

KERSEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2020



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Parish Service: 9th February at 5pm.
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

Rev. Jackson Crompton-Battersby.
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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 administrator 07706 188842 weekday mornings.

SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to John Maltby and family following the death of Anne in December.

When John and Anne came to live at "Pax" in 1994 they soon settled into village life. Anne took an active roll in the church serving on the PCC and for many years made the coffee following services. She also served on the VPA committee. Anne did much research and recording of villagers memories and eventually wrote the book "Kersey within living memory" which was published for the millennium. Anne was passionate about animals and was always seen with John taking their small dogs for walks around the village until ill health prevented her from doing so. For the last few years she has been lovingly cared for by John and the family who must miss her greatly.

We were sorry to hear of the death in December of Brenda Moody from Boxford. She taught here at Kersey in the small classroom for many years. She respected and loved the children and they felt the same towards her. Our sympathy goes to her nephew Barry and family.

BAPTISM

Thomas Frederick Przbylski Merchant son of Paul and Sarah from Evans Hall, Hadleigh Heath was baptised at St. Mary's on the 12th January.

BUFFET SUPPER

The Christmas Buffet Supper held in December raised £535 for St. Mary's church. Thank you to those who supported this event in anyway.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met in church on the 15th January.

A worship team have been planning a new monthly parish service for the 2nd Sunday in the month.

A report was given on the maintenance schedule and health and safety folder. Following a leak in the north aisle roof a repair to the lead has been carried out. The electrician has identified the fault to the sockets on the north wall. Paving at the west door entrance and the boiler screening should be completed soon. The heating and floodlighting is now on an app.

Reports were received on fund raising and newsletter. The treasurer gave a detailed financial report. An update was given on the re-hallowing of the shrine on 8th. March.

RINGERS

On the 24th November we welcomed the production company “Oxford Films” to Kersey to record some footage of the bells and ringers for an upcoming BBC documentary.

The footage will be used as part of an episode of Arena, the long running BBC arts and culture documentary series on BBC 4, about the novel “The Mirror and the Light”. The book is the final part of the trilogy by Hilary Mantel charting the rise and fall of Thomas Cromwell. The first book is the well known Wolf Hall which along with the second book was dramatised into a TV series in 2015. They were looking to include elements of life that would have been recognised by people at the time and in the book Mantel says that the loudest sounds those people would have known would’ve been thunder and the ringing of church bells.

The episode is due to air in March to coincide with the release of the book. Thank you to the ringers who turned out to support the filming.

On the 22nd of December a quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Minor was rang in 43 minutes by ringers Michelle White, Kathleen Banks, Crawford Allen, Kevin Ward, Neville Whittell and Robert Howe. Conducted by Neville Whittell. This was for Evensong and in thanksgiving for the lives of Anne Maltby and John English.

On the 31st December the bells were rung half muffled for the passing of 2019 and open to welcome in 2020 by the following ringers Judith Kaufhold, Pauline Brown, Kathleen Banks, Rodney Downer and Neville Whittell.

INVALIDS

We send our best wishes to those in hospital or ill at home.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

PLANT SALE

The annual plant sale is being held in church on the 9th May. It will soon be time to think about seed sowing and transplanting seedlings, please remember the church sales table if you have any spare plants.

FAYRE

Friends of the school raised £168 at their Christmas Fayre.

CAROL SINGING

£190 was raised for EACH from Carol singing at the Christmas Buffet and The Bell.

UNCLAIMED

A pair of long handled shears and a red umbrella are still at the church. They will be donated to a charity shop if they remain unclaimed. Ring 01473 837302.

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VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Flower and Vegetable Show 12th September.

At meeting on Monday the show schedule was arranged. This will be delivered with the March newsletter so will give crafters lots of time to make items for the handwork classes.

KERSEY OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 6th June 2020. By popular request, we are staging Open Gardens again this year and would welcome all those gardens who took part last time to join us again and also to other garden owners who would like to join us in 2020. Open Gardens 2018 was hugely popular and very well received and we've had lots of enquiries as to when we were opening this year. Please e-mail: ***kerseyprojects@gmail.com*** if you would like to take part. We will send separate e-mail to all those who opened previously.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Forthcoming events:

Family Day at Bridges Farm, Kersey, Saturday 4th April.

We are delighted to announce a very special event at Bridges Farm, to be hosted by Chris and Sarah Partridge. There will be an open day with afternoon teas, BBQ and fun events for all the family. The lambing season will be in full swing plus ewes, calves, cows, ducks, poultry and quail for the younger people to see and enjoy. Everyone is welcome.

Admission will be £5 per person or £15 for families. More info to follow soon but please 'save the date' and support your local church building.

Kelvedon Singers at St Mary's Church, Kersey, Saturday 25th April.

"Sing Joyfully" – a concert of sacred music in the wonderful setting of St Mary's Church, including music by Handel, Bach, Byrd, Hummel and Mozart. Tickets now on sale for £15 including glass of wine. (7pm start, doors open 6.30pm.)

Contact ***fosmkersey@gmail.com*** or 07721 625932 / 07484 649235.

Also available online for a small booking fee at ***www.kind.church/fosm***.

Swingin' for St Mary's at Kersey Village Hall, Saturday 25th July.

We are delighted to announce that Ronnie Scott's regular, Chris Ingham and his Jazz Trio, will be back by popular demand! More info to follow soon but please 'save the date' and support your local church building.

All proceeds from these events go towards the restoration, protection and development of St Mary's Church building, Kersey.

PARISH NEWS (cont.)

TUESDAY CLUB

In December club members enjoyed a Christmas party at the Village Hall. "Know your village". The quiz was won by **Sarah Panton** and **Norah Orriss**.

No meeting in February. We start our 2020 programme on 3rd March when John Robinson is coming to talk about his holiday in Central Asia. Village Hall 7.30pm.

NIGHTINGALE TRUST

Between 6.00pm Friday 11th and 8.30am Saturday 12th January, all the sheds at the allotments were broken into. Padlocks were cut and hasps forced. A quantity of petrol was stolen. This crime has been reported to the Police. Sheds at Polstead, Boxford, and Hadleigh were also targeted during the same time. Capel St Mary had been targeted a few days earlier. All had petrol stolen. Please be vigilant. If any one has any information regarding this matter, please contact Natalie Blyth.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2020 – SAVE THE DATE!

It may be a little early but you will not want to miss the Kersey Christmas Party 2020, so the date to put in your diary is: Saturday 28 November. More details much later in the year!

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OLD BUCKENHAM HALL SCHOOL ECO FAIR

Old Buckenham Hall School, Brettenham will be holding its first ever Eco Fair on Friday 14th February 2020 from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm. We have an exciting range of stall holders including local producers, eco-friendly companies and organisations celebrating everything eco-friendly, sustainable and green. Refreshments will also be available throughout the afternoon.

Everyone is welcome and entry is free.

The event is being run by the Old Buckenham Hall School's pupil led Eco Committee and will be the culmination of a week of school wide eco themed events including theatre workshops, cross-curricular activities, a meat free day and a public speaking competition. The Committee was formed in September and is made up of representatives from Years 5 to 8. The children are working on a whole range of initiatives to help preserve and protect the environment with the aim of securing the internationally recognised Eco Schools Green Flag award for excellence in environmental action and learning.

For more information or to register an interest in holding a stall at the fair, please contact Andrew Swiney by email: andrew.swiney@obh.co.uk, phone: 01449 740252 or visit www.obh.co.uk.

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Maximum temperature 12°C (54°F)
Minimum temperature -1°C (30°F)

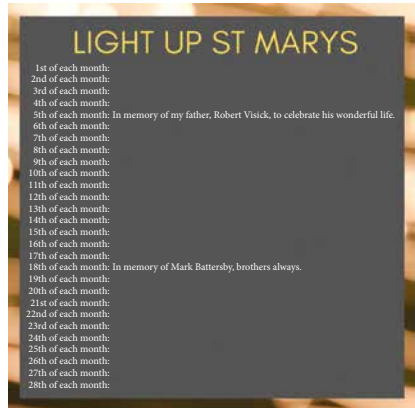
Rainfall for December 94mm (3¾")
December last year 53mm (2")
Total rainfall for 2019 620mm (24¼")
Maximum temperature 12°C (54°F)
Minimum temperature -1°C (30°F)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Light up

When I was a young my brother passed away. It's hardly unusual in a family to loose someone special and it affected us like it affects most of you reading this when you lost a loved one. Anyway when the 18th of January comes round we celebrate his birthday and on the 18th of most months my mind wanders to thoughts about our Mark.

I think that was the inspiration behind the Light Up St Mary's idea, or perhaps it was Lewis Carroll's idea of un-birthdays – on the 8th of each month I get my wife a mini present for her un-birthday – which reminds me I missed out January. Anyway the thing is, I put our Mark's name down to be remembered each month on the 18th and the floodlights now light up St Mary's on that date each month to remember him. It's a just a little thing, but when we came over on the 18th of January and sat outside in the car waiting for 6pm and the lights to go on, it meant everything to Mum and Dad.



So anyway, if you think you could join the Light Up St Mary's scheme and reserve a date each month to celebrate your loved one's monthly un-birthday – or to remember a lost loved one – please do have a serious think out it. There are only 28 spaces available and a board inside church with the names of those being celebrated or remembered. And if anyone else also wants the 18th I'm happy to share it.

Change of service times

We now have a monthly parish service. It's almost always not communion and it will be most like the Harvest Festival service with readings, hymns, prayers and reflection. It's once a month and we hope those in the parish who can make it will be able to. We've set the time to be usually 5.00pm and it'll last about 45 minutes. Of course in March it'll be at 10.30am for the re-hallowing and in April it's 6pm. So how on earth do we let everyone know? Well each month the front cover of the best-parish-magazine-ever, will have a box with the date and time, they'll be a notice go up the two or three days before and with our two morning services it will be on our brand new proper website www.kerseychurch.org.

Re-hallowing

I've written a separate letter this month about March's re-hallowing and I look forward to seeing you on the 8th of March.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Shrine Re-hallowing – programme for the day

The North Chancel is being re-hallowed as a Shrine on **8th March** this year. The space is being set apart for various temporary installations, each of which will last between a week and a few months; and times when it will be empty for quiet contemplative prayer.

The service on the 8th March will **begin at 10.30am** at the **Splash** and there will be two or three few minutes where traffic will be held at the top of Church Hill, just as we do with the ball run; but traffic will flow freely down The Street to the Bell and the houses up to the Splash. If you're planning deliveries that day it might be worth scheduling them to arrive after 11.00am. **At 10.35am** the choirs will walk up from the Splash to St Mary's via the steps, so Church Hill will only be out of action for a very few minutes.

There will be a light lunch afterwards in the Village Hall for Friends Of St Mary's and invited guests and a party in The Bell **from 7.30pm** Sunday evening.

Things to look out for are the soloist singing from the top of St Mary's tower and the Ipswich School choir singing back from the Splash in their scarlet robes and wellies! Our own fabulous Kersey School choir are singing at the Splash as well as a choir from the Benefice – the group of five churches to which St Mary's belongs. Visitors have parking arranged at Kersey Mill but we haven't widely advertised the service and haven't sent invitations outside of the Benefice.

We know there will be a little bit of disruption and we apologise for the inconvenience. We hope that Kersey Parish residents will join us for the service on the 8th and in the pub for the party that evening.

There are so many people from our parish taking part, whether it's singing, stewarding, cooking, greeting, shepherding choirs, directing traffic, reading in the service, or producing artwork for future installations in The Shrine; and we thank the dedicated team of people who have been meeting for a year now to plan the day. We're grateful to Archdeacon David and Bishop Martin for leading the services of re-hallowing and for guiding us along the process. We hope that in subsequent days and weeks, whatever is in The Shrine, you will find the church at least as welcoming and engaging as it has always been and as it will remain – a place to sit and think and pray and wonder. A place where we experience that there is more to life.

St Mary's Church PCC

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

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Sunday 1 Feb	Christ's Presentation 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson
Tues 4 Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Sunday 9 Feb	3rd before Lent 4.30pm for 5.00pm	Parish Service Rev Jackson
Tues 11 Feb	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 16 Feb	2nd before Lent 11.00am	Cafe Church tba
Tues 18 Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Sunday 23 Feb	Next before Lent 4.00pm	Evensong Mrs Julie Boast
Tues 25 Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Sunday 1 March	1st of Lent 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson
Tues 3 Mar	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led



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3 Feb	– Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	19.30
2 Mar	– Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	19.30
3 Mar	– Tuesday Club	Village Hall	19.30
8 Mar	– Re-hallowing of shrine	St Mary's church	10.30
16 Mar	– Village Produce Assoc. AGM	Village Hall	19.30
18 Mar	– Parochial Church Council	St Mary's church	19.30
4 Apr	– Open Farm Day	Bridges Farm, Kersey Tye	TBC
6 Apr	– Annual Parish Assembly	Village Hall	19.30
22 Apr	– Parochial CC Annual meeting	St Mary's church	19.30
25 Apr	– Kelvedon Singers	St Mary's church	19.00
11 May	– Parish Council Annual Meeting	Village Hall	19.30
6 Jun	– Kersey Open Gardens		TBC
6 Jul	– Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	19.30
25 Jul	– Swingin' for St Mary's	Village Hall	TBC
7 Sep	– Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	19.30
12 Sep	– Flower Show	Village Hall	14.15~17.00
16 Nov	– Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	19.30
28 Nov	– Kersey Christmas Party	Village Hall	TBC

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PARISH COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 16th December. Present were John Hume chairman, five councillors, clerk and 2 members of the public.

Apologies were received from one councillor.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Planning progress. Babergh council had granted permission for change of use from agricultural barns to dwelling and erection of one dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) at Holtons, The Uplands.

Precept for 2020/21 was confirmed at £8,716.00.

Police and parish forum. One councillor attended. Crimes must always be reported via 101, 999 or by using the online reporting tool. The police will follow up on our speeding concerns.

SALC meeting. No councillor was able to attend but notes from this meeting are available on the SALC website.

AOB. The housing needs survey will be included on the next meeting agenda as will suggestions on how to keep residents informed with any relevant information.

A new “No HGV” sign has been erected at Boxford. It was felt this might lead to more heavy traffic coming through Kersey.

The grit bin application for Church Hill has been approved following an appeal.

Next meeting 3rd. February.

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The next issue will cover **March 2020**.

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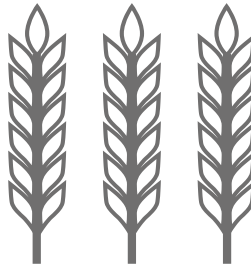
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Council News

Babergh Councillors are to review the 2020/21 budget in the coming weeks. While the budget this year is in a better position than was expected, the council is still facing many pressures. Details can be found on the Council website (www.babergh.gov.uk/news/babergh-councillors-consider-budget-for-202021/), but the main headlines include –

A proposed increase of 3% to council tax – equivalent to just 10p a week or £5 over the course of a year for a Band D property (increases range from £3.33 per annum for the smallest Band A property to £10 for the largest Band H property). No change in the Council Tax Reduction Scheme that sees poorest residents pay just 5% of their bill. A change to empty property discount, reducing the period that unoccupied and unfurnished properties pay discounted council tax from three months to 28 days.

Continued investment in CIFCO – the council’s property investment company, as agreed in last year’s budget. An increase in long-stay car parking charges from £2 to £3. However, short-stay parking for up to three hours will remain free at many of our town centre car parks.

After four years of reductions, the council is also proposing putting up council house rents by 2.7% meaning a £2.19 per week increase for tenants – although, even with this increase, rents are still lower than in 2015/6. Sheltered housing tenants also face an increase of £2 a week on their bills, but their utility payments remain static for another year.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments for 2019 were announced just before Christmas. CIL is a levy that local authorities can charge on developments in their area, not only to encourage local development but also to make sure that the infrastructure in the region can afford to keep up with new homes and businesses. 15% of the CIL paid goes to the local parish where the development is built, and this money can be spent as the parish sees fit. 80% goes into a wider pot that is used for Strategic Infrastructure. This wider pot is also available for local communities if they wish to bid for investment.

Communities across Babergh and Mid Suffolk have received a £791,000 funding boost for local projects including a community gallery at Gainsborough’s House in Sudbury, as well as a new car park and bus shelter.

Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding totalling £492,425 was collected between April and September this year and has now been handed over to 51 town and parish councils across the districts to support local community projects. Two parish areas that are governed by a parish meeting also received funds to spend in their areas.

This year, both councils also approved bids to give a further £299,160 to seven local infrastructure projects funded through District CIL.

This, along with the S106 payments, are an important way of developing the infrastructure within our towns and villages.

Leigh Jamieson (Cllr)



You are invited

TO THE HISTORIC RE-HALLOWING OF THE
SHRINE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH KERSEY

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

Events begin at 10.30am at
The Splash with Bishop Martin,
followed by the service at
St Mary's Church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME