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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Warden:

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230.
and vacant position.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact adrianwaller@mac.com or phone 01473 652561.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 30th January – Ruth Anderson and Sue Attridge.
14th February – Suzie Rudkin and Yvonne Martin.
27th February – Janet Covell and Rachael Rogers .

CHRISTMAS FAIR

£631 was raised from the Christmas fair which was held in the church.

INVALIDS

We send our best wishes to those who are or have been in hospital, receiving treatment, broke bones, suffered from Covid or any other illness. Let's hope 2023 brings good health for everyone.

Our best wishes go to Rev Adrian Waller who is suffering after being bitten on the hand by a dog.

SERVICE

Bells ringing welcomed everyone to the candlelit Carol service which was held at the church on the 18th December and taken by Rev Adrian Waller. It was good to see so many people despite the ice and wet weather conditions. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed afterwards. A well attended communion service on Christmas Eve was taken by Rev Liz Law.

RINGERS

Ringers from Horringer came and rang a quarter peal on the 28th. December.

SYMPATHY

It is with sadness that we report the death of Rev Christopher Sansbury, some of you may remember him coming to Kersey to help out with services during past interregnums.

FLOWERS

Thank you to Philippa Harris who is going to keep the altar flowers looking good up until Lent.

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CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

If you would like the church floodlit to celebrate a birthday, anniversary etc. the cost is £10 per night. Contact Rachel Wells 01473 822230

COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning held at Orchard Barn in December raised £200 for EACH.

THANK YOU

to those who have supported us so far with your donations to the newsletter. It is important that you keep them coming in to keep the newsletter going.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A PCC meeting was held at Orchard Barn on the 17th.

Minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters arising: School line drawing to be taken to Stuart Morris textiles in February.

Safeguarding: Group training will be done in the Spring.

Financial report had been circulated. This was discussed in detail. It is important we raise funds to pay for annual costs plus extras.

Fund raising: A summer fayre is planned for June and Christmas fayre in December.

FOSM: It had been a good year for The Friends raising around £6,000. More events are planned for 2023.

Church matters: Services and clergy are booked until the end of April except for two parish services. We must make sure the website and Facebook is kept up to date.

Also discussed was flagpole, Vacancy and Deanery rep.

Ringers: The chests have been restored and it has been worked out where to site them.

Fabric, Churchyard and Health and Safety report: The next five year cycle of maintenance and servicing has been drawn up. There had been a meeting with the grass cutter to establish a programme of works. The wild areas had been cut. The gate post needs fixing before the coronation.

Burial plan: New part of the churchyard will soon have to be started.

Secretary to check who owns the steps.

Newsletter: The editor is standing down. It was agreed to advertise in the February edition to see if there is someone interested in taking it on.

AOB: Art installation for Lent, a plain wooden cross was suggested. A foundation governor is needed for the school.

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TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday club members enjoyed a Christmas party at their December meeting. There was carol singing with keyboard accompaniment and two quizzes which were won by Ruth Grannell and Natalie Blyth. No meeting in February. **Rachel Wells.**

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

An open meeting was held on the 16th January. The show schedule was arranged with many alterations. This will be delivered with the March newsletter. It was agreed that we try and get an outing organised to visit Hyde Hall in July.

VPA OUTING

Our last outing was to Wisley in 2019 since then we had Covid restrictions and last year not enough interest was shown. After booking gardens and coach we had to cancel both. This year we are planning to go to Hyde Hall on the 15th July. Before the arrangements are made we need to know whether enough people like the idea. Could you please let me know provisionally if you might be interested in going and making it worthwhile booking a coach. Rachel Wells

EMAIL NEWS UPDATES

The Parish Council has considered a proposal to enhance communication in our village, particularly for information and reminders requiring speedy dissemination.

The suggestion is to run an email distribution list and send occasional emails to those villagers who wish to participate. The email notification would sit alongside and compliment the newsletter, website, Facebook page and other informal channels.

The email could, for example, include reminders about village events such as Open Gardens and Parish Council meetings and also Government, Council and Utility company updates such as planned works and Avian Flu etc. Emails would only be sent out when there was something useful to share.

Any resident could request an item to be included in the email, but adverts for the sale of goods would be excluded.

To comply with data protection legislation, villagers would need to give their permission for their email address to be included in the distribution list. The email will not display your email address to other residents.

I have volunteered to administer and manage the email notifications, but will only do this if a reasonable number of people think it will be useful.

If you think the idea has merit and you'd like to participate then please email me at jaynebutcher123@gmail.com.

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CONGRATULATIONS

to Alice Partridge and Liam Buchanan who were married on the 14th January in Kuatunu on the east coast of Coromandel Peninsula in New Zealand. We wish them all the best for their future together.

BURIAL

A graveside burial has taken place in the churchyard of Roger Bennett from Burton on Trent.

WEATHER (for November)

Rainfall	106mm (4.8")
Maximum temperature.....	16°C (61°F)
Minimum temperature	2°C (36°F)



WEATHER (for December)

Rainfall	52.6mm (2")
Maximum temperature.....	13°C (55°F)
Minimum temperature	-8°C (17.6°F)

Total rainfall for the year 464mm (18.2"). Average for this area 22"

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.

This year SARS celebrates its 50th anniversary, and we want to mark this fantastic achievement in a BIG way. Last year, SARS managed to raise around £150,000, but this year we would love to raise an additional £50,000+ in order to fund vital investments in our clinical resources in our 50th year. To achieve this, we would like to challenge at least 50 businesses, groups and individuals to commit to raising a minimum of £1,000 each for SARS during this, our 50th year of saving lives (01/05/22 -30/04/23).



50 for 50



The extra £50,000 would help us fund the set-up of new SARS responders and enable us to buy advanced monitors, ventilators and other life-saving equipment to treat critically ill and seriously injured patients in-and-around Suffolk.



Since 1972, volunteer SARS Doctors and Paramedics have answered over 18,500 calls for their assistance at serious or life-threatening incidents. Their advanced interventions have helped save countless lives as well as reducing the chance of permanent disability.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

My Dear Friends

As I write this I do so in the anticipation of the season of Lent, which is fast approaching but also during the week of prayer for Christian Unity. A week which sees Christian people from all over the world coming together praying to God that we be united in love and peace for one another. Never in my lifetime has there been a time when has there been such a need as there is now, globally, and locally. This Church here in Kersey is one such place where you can come to not only discover God and Jesus but also to pray for those most in need.

I was fortunate enough to run a couple of services during the Christmas period here in Kersey and delighted to see so many people attend and worship with us 'regulars' you are of course most welcome to attend any of our Sunday services, or just come into the church anytime to sit and pray or contemplate in the silence and beauty of this Church.

As you may already be aware that our Vicar Jackson, recently left us to follow his calling elsewhere, which leaves you with myself for the time being, if you feel the need to discuss something quietly and in confidence, explore the possibility of a wedding, Baptism or funeral, please don't hesitate to contact me. Either by email adrianwaller@mac.com or phone 01473 652561.

Prayerfully yours

Rev'd. Adrian Waller

Assistant Curate, Elmsett, Aldham, Kersey, Hintlesham and Chattisham

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	December	January
1st Prize –	Neil Hutton	Matthew Grannell
2nd Prize –	Linda Newbigging	Viv Marsh
3rd Prize –	Josie Partridge	Mark Rigby

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.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

5th Feb 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Liz Law
12th Feb 11am	Parish service	
19th Feb 4pm	Evensong with Holy Communion	Rev Adrian Waller
26th Feb 11am	No service at Kersey.	Aldham Holy Communion
5th Mar 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Janice White

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC have met recently and, as we anticipate the arrival of a new Priest in Charge during the summer, the PCC are looking ahead for 5-10 years so that St Mary's church is on a secure footing for the future.

In the light of that, we would like to invite all the parishioners to Come along to our

Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 5th April at 7pm.

We will be serving welcome drinks to thank you for all your support during last year and take the chance to chat about what we do and our vision for the future and how you may like to contribute.

Perhaps you are considering using your skills to help keep St Mary's running? Although being on the PCC may seem a bit daunting, there are some 'standalone' activities which you may consider helping with:

- Perhaps you could help Linda to organise the Kersey Summer Fayre on 17th June and the Kersey Christmas Fayre on Sat 3rd Dec?
- Are you interested in joining our 'open the book team' and going to work with the school children once a half term, or simply help sew a few basic costumes?
- Would you like to become involved with the art installation at the Shrine and put your latent creative skills to work?
- Are you great with websites and social media and could help us with keeping those relevant and active?
- Are you someone who is interested in the finances of our church and would like to help Colin in the Treasurer role?
- Would you like to learn to play the organ or become involved with the music at St Mary's in some way?
- Have you thought of a great way to use the church for the good of community and would like to share those ideas?

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An extraordinary meeting was held on the 9th January.

Apologies received from one councillor.

Planning: Bramble Cottage. Erection of first floor dormer extension (retention of) this was supported by councillors.

Greenfields: Application for works to oak tree to reduce crown by 40% The council queried whether the tree was the cause of subsidence to the bungalow. Councillors reluctantly agreed to support application but would oppose any proposal to remove the tree. Work would be monitored by SCC.

AOB: Concerns were raised about potholes. DEFRA to be contacted about poultry in The Bell garden. Slippery steps and rubber chips in playground were reported. Ditch flooding in Vale Lane was noted. Council to write to Babergh about alleged work being carried out in Wickerstreet Green without planning permission. Rev Jackson to be written to thanking him for his time here and wishing him well in his new parish.

ARTHRITIS ACTION

I wanted to let you know about what we have coming up to help support people living with or caring for people living with arthritis. We have a selection of online (groups held using zoom) for people to attend that we will be running every month, a series of webinars, a new podcast, and also some online exercise classes, all free of charge! You can also find more detail about these on our website: <https://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/>.



I am also available for presentations for clubs, groups, and organisations where I can talk to people about how they can self-manage their arthritis better, and what support and advice we can offer as a charity. Ideally these will be done online, but where possible they can be arranged face to face as well. They are free of charge, but as a charity we do run off donations so should you wish to you can donate, but it isn't essential. I am now taking bookings for 2023 should you be interested? If you have any questions, would like to hear more about any of our services or wish to talk to me about a presentation please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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FARMING NOTES

Arable

As I have previously mentioned, the results of harvest 2022 were satisfactorily successful, notwithstanding the drought. However, the sugar beet that we harvested during the first cold snap in December did not survive the dry weather so well and yields were considerably reduced. Whereas our 10 year average yield is around 80 tons/hectare (33 tons/acre), this year we only managed about 55 tons (23 tons/acre). This was due mainly to lack of rainfall during the growing season and the extreme sun/heat causing the plant to shut down and stop photosynthesising. The fodder beet, which we grow for animal food also suffered the same problem and were also affected by the frost, so that they may not store well for the long period that we normally use them over. The new drillings of winter cereals and beans for Harvest 2023 look as well as I have ever seen them and appear to be coming through the cold weather well. It won't be long before we start sowing the spring crops!

Livestock

We have just spent 5 weeks in New Zealand which culminated in our oldest daughter Alice's wedding to Liam, a New Zealander and farmer's son, at a lovely outdoor ceremony which was held beside the sea in the Coromandel region on the North Island. Of the eighty or so guests it was wonderful to see twenty five family and friends who travelled from the UK. During our stay we drove hundreds of miles and inevitably took a keen interest in what was happening in the fields. The NZ climate is well suited to growing grass for many months of the year, and milk production is



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a major industry. We saw many thousands of dairy cows but unlike most UK “set stocking” systems where cows graze a large area of grass, the Kiwi farmers almost all use a paddock system: Using electric fencing the grazing area is divided into about 40 paddocks each with its own water supply, after milking, which happens twice daily and can take 3 hours, the whole group of up to 400 cows are put into the same small paddock where there is ample fresh clean grass. Each paddock is then rested and allowed to regrow for 3 weeks before being used again. This system along with the use of vast irrigators in some areas means that there is a continuous supply of quality feed for the cows. Grazed grass is considered to be the best and cheapest food for any cows. I will be looking at ways to implement this system here in Kersey, but the logistics of fencing and water supply as well as the need for us to have several different groups of cattle will limit this. However, I can safely say that we will not be starting dairy farming as the climate doesn’t allow sufficient annual grass growth, and 6 hours milking per day is not for me!

Meanwhile, back in Kersey we were delighted to find that nothing died! Everything looks very well and having been away for so long the growth and changes in the younger animals is very noticeable. Thanks to Ryan, Lawrence and Rob for looking after everything so well.



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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.)

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DIARY DATES

30 Jan – Parish Council	Village Hall	19.30
6 Mar – Parish Council	Village Hall	19.30
7 Mar – Tuesday Club	Village Hall	14.30
15 Mar – PCC.		

(All ordinary Parish Council meetings will now be on a Monday evening at 7.30pm in the village hall.)

