

# KERSEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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 the Benefice administrator 07706 188842 weekday mornings.

## CHURCH CLEANING

14th November – Sue Jones and Lynn English.

28th November – Neil and Joan Hutton.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the households who have responded so far to our annual newsletter appeal. Out of about 200 deliveries made we have received donations from 34 households so we still have a way to go.

Our harvest festival service was held on the 16th. Thank you to the flower arrangers and all those who donated to the food bank.

## BEST WISHES

We send our best wishes to those who have been in hospital, attending for treatment or unwell at home. There seems to be a lot of Covid infections around again so take care.

## MOVES

Welcome to Craig Lister and Jacqui Laurence who have moved to the Grain Store, Wickerstreet Green.

## BELL RINGERS

Thank you to all the bell ringers who came to ring for the Queen.

*Thursday 8th September* – The tenor was tolled 96 times by Kathleen Banks, Joanne Crouch, Crawford Allen and Neville Whittell.

*Thursday 15th September* – General ringing half muffled by David and Lynda Lee, Robert Howe, Crawford Allen, Pauline Brown, Richard Gates, Joanne Crouch, Kathleen Banks, Ainsley Gilbert, Emily Vallow, Lyn Edwards, Neville Whittell.

*Sunday 18th September* – 360 Plain Bob Doubles rung half muffled by 1 Christine Howe 2 Kathleen Banks 3 Pauline Brown 4 Neville Whittell conductor 5 Robert Howe.

*Monday 19th September* – 720 Plain Bob Doubles rung half muffled by 1 Joanne Crouch 2 Kathleen Banks 3 Christine Howe 4 Robert Howe 5 Neville Whittell conductor 6 Peter Ulph.

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## PARISH NEWS

### VILLAGE HALL

Many thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed a lovely evening at the village hall autumn buffet. A special thank you must go to all the helpers and everyone who made the delicious food. We were complimented on so much variety to choose from. £932.90 was made for village hall funds.

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Held in aid of EACH East Anglia Children's Hospice you are invited to a Coffee Morning on Friday 2nd December, 10.30am until 12.30pm, at Orchard Barn, Kersey Upland, IP7 6EW. Please bring a small gift for the Christmas raffle. Donations Welcome (01473 829074).

### VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

A committee meeting was held on the 24th October. The show accounts were shown. A loss had occurred although it had been a good show with more entries this year. It was agreed to give donations to help towards the churchyard, floodlights and newsletter.

It was proposed that the cost of hiring the marquees should be increased to £125 for the frame marquee and £150 for the large marquee.

Date for 2023 show will be 9th September.

The outing and show schedule will be discussed at the January meeting.

### KERSEY OPEN GARDENS – IT'S BACK!

After forced delays in staging Open Gardens again, we're back on SATURDAY 10th JUNE 2023! Please save the date!

We will be emailing owners who took part previously in the hope that they will participate again and we already have 'new' gardens signed up! Do please contact us (see below) if you would like to open your garden. It doesn't matter what size garden you have – please join us!

Many more details later but please register your interest soon.

Kersey Projects [kerseyprojects@gmail.com](mailto:kerseyprojects@gmail.com).

### NIGHTINGALE TRUST

The Nightingale Trust was originally set up in 1580 with a remit to help the poor and needy of Kersey Parish. Times change, and with them, people's needs. Payments are made in December that perhaps can help in some way towards winter fuel bills, rising food costs etc. – a big concern especially this winter. We make a donation to the local food bank, which hopefully helps Kersey Parishioners too.

Are you finding it difficult to cope with rising costs? Do you know of anyone that would benefit from some assistance?

Please contact me. All suggestions and conversations will be in the strictest confidence.

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The Nightingale Trust are members of Kings Seeds Allotment and Horticultural Societies and Gardening Seeds Scheme. Last year was our first year and we successfully managed to obtain a 50% discount on our total seed order. I'm sure you will agree, its a big saving and well worth having, especially in these current difficult times. In order to receive this 50% discount the total order value for seeds needs to be £200 or more. We managed this easily last year with orders totalling just over £500 on only 12 orders!! (NOTE: 50% discount only available on seed orders, exculdes seed potatoes, onion sets, ancilliary items etc.) With this discount, why not try something new for next years growing season.

If you would like to take advantage of this great offer and for more information, please contact me. I have a small suppy of brochures or you can browse online then contact me: **01473 827805, 07487 816966** or email **nablyth1@gmail.com**. Orders need to be in by the middle of November.

I look forward to hearing from you. **Natalie Blyth**

### FOSM CHRISTMAS SUPPER DANCE – FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

We are delighted to announce that **Chris James** is confirmed once again to entertain us at our Christmas Supper Dance on Friday 2nd December at St Mary's. As a professional jazz singer, Chris has been noted for his spectacular live shows. Described as 'the man with the gorgeous voice' by the BBC, Chris James delivers a masterful take on the classics, which he combines with charm and charisma to ensure a fantastic entertainment experience. His swing jazz set will include 'Fly me to the Moon', 'Mack the Knife' and a festive 'White Christmas' to name but a few. Go to **[www.chrisjames.online](http://www.chrisjames.online)** for a more detailed repertoire.

The evening will start at 7pm with a complimentary cocktail at the American Cocktail bar (cocktails at £5 thereafter). Then settle down to your own self-catered dinner parties (byo food and wine) while enjoying the show. Theme and stage your tables however festively you desire (a bottle of champagne will go to the most stylish table!). Dancing 'til midnight set in a beautifully decorated, candlelit iconic church. There will also be a raffle and an auction.

To book your table and for more details on how the evening works and what to bring, please contact Sarah on 07977 725456 or Jackie on 07721 625932. Friends of St Mary's.



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### 8TH KERSEY TYE BBQ IS A TRIUMPH!

Kersey Tye delighted in holding its 8th annual BBQ and everyone had a wonderful time. It was lovely to be able to meet the Olivers and to have a new family in the hamlet. We were all sorry to miss the Floyds and Whitakers who couldn't make it this year.

Huge thanks to Luke and Yas Whitwell who hosted the event, and to Pat Partridge and Jessie Carter who arranged it. As ever, there were lots of laughs as everyone enjoyed the chance to catch up properly in the August sun.

This year was the inaugural presentation of the Bob Wheeler Memorial Cup. Bob was a much loved and valued member of the Tye who died last year. The cup recognises a villager who has faced adversity and come through the other side with humility and resolve; someone whom we want to celebrate. This year the cup was presented to Terry Kilfeather; the new King of Kersey Tye! Terry has shown stoicism and amazing resilience during a really tough year; he is always smiling and his sausage rolls are award winning. He is a very worthy winner. Terry was awarded his cup by Lizzie Oliver, the new owner of Bob's house, in a fitting tribute. Thank you Lizzie for being so game when you hadn't met any of us before! Terry is pictured here receiving his cup with KTbbq sub-committee members, Jessie and Pat.

We all feel very lucky to live in such a beautiful place with such great neighbours. Thank you all for your food and help during the day. Roll on 2023 for the next one!



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Dominique Young: [dominique.young@btinternet.com](mailto:dominique.young@btinternet.com)

Please book by Monday 7th November to avoid disappointment!

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## A Parish Vacancy

A packed congregation gathered at Hintlesham at the end of October to share Rev. Jackson's last service in the Benefice. It was touching and meaningful and laced with beautiful music. We wish Rev. Jackson and his family very well in his new Parish.

This means that our Parish has now gone into Vacancy and the Church Warden is responsible for everything at St Mary's.

We are very lucky that Rachel has already organised some wonderful visiting clergy to help us at our services – and we warmly invite you all to attend from time to time to hear what they have to say to us. It's a great opportunity to experience different styles of preaching and services during this period.

In the meantime, the PCC will begin to work on our Parish Profile; this is the 'job specification' for our next Priest. Each of the other Parishes (Elmsett, Aldham, Hintlesham and Chattisham) will be doing the same and the Parish Profiles will be amalgamated with information about the Benefice and Hadleigh Deanery. This document will be finalised by end of November ready for the official meetings and then the national advert.

Other people from the Diocese are included in the process and the official Section 11 and Section 12 meetings are already in the calendar for 30th November and 23rd January. After those, an advert will be placed, and interviews will be held by 18th April. With a fair wind, we could have a new Priest by May or June.

Now the important bit; and it doesn't matter whether you are a regular church goer or someone who comes every now and then, but the PCC would like your ideas and thoughts regarding the qualities that you would like to see in our next Priest. What would you like him or her to do or to be which would mean that you feel supported over the next few years – we would like you to have your say.

Please drop us a line in the next few days:

[lindanewbigging@btinternet.com](mailto:lindanewbigging@btinternet.com) or to  
[rachel@kersey-village.co.uk](mailto:rachel@kersey-village.co.uk)

**Jackson's licensing service is on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm, St John the Baptist, Church Rd, Layer de la Haye.**

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

30th Oct 6.30pm	Benefice Evensong	Rev Adrian Waller and Rev Liz Law
6th Nov 9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Liz Law
13th Nov 10.45am	Remembrance	Rev Jackie Sephton
20th Nov 11.00am	Aldham	No service at Kersey
27th Nov 4.00pm	Evensong	Rev Adrian Waller
4th Dec 9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Liz Law

## ST MARY'S FLOODLIGHTS

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**5th** of each month: Sarah, in memory of my father, Robert Visick

**7th** of each month: Victoria, in memory of Ann Wigglesworth

**8th** of each month: Helen, in memory of my brother Matthew

**9th** of each month: Meg, in memory of my father










**12th** of each month: The Anderson family, in memory of the L-B family

**14th** of each month: Michele, in memory of Anne Maltby

**18th** of each month: Jackson, in memory of my brother Mark

**24th** of each month: Sponsored by Ipswich Senior School

**27th** of each month: Michele, in memory of John Maltby

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## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	September	October
1st Prize –	Matthew Grannell	Alice Partridge
2nd Prize –	Bruce Newbigging	Jackson Crompton-Battersby
3rd Prize –	Viv Marsh	Nick Hamblen

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](http://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](mailto:fosmkersey@gmail.com).

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Our speaker booked for the October meeting was unable to attend, rather than cancel the meeting one of our members read poems which she had written during the Covid lockdown. Members also had a go at two quizzes. These were won by Sarah Panton and Natalie Blyth. On 1st November we welcome Paige Pope who will be coming to talk about the Dogs Trust. Village Hall 2.30 Competition "Something dog related".

### LOOKING FOR AN EXTRA STOCKING FILLER?

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### WEATHER (for September)

Rainfall ..... 42mm (1.67")  
Maximum temperature..... 26°C (79°F)  
Minimum temperature ..... 4°C (39°F)

*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.*



## DIARY DATES

1 Nov – Tuesday Club ..... Village Hall .....14.30  
11 Nov – Charity Quiz Night..... Village Hall ..... 19.30-22.30  
21 Nov – Parish Council meeting..... Village Hall .....19.30  
26 Nov – Christmas Fair & Kersey Projects Café . St Mary's church .. 10.00-15.00  
1 Dec – Christmas Tree Lighting ..... Kersey Splash ..... 18.00  
2 Dec – EACH Christmas Coffee Morning ..... Orchard Barn. .... 10.30-12.30  
2 Dec – FoSM Christmas Supper Dance ..... St Mary's church .....19.00

The next issue is **December 2022**.

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 28th November to:

**Rachel Wells: 01473 822230 - [rachel@kersey-village.co.uk](mailto:rachel@kersey-village.co.uk) or  
Viv Marsh: 07747 175858 - [kersey@moonridge.me.uk](mailto:kersey@moonridge.me.uk)**

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## FARMING NOTES

### Arable

All of the autumn seeding (Wheat, Barley and Beans) has now been completed and although rainfall has not been excessive there has been enough moisture to allow all of the crops to germinate. The new tractor/drill combination has worked well and, it and driver Ryan have been in demand to drill some land for our neighbours. In fact, Ryan has drilled a large proportion of the parish of Kersey this autumn. The unseasonably mild autumn has encouraged rapid germination and if you look around you will see the arable fields turning greener day by day. Drilling at the ideal time and into good ground conditions is the first step towards a productive harvest, although there is plenty of time between now and then for weather or other factors to spoil this excellent start!

### Livestock

This beautiful open autumn weather has allowed us to leave some of the cows and their calves out at grass for a little longer than average. The cows are happy munching away on straw delivered out to them on a daily basis and the growth rate of the calves is maintained by the creep feed which they can access, meanwhile all are also benefitting from some late grass growth.



I try not to get too attached to our animals but we all have favourites... I was sorry to part with Kersey Kaleidoscope this week. Having fathered over one hundred quality calves for us. At eight years of age I decided it was time to part with him as we have young bulls with arguably better genetics coming through to replace him. People often ask how long a bull will last and although he might have gone on for another 4 or so years the chance of his becoming infertile or developing leg or temperament issues increases with age. There are a limited number of slaughter houses which want to, or can cope with the very heavy carcasses of mature stock bulls and these are nearly all in the North or West of the country. Consequently, I made the decision to take Kaleidoscope to Rugby Market in Warwickshire where there would be more buyers competing for him. This proved to be the case and he sold well, his weight at market being 1192kg. The meat from old cull cows and bulls goes into the food chain but since it is not prime beef it is used for lower quality catering or in pies and as mince.

All of the ewes have now been served by one of the four rams which we are using this year. This can be seen by the presence of raddle marker paint on the rumps of the ewes. Once all the ewes have been marked we change the colour of the paint on the ram and hope that he will not mark them all again, if he does it is bad news for us as it means the ram is infertile, and that is very bad news for the ram!



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## Households urged to get Food Savvy and plan ahead to save money and avoid waste

As the cost of living continues to bite a new campaign has been launched in Suffolk to help families reduce food waste and save money.

Back To Savvy is a Suffolk Waste Partnership initiative which advises people on how to reduce food waste through planning out meals and storing them effectively.

The campaign will advise on planning meals and batch cooking, storing prepared meals so they are ready for work/school, and repurposing leftovers into new meals.

The three main top tips are:

1. Cook today, eat tomorrow - cook multiple meals together using batch recipes and store in a fridge or freezer for later
2. Love your leftovers - turn dinner leftovers into tasty lunches or even remix them into fun new recipes.
3. Plan ahead - organise your lunches by planning and buying in advance. Even a minute planning your meals will save you a tonne of time and money.

Back to Savvy launches on Monday September 5 and is part of the wider Suffolk and Norfolk Food Savvy campaign, which offers a range of advice and information on how to save food and money. Households across the UK waste 6.6 million tonnes of food annually, of which it is calculated 4.5 million tonnes are good to eat.

In Norfolk and Suffolk, this equates to 118,000 tonnes of wasted food across the two counties annually. The average family with children could save more than £730 per year if they were to reduce their avoidable food waste.

Food waste also contributes to climate change as the greenhouse gases associated with food waste in the UK are the equivalent of those produced by ten million cars.

Councillor James Mallinder, the chair of Suffolk Waste Partnership, said: “Family budgets are under huge pressure, so this is one way of helping ease the financial burden.

“As we head into autumn the cost-of-living crisis will undoubtedly affect many more families and our food-saving tips will help people to reduce the money they spend on wasted food.

“With a little forethought and planning it is possible to make what we buy go further, last longer and help protect our environment.”

For more details go to the Food Savvy website **[www.foodsavvy.org.uk/back-to-savvy](http://www.foodsavvy.org.uk/back-to-savvy)**.

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.

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### Kersey Community Website

Remember to check [www.kersey.suffolk.cloud](http://www.kersey.suffolk.cloud) regularly for latest news, information and updates.

### 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 [kerseypc@gmail.com](mailto:kerseypc@gmail.com) so it can be included.

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



**Please remember to keep dogs under close control and to clean up after them.**



## Hadleigh During World War One

### SMALL TOWN DUTY Tales of Hadleigh's Great War

Book Launch on 11th Nov 7pm at the Old School, Bridge St  
Sales desk also open Sat 12th Nov 10am to 1pm.

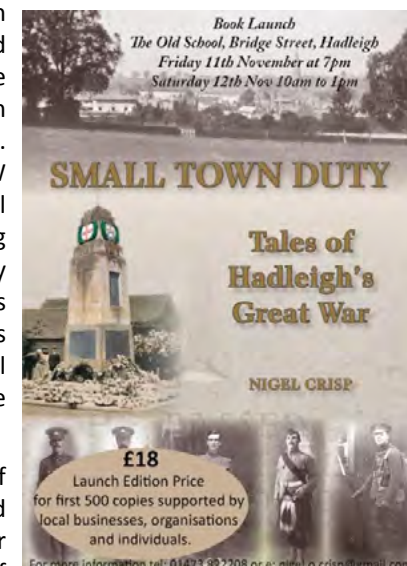
This book has been inspired by folk I remember in my childhood in Hadleigh; men who had served in the trenches of the Great War 1914-1918. The research is a continuation of the Royal British Legion's **Hadleigh Great War Centenary Project**. The Bridge Street Boy's School when Alfred W Harriss was headmaster, was the town's unofficial communications' hub for men and families during the Great War. It was where my passion for history was stirred in four years of schooling in the days when William A B Jones was headmaster. So, it is a thrill to launch *Small Town Duty* at the Old School on Remembrance Day, to be able to talk about the book and give a taste of its contents.

The format of the book follows the chronology of the war with numerous breakout boxes to expand on the stories of the Hadleigh men and their interconnecting families, as well as perspectives of the town at the time.

There are 400 A4 pages of text, old photographs as well as images of today, both in Hadleigh and on the battle fields. Maps are included and explained to encourage readers to know the places of the fighting and to explore the Western Front; places where Hadleigh men stood and where some still lay.

It was duty to King and Country or more correctly to one's fellow man, that caused men to go to war. More than 800 Hadleigh men served in the military during the Great War. Almost 500 get a mention in the book, many in detail through the tales of their experiences. Hadleigh had 53 soldiers who could claim to be an Old Contemptible and were on the battle fronts in the first months of the conflict. In July 1915, ninety of the town's men went together to Gallipoli and the next month sixteen of them were killed together on one day. In all the major battles through to the end of 1918, Hadleigh was represented; these men served not just on the Western Front in Europe and at Gallipoli and Palestine but in every corner of the world from the West Indies to Hong Kong and from Siberia to East Africa. There are 112 men remembered on the town's War Memorial, quite a few are remembered elsewhere and many more returned wounded. Hadleigh's last Tommy died in 1985.

After the launch the book will be available direct from the author ([nigel.o.crisp@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.o.crisp@gmail.com)) at 85 Angel Street, Hadleigh, IP7 5EY, by telephone 01473 822208 (free delivery in Hadleigh) or online at [www.furandfeather.co.uk/shop](http://www.furandfeather.co.uk/shop).



# Kersey Projects - Forthcoming Events



Join us for a glass of mulled wine and  
mince pies at the

## Lighting of the Kersey Christmas Tree

on:

**Thursday 1 December  
6.00pm at the Splash**

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Burns Supper

A reminder to reserve your tickets to enjoy an evening of Scottish fayre  
and entertainment to celebrate the life and work of Robert Burns on:

**Friday 27 January 2023**

**at 6.45pm prompt**

**in Kersey Village Hall**

**With music from The Hosepipe Band**

Cost: £30\* per head to include a welcome drink and a three-course meal  
with Ceilidh dancing afterwards. Please feel free to bring your own  
additional drinks.

We will be serving a traditional meal of haggis, neeps and tatties. If you  
require a vegetarian option, this must be booked in advance.

Email us on: [kerseyprojects@gmail.com](mailto:kerseyprojects@gmail.com)

\*Profits will go to support future community activities and events.

