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Kersey Community Website www.kersey.suffolk.cloud

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Police The non-emergency number to call if you want to contact the local police is 101 (when it's less urgent than 999) .

Please let us know of any changes.

Defibrillators – *There are three cPAD (Community Public Access Defibrillators)*

accessible 24/7 in the parish at: 1)The Bell Inn, Kersey IP7 6DY;

2)West Sampsons Hall Farm, Uplands, Kersey IP7 6EN; & 3)Kersey Mill IP7 6DP.

(There's also one at Kersey School, IP7 6EG – available when the school is open.)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

Rev. Geoffrey Clement
01473 657316, revgclement@gmail.com

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.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met on the 1st May.

Rev. Geoffrey opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of March meeting were signed as correct.

Shrine and windows faculty: We are awaiting instructions from the DAC.

The PCC would like the screen doors to the ringing room left open. Heating in here was discussed.

Report from the annual meeting was given.

Financial report was given and discussed.

Fundraising: A U3A group are visiting in July, a light lunch will be provided for them.

Some more afternoon teas are being planned.

Newsletter: A replacement newsletter editor is still required.

Churchyard: A tree in the churchyard has been removed so no more safety issues.

Fire exit lighting: Torches are available if needed.

FOSM: They have four events coming up this year.

AOB: Some visiting bellringers have been booked for July.

At the present time the church has no website but all services are published on the Parish website.

Meeting ended with the Grace.

RINGERS

On the 6th July there is a band of visiting ringers coming at 2.45pm and ringing for 1hr. On the 27th July another band are coming at 9.00am and ringing for 1hr.

TUESDAY CLUB

At the beginning of May members enjoyed a meal at Groton Fox. Winner of the competition for "Something beginning with G" was Jenny Partridge.

We meet again on the 4th June 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be welcoming Rev. Geoffrey Clement who will be giving us a talk. Competition is "A piece of brass".

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 3rd June – Lynn English and Sue Jones

17th June – Neil and Joan Hutton

8th July – Philippa Harris and Iqbal Alam

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NIGHTINGALE TRUST

During December 2023, winter payments were made to seven beneficiaries within the Kersey Parish totalling £420, helping towards their winter fuel bills and groceries. Two donations of food and cleaning materials, again to the total of £420, were also made to the Hadleigh Food Bank operated by Neil Bevis – one donation in December, the other in March. Kersey Parishioners are eligible to apply for assistance from this organisation.

If you know of anyone that would benefit from some assistance, please contact me in the strictest confidence – Natalie Blyth 01473 827805 / 07487 816966 or email nablyth1@gmail.com.

All our allotments are let at present, but if you would like to be added to our waiting list, please contact Natalie.

Don't forget that we can help with transport for medical appointments. Contact Hadleigh and Boxford Community Car Scheme – contact Jen Eastwood 01787 211853.

OPEN GARDENS

On Sunday 9th June 11am-5pm, the gardens of Lillesley Barn and Old Gardens on The Street, Kersey, will be opening with the National Garden Scheme. Combined entry to the two gardens: £6 adults and £2.50 for children. Tea/coffee and cakes available to buy. All proceeds go to NGS list of caring and nursing charities. **Bridget Allen.**



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DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS/TRAINING SESSION

Thursday 11 July at 7pm Kersey Village Hall

This will be a very informative session, there is no legal requirement to have formal training to use a community defibrillator. The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillators installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving lives. Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just a willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.

HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Spend a summer evening enjoying an eclectic selection of songs sung by members of Hadleigh Choral Society, Saturday 22nd June at 6:30 pm, St. Mary’s Church in Hadleigh. There will be something for everyone from traditional folk songs by Vaughan Williams, Butterworth and Bullard through dance numbers to Beatles and Sinatra medleys. Strawberries and cream and a glass of bubbly are included in your ticket price – £16 (£5 for children and full time students), available online through www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk, members of the choir, The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh, or on the door. For more information contact 01473 823 791.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Some years back I was invited to join a friend to go and see Bob Dylan. My friend happened to have a spare ticket and thought I might like to go. Without hesitation I said "Yes". It seemed, at the time, an opportunity not to be missed, seeing the legendary Bard in concert. Sadly, the reality was a bit different, we were almost at the back of the stadium and to be honest the only reason I know Dylan was on stage was because everyone cheered when this tiny figure came on stage. From where we were it was like seeing an ant at 10 meters away. Then there was the sound system – put bluntly it was useless, couldn't really hear what he was singing. The only song that I picked up was "The times they are a-changing", and I only worked that out because everyone else was singing along. At least I can say I was there, and if it wasn't for my poor eyesight I can say I saw him (albeit vaguely) on stage.

The song was written as a deliberate attempt to create an anthem of change for the time – the mid 1960's. Politically, socially and in the world of music there was plenty of change going on.

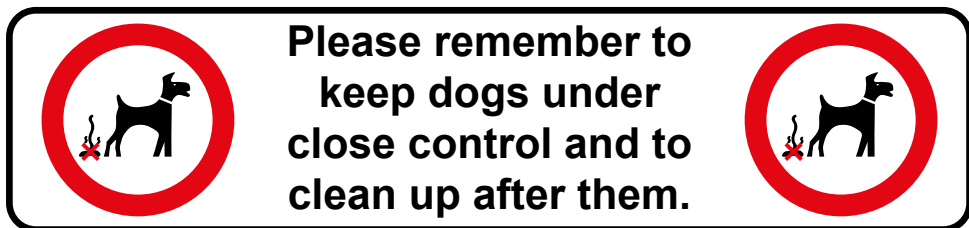
It is suggested that one of the influences of the song "The times they are a-changing" was the book of Ecclesiastes which says: For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: and then lists "a time to..." and lists aspects of life that come our way. In a nutshell that is the philosophy of this reading: life is what it is – sometimes beautiful and sometime not so beautiful. But it goes deeper because it also reminds us that in all of this from a Christian perspective God is with us through all the many chances and changes, we face in life.

However, all of this brings me smoothly onto the subject that is on my mind. As of August, the times are a-changing, and the first Sunday of the month the service of Holy Communion will be at 11am rather than 9am. This means the first and second Sunday of the month the service in church will both be at 11am and then the 3rd Sunday will continue to be Evensong at 6:30 April to October at 4pm November to March.

Every blessing

Geoffrey

Revd. Geoffrey Clement



ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

2nd June 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Adrian Waller
9th June 11am	Parish service	Rev Jackie Sephton
16th June 6.30pm	Evensong	Rev Geoffrey Clement
30th June 10am	Benefice service	Rev Geoffrey Clement

There is a short service every Tuesday at 9.30 with Rev Geoffrey

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

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

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	April	May
1st Prize –	Suzie Rudkin	Mark Rigby
2nd Prize –	Chris & Sarah Partridge	Neil Hutton
3rd Prize –	Linda Newbigging	Kate Hamblen

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

For details of the **500 Club** monthly lottery and FoSM membership information please contact either **Mark Rigby** on **07484 649235** or **Mark Pertwee** on **07919 166782** or email **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** so it can be included.

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

Kersey Community Website

Remember to check **www.kersey.suffolk.cloud** regularly for latest news, information and updates.

FARMING NOTES

Arable

During the last month we have achieved everything that we planned and the ground had dried out as one would expect in the Spring. However, once again, the weather has caught us out with an amazing amount of rain in 24 hours as 40mm (over 1.5 inches) fell overnight on the 21 May. This is an extraordinary amount of rain to have in one go, and again shows that we must begin to expect the extremes that are being predicted. Some rain in early summer is extremely valuable for growing and filling crops but as I said to a friend yesterday, "it needs to know when to stop"! Just about the only thing that will benefit from limitless rain is our new plantation, Sampsons Wood that I had begun to water, but will no longer need to on the short term. All the crops are progressing well and a decision will be made shortly as to whether the milling wheat will need a little more nitrogen to boost the protein for bread making. Our wild bird covers and maize for game shooting would have been drilled this week but will now be delayed until the ground is dry enough. In the meantime, regular maintenance jobs will continue.

Rob Partridge

Sheep

It seems that we are only just out of lambing and calving and the show season is upon us. The first event was a carcass competition run by our local Suffolk Sheep Club. We entered both purebred Suffolk lambs and crossbreds which have to be sired by a Suffolk Ram. The lambs are delivered to an abattoir in the morning then after slaughter they are judged "on the hook". We like to enter lambs as it is always interesting to see the carcasses and to get feedback from the buyers. This year we were pleased to win the crossbred section and very pleased with the prices paid! The Hadleigh Show soon followed and again we were very happy to win one first and two second prizes with our sheep together with a nice silver plate for the best meat lambs (judged live this time). Sarah, Josie and I were all busy stewarding at the show so David on a return home from Liverpool was in charge of the showing. The show was a great success and we were also pleased to see that Kersey School won a prize for their trade stand.

Cattle

The warm weather and high rainfall has resulted in an abundance of grass which the cattle are enjoying, cows are producing lots of milk which the calves are benefitting from. This is the best time of year for cattle and by the middle of June the cows should be in peak condition and will stand every chance of getting back in calf for next year. We have a rising star in the form of Kersey Royale one of our pedigree British Blue heifers: Royale has two versions of the sought after polled (hornless) gene which we have been trying to breed into our pedigree herd. Consequently, she along with a couple of others form our team of embryo donor females which are flushed regularly for embryos. These are then implanted into crossbred recipient cows (surrogate mothers). Royale has proven very consistent

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producing fertile embryos every time. The pregnancy rate for implanted embryos is about 50% so hopefully within a couple of years we will have quite a few more little Royales on the ground all of which will carry at least one version of the polled gene. Although embryo transfer is a relatively expensive procedure it can work to speed up genetic progress, left to natural breeding Royale would produce one or maybe two calves in the same time. This rapid progress is something which we and Cogent (our breeding partners) are very excited about.









Sarah and Chris with the sponsor and the winning lamb carcass

Chris Partridge



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Kersey Parish Council

I want to tell you about changes which will make your Parish Council more relevant and interesting. Our aim is to represent everyone in our Community and make it a great place to live, work, play and visit. This can't happen without your input. Since Covid, attendance by Parishioners at Parish Council meetings has dropped, so it is sometimes difficult to gauge what other opinions there are on topics. We want wider involvement and participation. An important part of the role of the Parish Council is ensuring that the legal, financial and governance issues are dealt with. This is now a necessary part of life for Parish Councils. Actually, we do an excellent job on it but understand not everyone wants to sit through all that stuff.

So, one of the recent changes we made is to put the Public Forum item early on in the Agenda, so if there are issues you wish to raise, these can be considered in the first few minutes of the Meeting.

More important though, is our decision to start work on a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS) for Kersey. We looked at Neighbourhood Plans but they were complicated, expensive and very time consuming for a small Parish like ours. The NPS is simpler and will define what Kersey residents think are the principal needs and views of the community. This will include a wide range of topics, including land development, housing, natural environment, the local economy, public spaces, social infrastructure, traffic, public transport, speeding and planning. When it comes to planning, Babergh District Council must have regard to our NPS.

There will have to be extensive consultation on putting this together and a steering group of David Butcher, Penny Calnan, Richard Walker and Sarah Partridge, has been set up to start the process, supported by Jo Wood of Babergh District Council. You will be hearing more from them shortly.

Kersey is our village, our Parish. The NPS is vitally important and will determine how Kersey will be for current and future generations. Please make sure you have your say.

John Hume
Chair, Kersey Parish Council, May 2024

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4 Jun – Tuesday Club	Village Hall	19.30
9 Jun – Open Gardens	Lillesley Barn and Old Gardens ..	11.00-17.00
26 Jun – School celebrations		13.00- 15.00
29 Jun – Wedding		13.30
1 Jul – Parish council	Village Hall	19.30
6 Jul – Ringers		14.45
11 Jul – Defibrillator Training	Village Hall	19.00
13 Jul – VPA Outing to The Botanic Gardens, Cambridge		
17 Jul – PCC	St Mary's	19.00
24 Aug – Kersey Projects Summer Party on the Glebe (see back		
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- There will be a complimentary welcome drink and a cold buffet.
- **Please register by 1 August to confirm your attendance and ensure you are included in the numbers for catering.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP: kerseyprojects@gmail.com

The next issue is **July 2024**.

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 24th June to:

Rachel Wells: 01473 822230 - rachel@kersey-village.co.uk