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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

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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 Wedding Clerk – Jenny Cox 01473 652466.

SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning:

1st April – Lynn and John English

20th April – For Easter, 10am. Please come if you can.

29th April – Suzie Rudkin and Philippa Harris

CHURCH BELLS

The Ladies Guild of Change Ringers will be ringing the bells at St. Mary's on Saturday 11th May from 10.30 -12.30.

CHURCH FLOWERS

I am in the process of sorting out the flower rota for the coming year. I will let you know your allotted place. It will be good if everyone could do their place for Easter Sunday. If anyone new to the village would like to help with the church flowers I would be grateful. Thank you. Rachel.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 31st March

You are invited to a special service to celebrate Mothering Sunday. To be held at 10.30am in St Mary's church. The service will be conducted by Revd. Jackson and will be attended by Bishop Martin. Family and friends from the village and beyond are welcome.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will take place in St Mary's Church on the 3rd April 7.30pm. The first part of the meeting is to elect churchwardens this will be followed by the annual meeting when any vacancies are filled and reports given. Anyone is entitled to stand for election as long as they are a communicant and on the church electoral roll.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

When the PCC met on the 13th March matters discussed from previous minutes were that the dishwasher had been checked and needs to be used regularly. A new cleaner to be purchased. An update on the re-hallowing of St Mary's shrine in 2020 was given. New charges for weddings and funerals were agreed. An electoral roll officer was appointed. It was proposed and agreed that a risk register should be produced.

Finance. Awaiting quotes for further repairs to the church. The heating boiler needs looking at as it was not working correctly. Bills for electricity were high this will be monitored. The idea of contactless payments was discussed but left for another meeting until more information is received from other churches.

Fund raising. 6th April Beech Duo in concert in church 6.30, 11th May.

Plant sale in church 12-4.00 plus sale trail round the village, 7th December Christmas buffet supper.

Fabric. Gutters and down pipes need clearing. PAT testing had been done and fire extinguishers serviced.

Foundation governor spoke about the schools recent Ofsted report following an inspection.

Rev Jackson had led Candlemas and ashing services.

AOB. Check list to be compiled for all users so the church is left clean and tidy.

Next meeting is the AGM on the 3rd April in church 7.30.

TAKE PRIDE IN KERSEY PARISH

– From Kersey Parish Council:

Refuse Bins.

Please can you return your refuse bins back inside your property boundary and preferably out of sight, once Babergh Council's refuse lorries have emptied them?

Leaving refuse bins outside your property can be dangerous to road users, most unsightly to others and can cause unwanted rubbish to be blown around.

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VILLAGE NEWS

TUESDAY CLUB

At the March meeting members were joined by Kersey resident John Robinson who came to talk about his 2018 holiday. In August he visited Kamchatka a remote volcanic peninsular, the most easterly part of Russia. It was a long flight from Moscow to the capital Petropavlovsk where his holiday began and although he visited in August which is supposed to be the driest month it rained and there was a lot of low cloud. From October to May it snows. Whilst he was there the temperature was between 15 - 18 degrees. Much of the country is forested with larch, alder and birch trees. The indigenous people still dominate but other nationalities are now settling in the country and although tourism is on the increase their main industry is salmon fishing.

Currently there are twenty three active volcanoes, the party visited one which had last erupted in 2015 and the ground was warm to walk on. A planned visit to the valley of geysers had to be postponed because low cloud meant the helicopter was unable to fly. They saw brown bears on an outing to a nature reserve and in another part of the country saw reindeer herding. The reindeer are sold for their meat, fur and antlers. They also had interesting visits to a communist museum where they heard the balalaika played and an indoor market where the majority of the stalls were selling smoked salmon.

This very interesting talk was accompanied by pictures which included snow capped mountains, volcanoes and bears. John likes to visit the more unusual places and this year he is planning a trip to Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. Perhaps a talk for next year. Competition for “ An item featuring a place name “ was won by Molly Robinson.

On Monday 1st April Village Hall 7.30 our meeting will be “ Grill the Vicar “ when Rev Jackson will be joining us. Competition “Something comical.”

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The Annual meeting of the VPA was held on the 18th March.

Finance. During the year donations had been given towards the Churchyard, Newsletter, Floodlights and Tower appeal. It had been a good year for marquee lets. Officers and committee were re elected en bloc.

Flower show schedules have been delivered. The date being 7th. September.

The annual outing has been arranged for the 6th July to visit RHS Wisley.

AOB. The committee are looking at prices for folding tables to replace the very old and heavy trestles.

VPA OUTING

Visit to RHS Wisley on the 6th July. Cost for coach and gardens is £27 each. RHS members pay for coach only which is £15 per person. Cheques payable to “Kersey VPA” and sent to Rachel Wells.

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PLANT SALE

Now is the time for planting seeds and dividing perennials. If you have any spare plants which can be sold on the church stall at the plant sale we would be grateful.

WEATHER

Rainfall for February: 20mm (¾" approx)

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Maximum temperature: 17°C (62°F approx.)

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Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 23rd April 2019 to:

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Viv Marsh: 07747 175858 - kersey@moonridge.me.uk

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Praying for our nation

Writing this in March, our Prime Minister is Theresa May and we are scheduled to leave the EU on 12th April. Reading it in the magazine I have little confidence that either will be correct. Our country's decision makers have failed to work together to produce any agreement at all and we lament their lack of collective determination to do so. Meanwhile a number of our MPs have received vile messages and multiple death threats, some of our representatives have been advised not to return to their homes because it is unsafe for them. At some point after the whole business is sorted we must heal and be reconciled as a nation. In this we can model what we believe, we are a village and a church most likely with roughly 50% leave and remain, but together we can pray for compassion, respect, honesty and generosity in our nation; those prayers unite us irrespective of the binary choice we made in 2016.

Spring has sprung, the grass is ris, I wonder where the birdies is?

Spring is upon us ladies and gentleman, Mothering Sunday and the clocks going forward are upon us so it's completely official. My ponies have supplied half the village with what ponies supply best and I'm sorry if you missed out but they've finished their field trip and they'll be no more manure until August. We know it was spring because this Saturday we had our first meal of the year al-fresco and the hammock has been dusted off and stuck up in the garden – more in hope than expectation at present.

So here's what I want to know - where the heck did the last twelve months go???? I mean how is that a whole year since last spring? Did something weird happen to my perception of time last year when I turned 40 or has it always gone this quick? Because I distinctly remember in my 20's that time took forever to go and a month could feel like an eternity.

Oh moan, moan, grumble grumble you say and the young vicar is sounding old and past it. I agree I am both of those things but neither is my fault. I've done my best to stay contemporary, I've mastered email and I don't send my text messages all in capitals like really old people do. I recently joined a WhatsApp group and now chip in with witty, pithy aphorisms when I can. But there's no doubt that time has changed its speed.

In the rhythm of the seasons and the church year there is something to slow us down though; I'm deep in preparation for Easter right now; half a dozen services of quiet contemplation in Holy Week to plan and the message of rebirth to work on. It fills me with the story of sacrifice and selfishness and keeps me focussed on the here and now. Life otherwise has us supposedly always reaching out for the unattainable and elite perfection that is just round the corner if only we can grasp it. The church year keeps us in the moment and teaches us to dwell on the here and now. Time moves a bit more slower that way and we get to think a bit more deeper.

Happy Spring.

Rev Jackson.

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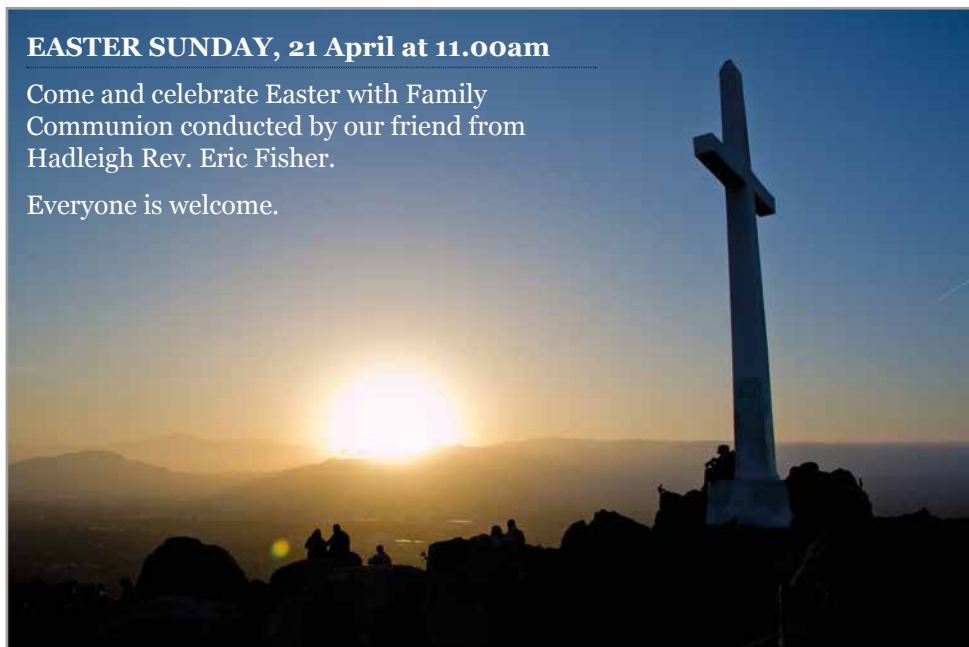
ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 31 March	Mothering Sunday Benefice Service 10.30am	Re-hallowing of Shrine Bishop Martin Seeley Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 2 April	9.30am	Morning Prayer. Lay led
Sunday 7 April	5th of Lent 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 9 April	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Lay led
Sunday 14 April	PALM SUNDAY 11.00am	CW Holy Communion Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 16 April	NO SERVICE	
Friday 19 April	GOOD FRIDAY 12.00 noon	Meditation Service Rev. Jackson
Sunday 21 April	EASTER DAY 11.00am	Family Communion Rev. Eric Fisher
Tuesday 23 April	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Lay led
Sunday 28 April	2nd of Easter 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Mrs. Julie Boast
Tuesday 30 April	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Lay led

EASTER SUNDAY, 21 April at 11.00am

Come and celebrate Easter with Family Communion conducted by our friend from Hadleigh Rev. Eric Fisher.

Everyone is welcome.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 4th. March under the chairmanship of John Hume. Also present were six councillors, clerk and nine members of the public. County Councillor Robert Lindsay attended for part of the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how council meetings work.

Apologies were received from one councillor and the District councillor Alan Ferguson.

Parish time. Thanks were expressed to a councillor and two other helpers who had cut the bank on Cherry Hill by the church and to residents who had helped in the annual litter pick.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

Clerks report. Babergh council had confirmed no Code of Conduct had been broken by a councillor at a previous meeting. Matter was now closed.

Blocked drains on Cherry Hill, school sign which was leaning and potholes had all been reported.

Some potholes had been repaired. The public were reminded that they can report potholes on the SCC website. The council are grateful to Wendy at The Bell who regularly checks the defibrillator.

Village Emergency Telephone system is still in the process of being set up. Residents and the school children had joined in the annual litter pick. The hedge outside the bungalows in Vale Lane had not been cut yet. The district councillor is investigating. Nomination papers for the Parish Council election are available from the clerk.

Amongst correspondence. From 1st April free bus passes will no longer be accepted on the pre booked community bus. All passengers will be charged. Bids for the Community Infrastructure Levy open on 1st. May.

Finance. Bank balances were noted and expenditure agreed for street lighting, dog bins, clerks salary, Village Hall and training. Councillors approved payment for clerks GDPR work. Other financial matters were confirmed.

Planning. Babergh council had refused permission for erection of two dwellings behind Linton House but had approved application to entrance. Little Manor. Proposal for removal of three ash trees was fully supported by the parish councillors.

KCPC Working Group. A quote had been accepted for the replacement of the chestnut fencing. The mower is currently being serviced. The cricket net Astroturf had been pressure washed.

Footpath Working Group. All paths are walkable. Some directional posts have been renewed. The mowers are ready for the new season. There is a problem with cyclists using footpaths in Wickerstreet Green. Three new dog bins have been installed at Vale Lane, Priors Hill and Wickerstreet Green as well as the existing one in Kedges Lane. Inserts to be put inside the footpath maps with this information. The Bell Inn

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES (cont.)

to be given some maps for their information table. Maps are available in the church.

Review and Adopt Policies. These were all adopted and can be viewed on the council website.

Health and Safety Policy. Complaints Policy and Procedure, Grievance and Disciplinary Policy, Equality and Diversity Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Press, Media and Reporting Policy.

Report from County Councillor Robert Lindsay. He didn't think there would be a problem with any lorries using Wickerstreet Green. He updated the meeting on a failed SEN inspection and said families are being let down. Safety at the Crossroads was discussed, this has been talked about for years but there doesn't seem to be a solution. Clinical Commissioning Groups in Suffolk will help to fund the CABs for this year. A full cut is still going ahead next year. There is a new policy for pupils eligible for free school travel from September.

A written report had been received from District Councillor Alan Ferguson. It included Disposal of Corks Lane building, Babergh Joint Area Parking plan, Investments, hedge cutting and Local Elections. He encourages all those eligible to vote to do so on the 2nd May. There is a full report on the council website.

Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Internal Control Systems. After discussion the checklist was completed. The internal auditor was willing to continue.

Review of Risk Assessments. These were discussed in detail.

Need for grit bin on Church Hill. As Suffolk CC no longer use grit heaps a member of the public asked if a grit bin could be installed on Church Hill. As this is a Priority 2 gritting route SCC would not approve one in this location. Clerk to write stating the need for one on this site as it is on a bend and steep hill. Parish council agreed that they could purchase one.

Speeding in the parish. Three years ago speed monitoring was carried out on Church Hill and it found there wasn't a problem. Councillors feel there could be an issue again now and would like some monitoring done. Areas where needed is on Church Hill, The Splash, near playground entrance on Hall Road, top of Mill Lane by school and church entrance and near Priory Hill.

Training. Three councillors had been on training sessions and found them very informative. They had learnt there could be funding for new playground equipment. School children to be asked what they thought was needed.

AOB. Concerns were raised again about parking at the top of Cherry Hill and near the school at drop off and collection times. The clerk would contact the school about this problem.

Date of next meeting 8th April which is the Annual Parish Assembly followed by a short council meeting.

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NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Squirrels (Reception):

Squirrels have had a busy start to this half term learning all about Space. They have been finding out all about our solar system and what Tim Peake did while he was in Space. They enjoyed making planets and the solar system with their parents during science week. The children have all written lists of things they would take into space and have also written about what qualities they would need to have to be an astronaut. In maths they have been doing lots of practical activities focused around adding and subtracting.

Hedgehogs (Years 1 and 2):

In Hedgehogs class we have been looking at the two stories, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. We have been re writing our own versions of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', by changing the characters and some of the events that happen.

On World Book Day we all worked hard to make a classroom display of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' where we made the beanstalk, clouds and the castle at the top!

Badgers (Years 3 and 4):

We have been having great fun in Badgers class this month. As part of World Book Day we read 'Alice in Wonderland'. During the week we created our own versions of the story, created Alice inspired water colours, drink me bottles, teapots, cakes and 3D playing card roses! The children and parents had a brilliant time.

During our Science week we have conducted the experiment of making elephant toothpaste. After writing our own instructions we then used our stop art animation skills to make a video about how to make it. When we were at the village hall we had the task of bringing Tim Peake safely back to Earth. The children did a great job in making a capsule that worked.

Owls (Years 5 and 6):

Owls class have been busy since half term, taking part in BBC Radio 2's 500 words competition, as well as enjoying a great lead-up to World Book Day, reading The Pancake King and designing their own pancakes. They thoroughly enjoyed making them and decorating them too! The children have been focusing our learning around Science, in particular the topic of Earth and Space. They have found out about lunar rovers and heard the story of the Mars rover, Curiosity, which was launched back in 2011. As part of our English work linked to Science week, they have been writing our own CVs to 'apply' for a job at NASA; it has been fascinating to find out how many job possibilities there are other than an astronaut at NASA.

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FARMING NOTES - March 2019

Arable:

The current spell of good weather has caused us to put the meadow hedging/ditching/fencing job on hold while we apply nitrogen fertiliser to all oilseed rape, wheat and winter and spring malting barley. Most of the malting barley that we grow goes to Bairds, the maltsters from Witham in Essex. Their requirement is for the harvested barley to have around 1.7% Nitrogen in the grain in order to make good beer malt. We manage to keep this 'grain N' down to these levels by applying all of the Nitrogen fertiliser by the end of March. For good bread-making characteristics however, wheat grain needs to have a higher percentage of N, so we apply more nitrogen fertiliser over a more prolonged period, to achieve the best premiums for the wheat milling market.

Later this week, assuming the weather allows, we will make a start on preparations for sowing the new crop of sugar beet and fodder beet. Over the years it has become apparent that the optimum sowing date for these crops is around the 28th March, so this year we may be spot on!

Cattle:

Calving has continued well throughout March, with about 65 calves having been born this year. The total of cattle on the farm has just topped 200, this will not increase much more because although another 12 calves should be born we will also start selling last year's calves as finished animals.

The early spring has brought about some welcome grass growth and it will be a relief to turn out some cows and calves soon, as silage and straw supplies are running low. The cows will be split into groups ready for the bulls to join them. (one bull with each group of females) However,



FARMING NOTES - (cont.)

the bulls will have to wait for another month until we turn them with the cows because we do not want calves next year until the beginning of February. As we near the breeding season we hope to sell some of the bulls which we have bred for that purpose. The bull in the photo is Kersey Moonshine a two year old pedigree British Blue who weighs about 850kg and is looking for a new home.

A further six British Blue embryos were implanted into crossbred recipient cows recently so we are hoping for a good conception rate. The calves born as a result of this will be pedigree "Blues" and will be born in a separate group just before Christmas.

Sheep:

Hurrah! Lambing is over and sometime soon we hope to get to The Bell! Lambing actually went fairly smoothly and although there are inevitably a few losses, overall we are pleased with the number and quality of the lambs. All the ewes and lambs are now outside enjoying the fine weather and fresh spring grass.



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DIARY DATES

- 1 Apr – Tuesday Club (on Monday) Village Hall19.30
3 Apr – St Mary’s Annual meeting St. Mary’s19.30
6 Apr – Beech Duo in concert St. Mary’s18.30
7 Apr – Village Hall lunch
- 8 to 22 Apr – Easter holidays*
- 8 Apr – Annual parish assembly Village Hall19.30
15 Apr – Village Hall Annual meeting Village Hall19.30
2 May – PC & DC Elections Village Hall
7 May – Tuesday club meal
- 11 May – Plant sale St. Mary’s12.00- 16.00
11 May – Sale Trail Around village12.00- 16.00
13 May – Parish council Annual meeting Village Hall19.30
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KERSEY PLANT AND
TABLE TOP TRAIL SALE

Saturday 11th May 2019
12.00 – 4.00pm

- *Plant Sale at St Mary's Church Kersey.*
- *Tea, cake and light lunches available at the Village Hall.*
- *Table Tops throughout the village selling pre-loved possessions.*

FOLLOW THE TRAIL AND FIND SOMETHING TO TREASURE
Collect your map from a participating stallholder.

To Book a Table Space email: kerseyprojects@gmail.com



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