, all born naturally. With pedigree calves once they are up and sucking there a number of other tasks which have to



be completed in the following few days and weeks as follows: ear tags are inserted giving each animal its own unique identity; the calf is weighed and a DNA sample is collected (this comprises a tiny piece of skin taken from the calf's ear) and a hair sample; cattle passports have to be applied for from the British Cattle movement service (no animal can be moved or traded unless or until it has a passport); unless

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the calf is hornless (polled) dehorning is done using caustic soda to burn out the tiny growing horn bud (calf is given pain relief for this); and finally the pedigree is applied for from the breed society. The pedigree carries all the calf's breeding information, date of birth and name. Having had over twenty bull calves born this year we have had to dig deep to find good names, continuing the S theme for this year the latest batch have been named Stokes, Suffolk, Sirius, Sovereign, Stallone, Skyfall and Sargasso.

Stock Ram

Our search for a new Suffolk stock ram was successful as Sarah and I returned from our trip to Yorkshire with Midhope GP. A well grown ram lamb who fulfilled all the criteria mentioned last month. We were fascinated to see that the farm where we bought him also farmed Guinea Pigs! Over a thousand breeding females (sows) producing young for the pet trade! A trip to the National sale at Worcester also resulted in me bringing home a new Blue Texel stock ram to use on our small flock of Pedigree Blue Texel ewes. The rams will be introduced to their respective harems soon to produce lambs in March 2023.

WEATHER (for August)

| Rainfall |
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| Maximum temperature |
| Minimum temperature 10°C (50°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. |



DIARY DATES

| 21 Nov – Parish Council meetingVillage Hall |
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| 26 Nov – Kersey Projects Café |
| (at Kersey Christmas Fair)St Mary's Church 10.00 – 15.00 |
| 1 Dec – Christmas Tree Lighting Kersey Splash 18.00 |

The next issue is **November 2022**. Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 24th October to:

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For further parish details and events, please see www.kersey.suffolk.cloud

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on the 5th September.

In attendance were J. Hume (chair), four councillors, clerk and Babergh district councillor. **Apologies** received from County Councillor.

Co-option to fill vacancies. Richard Walker had expressed an interest. Councillors resolved to co-opt and welcomed him onto the council. There are still two vacancies.

BDC report from Leigh Jamieson can be seen on the website.

Minutes were confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerk's report: A temporary **defibrillator** has been provided while our unit was returned to the manufacturers. Our unit has now been returned. Letters regarding **parking** have been delivered to all households and holiday lets in The Street, Church Hill and The Green. The **website** information page has been updated to include a link to SCC a webpage with information to support those in financial hardship. OFCOM had been spoken to regarding the poor **mobile phone** signal. They advise that individual providers should be contacted.

Correspondence: All was noted.

Finance: All accounts, financial statements and payments were approved.

Planning: Orchard House – Work to tree. Babergh council had no objections. Wormwood Green – Reduction of oak tree by five metres, removal of three trees. Councillors had no objections. Bridge House – Erection of a half storey house rear link extension & garage conversion and internal alterations, councillors were concerned about the increase in size and the impact on parking. After discussion it was resolved to support with an addition that sufficient & suitable off street parking is included at the rear of the property.

Footpath working group: Report received. All footpaths and byways appear to be in good condition. Four more volunteers are to join the group.

KCPC Quiz night will take place on 11 Nov.

Consider the parish review & creating a public consultation questionnaire. This was discussed in detail. A steering group was set up.

Arrange the Clerk's job appraisal a salary review. The chair would meet with the clerk soon. Agree content for newsletter "Pride in our parish". An article to be written to inform residents that help and support is available locally during the current cost of living crisis.

Training: SALC continues to offer online training. One councillor is booked to attend training.

AOB: The verges at the far end of Vale Lane were not cut again this season. Resurfacing in Vale Lane was poorly done and new potholes are already appearing. A question was asked by a Parish councillor why meetings are always on a Monday evening. The LED street lighting conversion had not been done. Concern was raised about a number of home improvements and developments happening in the Conservation Area which do not appear to have planning consent.

It was noted that there has been an increase in **dog fouling** on the footpaths and lanes. Concern was raised about **noisy workmen** and whether they are working outside permitted working hours. KVG to be reminded to continue their good work **collecting litter**.

Concerns were raised about the Bell Inn and whether it remained open for business.

Next Parish Council meeting is on the 21st November.



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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.

(If you already use Google Calendar you can add this to yours.)



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



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Parking Strategy

Babergh and Mid-Suffolk Councils have set out their plans for improved parking provision for the next 20 years to support the needs of local trade and residents, while putting the brakes on climate change.

Based on feedback from residents; town and parish councils, Community groups and partners the joint parking strategy includes prioritised recommendations to improve all types of parking, from council-owned car parks to on-street parking. These include updating signage and markings, increasing safety provisions, providing more EV charging and cycling facilities, and introducing resident permit schemes to allow overnight parking. The strategy reflects national policy guidance and is also supported by data from several car park studies.

It builds on the councils' Joint Area Parking Management Plan, and the car parking study report for Babergh, which highlighted the increasing need for a medium to long term parking strategy. Importantly, it also seeks to find the balance between supporting local trade across the districts and achieving climate change and sustainable travel goals, reflecting the councils' recently approved Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

Tree Canopy Strategy

A tree canopy survey that has been completed by the Council has identified key planting locations and significant benefits in increasing tree coverage across Babergh that will help tackle biodiversity loss and climate change.

By collaborating with specialists to identify and map existing tree coverage and habitat networks across their districts, the Council aims to identify and protect existing places where biodiversity is thriving, while also locating areas with low coverage or gaps where it could be strengthened.

Conducted by Treeconomics, it has found that just over 10% of Babergh is covered by trees, ranging from 5.5% in the Lavenham ward, to 19% in the Orwell ward.

The trees offer numerous benefits to the public, through:

- removing more than 53,000 tonnes of carbon and storing 1.3m tonnes more
- taking out over 2,000 tonnes of pollutants from the air
- draining away almost five million cubic metres of rainwater
- improved wellbeing benefits that greener spaces bring to people.

Avian Flu Outbreak

An outbreak of Avian Influenza has been detected at a commercial premises in Nedging, Suffolk, with a flock of ninety turkeys, forty chickens and eleven geese. All poultry on the premises will be humanely culled.

DEFRA's Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) has put a 3km Protection Zone and a 10km Surveillance Zone in place around the infected premises to limit the risk of the disease spreading, which is enforced by Suffolk Trading Standards.

Leigh Jamieson (Cllr.)

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Kersey Projects

Burns Supper

We would like to invite you to enjoy an evening of Scottish fayre and entertainment to celebrate the life and work of Robert Burns on:

Friday 27 January 2023

at 6.45pm prompt

in Kersey Village Hall

With music from The Hosepipe Band

Cost: £30* per head to include a welcome drink and a threecourse meal with Ceilidh dancing afterwards. Please feel free to bring your own additional drinks.



We will be serving a traditional meal of haggis, neeps and tatties. If you require a vegetarian option, this should be booked in advance.

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