

KERSEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

June 2021



St. Mary's Church Services

6th June	BCP Holy Communion	9am
20th June	Fathers' Day Parish Service	4pm

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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.

CHURCH CLEANING

7th June – Susannah Marsh and Sue Jones.

21st June – Linda Newbigging and Gillian Sacker.

ROGATION SUNDAY

A well attended Rogation Sunday pet service was held in the churchyard. There were nineteen pets ranging from a pony, large and small dogs, cockatoo and other furry friends. This was the first pet service to be held here but was a great success with all the animals being well behaved.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of St Mary's Church was held on 20th May. Chairman Rev. Jackson with fourteen other people attending. The meeting began with two minutes silence to remember all those who had lost their lives over the past year.

The first part of the meeting was for election of churchwarden. Rachel Wells accepted for another term.

Part Two. There are thirty-three names on the electoral roll.

The secretary gave a report on the proceedings of the PCC. Safeguarding training is being undertaken on-line. There could be some face to face training later in the year. Report from FOSM. All events last year had been cancelled. When restrictions are lifted it is hoped to start fund raising again. A 500 club has been established.

The treasurer gave a very in-depth report on the finances. He spoke about the impact which would be felt with the closure of the banks in Hadleigh and the importance of on-line banking.

Annual fabric report was given with points raised from the last quinquennial. The terrier and inventory had been updated. Election and appointments were confirmed. The shrine area has been a place of comfort for many with hundreds of prayers being placed in the dish. A new installation in the shrine area was agreed by the PCC at their subsequent meeting.







A cinema evening is planned next year for the showing of Magpie Murders.

Rev. Jackson thanked all those who have been involved with St Mary's.



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PARISH NEWS

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the VPA will be held on the 28th June in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

We are planning to go ahead with the flower show on the 11th September. We are using last year's schedule but if you have mislaid that and would like another they are available from Rachel Wells.

FAYRE

The weather on Saturday managed to stay fine even though it wasn't very warm. This however didn't dampen the spirits of the stallholders and the many visitors who came to the fayre. There was such a variety of stalls something to tempt everyone. Hot or cold weather was catered for with the barbecue or the ice cream van. Approximately £1,000 was raised for St Mary's. A special thank you must go to Philippa Price who organised it all and everyone else who helped to make it such a success.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to the box holders who managed to give me their boxes for the count done last year. £156 was raised to help improve the lives of children and young people who feel vulnerable. It helped families trapped in poverty and debt and supported young carers especially during these difficult times. Please could those of you who have boxes get them to me by 25th June so that I can count them. If anyone would like to become a box holder please do get in touch.

Thank you. **Susannah Marsh** 01473 822927.

FOSM KICKS OFF 2021 WITH A FUNDRAISER FEAST!

Dear Friends,

First, and foremost, a huge thank you to those who tucked into our delicious local Suffolk Meat BBQ – beef quarter pounder burgers, whopping jumbo pork hot dogs – all barbecued to perfection by Chris & Sarah, Mark & Arthur, Bruce and yours truly. Supported wonderfully in the Tea & Home Made Cakes kitchen by Mary, Sarah, Linda, Jan and Jackie. A huge thank you to them all. Plus special mention to Suzie Rudkin and Mary Pearce for baking 'to die for' home made cup cakes, Jackie Rigby for naughty chocolate brownies and unbelievably moist banana cake from Rachel Rogers. Thank you also to Chris and Sarah Partridge for donating dozens of Quail eggs for sale too. We raised nearly £350 for the church at the Saturday Church May fayre.

Secondly, a heads up that FoSM events will be back soon, starting with a jazz evening in the summer, as well as a night of 'Memories with Music' set in the

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splendid surrounds of a candlelit church, and hopefully a completely new format of an American Supper dance later in the year. Watch this space for further news soon!

If you would like to hear more please contact Jackie on 07721 625932 or go to www.kerseychurch.org/fosm

And remember, even churches need friends, so please become a member and donate to the renovation and maintenance of our fabulous village's iconic heritage, or have a monthly flutter on the lottery and join our 500 Club.

All details at www.kerseychurch.org/fosm

Very best wishes, **Mark Rigby**

SAVE THE DATE - KERSEY REUNITED!

MONDAY 30 AUGUST 2021 – We're hoping to hold a village picnic in the recreation ground where all of us can meet together at long last! More details to follow in next month's newsletter but please put this date in your diaries!

SYMPATHY

As we go to print we have heard of the passing of Reg Farthing. Our sympathy to Grace and family.

Rainfall2.2mm
(Same month last year. 25mm)
Maximum temperature15°C (59°F)
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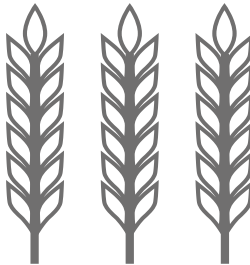


Thank you to Kate Banks who records the weather for us in Wickerstreet Green. The rainfall amount sometimes varies in different parts of the parish.

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NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Otters (Reception, Years 1 and 2):

Otters Class are having a very wild time this term! Starting with our new Power of Reading book, 'Beware of the Crocodile' and now with 'One Day on our Blue Planet... In the Savannah'.

We have learnt a lot about crocodiles and are continuing our learning about lions.

The children remembered so many facts about the life cycle of a crocodile and wanted to share their knowledge and so went into Owls class to present their findings. Even some of the year 6 children were surprised and learnt a thing or two!



We have also enjoyed writing stories and exploring the vocabulary in these books, some of our favourite words include – thrashing, vicious, fierce, twirling, cruising, lunging, emerge, tremendous, determined, cunning and devious.



In art we have studied the work of Matisse and had a go at collages ourselves. We have used the skills of cutting, tearing, scrunching and sticking to make animals from the Savannah with tissue paper and card. We cannot wait for the school's art exhibition to show off our creations.

It has been wonderful to all be back in class together and continue the hard work and effort that has been shown this year throughout many different challenges.

Badgers (Years 3 and 4):

What a busy time Key Stage Two have been having this summer term. We have been focusing on the Anglo Saxons and at the end of this term, we will be using our DT skills to build our own Anglo-Saxon village. In Science we have had two topics: the digestive system and the circulatory system. With Year 5 and 6 we had an in-depth chat about how social media can warp our senses and can cause people to see their bodies in a negative way. Year 3 and 4 have had fun in English this term by looking at two different stories: The Mousehole Cat and The Stonemouse. We have focused a lot this term on descriptive writing and using all our senses when describing.

Owls (Years 5 and 6):

Owls have been enjoying the story of 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman as part of our Science work on the Human Body. We have LOVED this incredibly dramatic and controversial story; it has inspired debates, poetry and diary writing. In Maths, we have been learning about measurement, finding area, perimeter and volume of shapes; this week, we have got out the protractors to learn how to measure angles!

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Only sausages hurt like this

I was at the Kersey church fete; I'd just bought a beautiful seascape tile from the lady that was selling ceramic seals. Then a whisper in my ear from someone "Did you know Paloma Faith is here?" Now I'm a massive Paloma fan, I have been for years but I'm also a bit in awe of her. When she was just about to break big in America she had that whole sit down meeting thing with the record label and they outlined the promotion and marketing work that they were about to press the green light on.

"Just one problem Paloma, the video for your big hit single, you've filmed the steamy scenes with a coloured guy. We don't think that'll play well here. We need you to film it again with a white guy in the part."

She walked away, said no way and sees that as her only opportunity to make it big in the USA and it probably won't come again that big.

It takes guts that does, it takes courage and faith and a realisation that your career is not more important than other people's rights.

So when I heard that she was at the fete I went looking with "Only love can hurt like this" playing in my mind. I asked everyone and they all said they'd seen her but she'd gone. Well, with memories of my disastrous film debut two weeks before I thought here we go again; fame doesn't want me. I consoled myself with a visit to the FOSM BBQ and bought one of Mark's fabulous big porkers. I covered it with fried onions and yellow and red sauce and set off round the church - then, right before my eyes was a vision of four foot three feisty courage and moral virtue (they're always smaller in real life aren't they). My jaw dropped, my foot fell off the path and I lunged forward with Mark's Suffolk Jumbo shooting out of its bun and landing on some poor soul's grave (Nathaniel Sholto 1743-1797. He was probably glad of the attention) and I collapsed on one knee like an over obsequious courtier.

"Are you alright?" Said my diminutive hero

"Um yes, but I think I've lost my sausage"

That's it, seven years of me loving everything, everything that she's sung, seven years of nurturing a genuine respect for her moral stances and parenting under challenging situations and all I can manage is "I think I've lost my sausage".

They say never meet your heroes, but what they don't say is it's because you'll feel useless and inadequate.

I wasn't hungry after that so I went inside and told everyone I'd had a conversation with Paloma Faith, that she'd actually asked me a real life question!

I was dead proud of us in Kersey on Saturday. Everyone is saying they've stopped

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (cont.)

doing this and stopped doing that. Everything's the new normal which is code for a pants version of the old normal. Well what we all did in the parish that day was a safe and joyful celebration of what happens when humans take steps of faith: creativity abounds, people smile, hearts are lifted and the Vicar throws a sausage on some poor soul who was doing his best to rest in peace.

God bless you, see you on Father's Day, 4pm Sunday 20th June.

Rev Jackson

Vicar of Kersey

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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

This month's **500 Club** draw took place in the Church on Saturday 22nd May with independent witnesses and the winners were:

- 1st Prize – Sarah Partridge
- 2nd Prize – Colin Grannell
- 3rd Prize – Chris Partridge

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held via Zoom on the 4th May.

Present were Chairman, four councillors, clerk and five members of the public.

John Hume was elected as Chairman with Andrew Rogers as Vice chair.

Apologies were received from two councillors.

A councillor declared an interest in a planning application.

All appointments for various working groups were confirmed.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

Clerk's report: Babergh has thanked the Parish Council and volunteers for litter picking in the parish. No litter picking could be done on the A1141 unless there is traffic management or a road closure due to the speed of the traffic. The website has been updated. The events page and calendar is also updated regularly. A production company has been filming in the village. It has brought great excitement to the village after a difficult year. The Parish Council will be receiving a £1,500 donation.

Amongst correspondence: Babergh and Mid Suffolk have submitted the Joint Local Plan to the Secretary of State.

National Grid consultation for the Bramford to Twinstead network – The proposed new line would run close to the existing line. There was concern about the impact on the countryside and that it is not proposed to underground the line. A response would be sent.

Quiet Lanes: A councillor had been looking at the initiative and assessing how many signs would be needed. Some finance is available. There will have to be a public consultation before anything is agreed.

Finance: Responsible Financial Officer, Internal Auditor and head councillor for finance were all confirmed. The financial statement had been circulated to councillors previously. All payments were approved.

Parish council accounts and governance statements: The internal audit had been completed and everything was in order. Year end accounts were approved.

Consider any actions necessary due to Covid 19.

Community support remains in place. The playground remains open.

Despite lobbying from local government and councils, remote meeting legislation has not been extended. Face to face meetings will be permitted provided a risk assessment has been carried out and government guidance is followed. All meetings in the village hall will start at 7.30pm.

Planning: Outline planning application for erection of dwellings on land south-west of Vale Lane. The appeal has been dismissed by the planning inspector.

Boutells, The Street. Babergh had approved felling of one birch tree and crown reduction of another.

1 Ancient Houses. Babergh had granted listed building consent for internal alterations and renovations.

PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

River House. Application for erection of first floor extension, internal re-ordering and repairs. A representative of the applicant was present and answered questions on the application. He said it was planned to conserve and restore the building sympathetically. The Parish Council fully supported this application. They were pleased to see such care and detail had been taken in the application. The house is of historic importance to Kersey and the council welcomes the restoration.

Leys House, Church Hill. Application with listed building consent. Erection of single storey rear and side extension. Erection of home office with guest accommodation. This was a re-submission. Councillors considered these applications. There were concerns about the height of the home office with accommodation and the impact on neighbours, also it could set a precedent for back land development. Although there were reservations councillors agreed to support by a majority decision.

An application for Curtis Farm came too late to be discussed at this meeting and an extraordinary meeting would have to be arranged.


Footpath Working Group: First round of grass cutting planned for this week, with second cut in July depending on growth. Some posts have been replaced and work to rutted paths has been completed.


KCPC: Group members are cutting the grass and carrying out safety checks. Work to equipment and gates will be done soon. There have been delays with the manufacture of the basket swing.

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Review and adopt policies. All these were re-adopted.

Babergh's biodiversity offer of trees, hedging and wildflower areas. Babergh are offering free trees and hedgerow plants and asking for help in locating areas in the parish for wild flowers. The council does not own any land but thought the offer should be followed up. Some areas were suggested.

Consider a response to the government remote meetings consultation.

The government has not renewed remote meeting legislation. It was agreed that remote meetings had been a positive experience and had worked well. Councillors would welcome the option to hold remote meetings when appropriate. It had been easy for the public to join in and our County and District Councillors could attend regularly reducing travel. A response would be given to this consultation.

Agree content for "Pride in our Parish".

Information about the Quiet Lanes initiative and the Babergh offer of trees and hedging would be given.

Training: The clerk had attended a clerks' networking session and a communications webinar.

Meetings: A councillor had attended and notes had been circulated on the SALC Babergh Area Forum. Next SALC Forum is on the 1st June via Zoom.

AOB: The chair reminded all councillors to confirm that their Registers of Interest are up to date.

Next ordinary meeting 5th July Village Hall 7.30pm.

An extraordinary meeting was held on the 24th May in the Village Hall. Present were Chair, John Hume, four councillors and the clerk. This was the first face to face meeting of the council since March 20.

Apologies from two councillors.

Minutes of meeting 4th May were confirmed as correct.

Planning: Application for householder and Listed Building consent for Curtis Farm. Erection of single storey rear garden room (following demolition of existing conservatory), installation of French doors and sidelights with canopy over. The council were disappointed that neither the applicant or agent were present at the meeting. After consideration they agreed it was an improvement although there were some concerns that the garden room may be a rather modern addition to a listed building. It was agreed to support subject to compliance with the Babergh Heritage Officers recommendations.

The council discussed their disappointment that not many applicants are taking a full interest in the Planning process and attending meetings when their applications come up.

It was asked when site visits would resume. These would be considered on a case by case basis.

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FARMING NOTES

Arable:

As I write these notes towards the end of May I am aware that our OSR has been fully on flower for a whole month. I feel the longer it stays on flower the better the seed yield will be, so I hope this is a good sign. As usual the weather is controlling how and when we do things on the farm. As stated in last month's notes, April was virtually dry with just a little snow forming the only precipitation we had for the month. Rainfall in May up to 25th of the month has totalled 68mm (just over 2.5inches) but has varied widely depending on where you are in the county, but is more than the monthly average. A local asked me the other day if 'the drought was officially over' and I had to agree it is! The sugar beet plant development is very slow, but the rain has meant that the plant establishment is very good. Most crops look to be doing OK but the cool weather has definitely held back plant development. The catchy weather has made the application of the last fungicide sprays on the cereals a tricky business and we found the spring barley crops behind sugar beet too wet to travel on recently. The timely application of herbicides on the current beet crop has been very difficult, but is looking more likely later this week.

Livestock:

What a difference a month makes! In April we were seriously worried about the lack of grass growth and if there would be enough for the livestock to eat, let alone any to cut for silage. Now I am delighted to say there is plenty of



Blue Texel ewe and lambs

lovely fresh spring grass and we will be cutting up to 40 acres of it for silage next week. Although not appreciated by everyone, rain at this time of year does no end of good and things are now nicely set up for the next few weeks. The bull sale at Carlisle was a partial success, we sold one bull and were happy with that but brought the other one home unsold. It was a

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long couple of days but we returned home from the 600 mile round trip weary but a little wiser. The bull which we did sell also had a long journey as he was purchased to go breeding in the Orkney Isles.

For some years now we have been working towards attaining a high health status for our livestock. This involves keeping a closed herd and blood testing all the adults annually for a number of diseases. As well as being good policy generally we did this so that we could supply bulls to Cogent whose health requirements are stringent. An added bonus of our health status is that we can sell female breeding stock to other farmers and I was pleased recently to achieve my first 'Facebook' sale. I advertised free on social media and within a few days had sold four heifers for breeding to a man from Yorkshire.

The lambs are growing well and have so far not needed treating for the many internal parasites which can affect them. The dry April and cold nights seems to have slowed the rise in coccidiosis and stomach worms which often cause them to scour at this time of year. My policy of moving the sheep from field to field every few weeks may also have helped as the sheep have gone before the parasite population on the grass can build to critical numbers. We weighed the March born lambs recently and the best Suffolk lambs weighed over 40kg having grown at over 500g per day since birth. The Blue Texels however while compact and fleshy do not grow nearly as fast.

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28 Jun – Village Produce Association AGM... Village Hall	19.30
29 Jun – Parochial Church Council	19.00
5 Jul – Parish Council... Village Hall	19.30
6 Sep – Parish Council... Village Hall	19.30
11 Sep – Flower Show ... Village Hall	14.15-17.00

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