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and vacant position.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact adrianwaller@mac.com or phone 01473 652561.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 3rd July – Frances Whymark & Nikki Fidell
" 17th July – Ruth Anderson & Sue Attridge
" 31st July – Suzie Rudkin & Yvonne Martin
" 14th Aug – Janet Covell & Rachael Rogers
" 28th Aug – Susannah Marsh & Annie Delmar

CONGRATULATIONS

Weddings

To Michelle and Ashley who were recently married.

To Jessica and Daniel from Barrow who were married in St Mary's on 3rd June, and

To Hannah and Jac from Australia who had a wedding blessing in St Mary's on 24th June. Hannah is the daughter of Sarah Stirling.

We wish all of them every happiness together.

Baptism

Grace Jennifer Grannell, daughter of Matthew and Rosie, granddaughter of Colin and Ruth was baptised in St Mary's on 11th June.

MOVES

Welcome to Serena who has moved to Bramble cottage, The Tye (sorry not to have welcomed you before now).

Farewell to Jill Stiff who has moved to Manor Gardens, Hadleigh. It will be a great change for Jill having lived in Kersey since her marriage to Jack.

We wish them both well in their new homes.

FLOWERS

If anyone would like to offer to arrange the altar flowers I would be most grateful.

Rachel Wells.



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TUESDAY CLUB

At the June meeting members welcomed Roger and Tina Loose from Boxford who gave a talk on Madagascar. It is the 4th largest island in the world but also one of the poorest. They visited the island in 2007, flying to the capital Antananarivo. Parts of the country are tropical, other parts mountainous, forest or desert. They showed some beautiful pictures of the wildlife, geckos, chameleon, indri and the famous ring tailed lemurs to name a few. Many of these animals are red listed and in danger of extinction, almost all are endemic to Madagascar and not found anywhere else in the world. They also showed pictures of orchids discovered by Darwin, moths and butterflies.

All the money they raise through their talks is given to Feedback Madagascar which helps with the environment, schools and health.

Competition “Something beginning with M” was won by Norah Orriss.

Our next meeting is the 4th July when we will be joined by James Hayward from Ipswich whose title is the Titanic. James also helps out at Christchurch Mansion so he might include that in his talk. Village Hall 7.30. Competition “Something nautical”.

On 1st August we will be joined by Paul who is coming to talk about thatching. He has recently worked at Green Gables so should be very interesting. Village Hall 7.30pm. Competition is a “Photo or picture of something thatched”.

Rachel Wells.

VPA OUTING

Not long now to the VPA outing at Hyde Hall on the 15th July. If you haven’t already booked there are still a few seats left. Payment must be received by Saturday 8th. £25 each coach and gardens or £13 coach only for RHS members. Payment can be by cash, cheque (payable to Kersey VPA) or BACS. Kersey VPA Sort code 09.01.55 Acc. No 38115181 Please let me know if you have paid via BACS. We will leave the Old Vicarage at 9.30am (just before at The Bell) before going on to Hadleigh and picking up at Magdalen Road.

The Flower Show date is also creeping up – 9th September. Show schedules are still available if you have mislaid yours.

Rachel Wells.

KERSEY PROJECTS – OPEN GARDENS

WOW – What a day!! The sun shone on Kersey for our 2nd Open Gardens. We welcomed around 580 visitors to our beautiful gardens. We’ve had very positive feedback and many lovely compliments regarding the gardens, and of course our Village. Our wonderful Openers were inundated with visitors, all marvelling at the wonderful plants, views and features each garden had to offer. Takings amounted to a grand total of £4145.05, after expenses of £472.52, the net profit was £3672.63, a wonderful result.



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As publicised, the profits will be split between St Elizabeth Hospice Ipswich and Kersey Projects - £2000 to the Hospice and the remainder of £1672.53 retained by Kersey Projects, allowing us funds to continue to stage more events for everyone in the Parish to enjoy.

A HUGE thank you to all our Openers. You all worked so hard on your gardens in the weeks prior to opening for us, now you can enjoy them in peace. Another HUGE thank you to all our volunteers – the car park attendants, the volunteers that were inundated serving and preparing the refreshments, all the wonderful cake makers. Also special mention to our local landowners and The Glebe for allowing us to use the fields for car parking and of course Chapman Stickers for their signage. We could not have done it without you all, thank you so much for your time and effort. Watch this space for our next events.

Kersey Projects – Suzie, Lorna, Sarah, Sarah & Natalie

KERSEY HEALTH TRAVEL

In conjunction with Hadleigh, Boxford
Community Car Scheme

The Nightingale Trust was originally set up in 1583 with a remit to help the poor and needy of Kersey. Times have changed and with them, so have peoples needs. Today, we help those in need with their winter fuel bills, in a small way, and we also make donations to the local food bank in the hope this covers Kersey too. We are always looking for new ways to help each other and those with a genuine need.

To this end, we have managed to include Kersey in the existing **Hadleigh and Boxford Community Car Scheme** which has been running for some years and is organised by Jen Eastwood, a resident in Boxford.

If you are a patient, registered at Hadleigh Health Centre, Boxford Surgery, or Bildeston surgery in need of a lift to medical appointments including Doctors, Consultants, Physiotherapists, Opticians, Dentists etc. we will be happy to help. We have a number of volunteer drivers who are available to take you to your appointment, wait for you and then bring you home. There is a charge of 45p per mile for this service to cover the petrol and depreciation costs which I hope you find acceptable.

For Kersey residents using this service and in genuine need, the Trustees of the Nightingale Trust would like to contribute £5 towards your taxi costs each month to a limit of £20 per year.

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KERSEY BEER FESTIVAL

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We hope to see you all again very soon. The Bell will continue to be open 7 days a week from midday, food served 12-2.30pm dinner 6-8.30pm.

WEATHER (for May)

Rainfall27mm (1")
Maximum temperature.....21°C (70°F)
Minimum temperature3°C (37°F)

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The rainfall amount sometimes varies in different parts of the parish.*



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Summer has certainly pounced upon us, some might say at last and other may make some other adverse comment about the extremes of heat, which is as a result of climate change. Two weeks ago I preached on this very thorny subject – The disparity that is abundantly clear between the wealthy nations pumping out all the CO2 and those poorer nations who are most affected.

Two similar stories recently occurred which highlights the western world's hunger for news and drama and yet really demonstrates the disparity between the "haves" and the "have-nots".

Titan and Adriana are two vessels recently lost at sea, four days and 4,000 miles apart. The five men who lost their lives on the Titan have been getting wall-to-wall coverage in the media worldwide. Meanwhile, the estimated 1,300 who died when the Adriana sank off the coast of Greece, mostly women and children, have been essentially forgotten. Passengers on the Titan were wealthy; two were billionaires. Each had paid \$250,000 for an adventure of a lifetime, a deepsea dive to view the wreckage of the Titanic, the "unsinkable" passenger liner that sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg. Those crammed onto the ramshackle Adriana fishing boat were seeking not adventure but refuge from war, poverty, climate change or any of the many other life-threatening crises that force people to flee their homes with little more than the clothes on their back. They paid human traffickers to ferry them from Libya to Europe.

The most notable difference between the two disasters was how the world responded to them. Governments immediately spent millions mounting a search and rescue operation to find the Titan, in contrast little or nothing was done in support of those retched souls aboard the Adriana.

The Titan and the Adriana disasters were very different, but both were preventable. All travellers, whether migrants or millionaires, deserve rescue. The global response to the Titan's disappearance should be the model for how we respond to migrant vessels in distress. Knowing the names and the plights of those seeking refuge is what makes us all care. Let's pray equally for those unknown people aboard the Adriana and well as those known on the Titan.

I wish you all a very happy and restful summer.

Revd. Adrian Waller

Assistant Curate

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

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| 2nd Jul 9am | BCP Holy Communion | Rev Holly Crompton Battersby |
| 9th Jul 11am | Parish service | Rev Liz Law |
| 16th Jul 6.30pm | Evening service with Holy Communion | Rev Adrian Waller |
| 23rd Jul | No service at Kersey. Aldham 11.00. | |
| 30th Jul 9.30am | Benefice service Elmsett | |
| 6th Aug 9am | BCP Holy Communion | Rev Liz Law |
| 13th Aug 11am | Parish service | |
| 20th Aug 6.30pm | Evening service with Holy Communion | Rev Adrian Waller |
| 27th Aug | No service at Kersey. Aldham 11.00. | |
| 2nd Sep 9am | BCP Holy Communion | Rev Liz Law |

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

| | May | June |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1st Prize – | Mark Rigby | Claire McQuaker |
| 2nd Prize – | Ray & Sue Attridge | Neil Hutton |
| 3rd Prize – | Trevor Stirling | Viv Marsh |

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

Or for further details please contact either **Mark Rigby** on **07484 649235** or **Mark Pertwee** on **07919 166782** or email fosmkersey@gmail.com.

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KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE

We also have a Kersey Community *Google calendar* on the website:

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Community Organisation Spotlight:

The Kersey Village Produce Association Q&A with newest committee member Marvin Kuzamba.

What is the Kersey Village Produce Association (VPA)?

The VPA was formed in 1947 to enable members to buy seeds and seed potatoes, and also to hold an annual flower show. Now the main function of the year is still the Flower and Vegetable Show in September, but the VPA also organises an annual outing to gardens or another place of interest. The VPA owns two marquees, which are available for hire to groups and individuals. The VPA is chaired by Pete Partridge, and Rachel Wells is the Secretary.

Why did you join the VPA?

When I first moved to Kersey in 2021, one of my favourite village events was the Flower and Vegetable Show, organised by the VPA. I wanted to join the committee to help encourage other people to enter into the show particularly those who might be new to the village or not felt confident entering in the past.

What has your role on the committee involved so far?

In the first committee meeting I attended, we agreed the programme for the Flower and Vegetable Show – everyone was very welcoming and there was even cake to accompany the meeting. Since then, I have attended the AGM and further committee meetings, and have helped with taking down the VPA marquees at village events.

Are there any important VPA events coming up?

The annual outing is on the 15th July, and will be a visit to Hyde Hall. After that, the main event is the Flower and Vegetable Show which is on Saturday 9th September. Do make sure you have a look at the programme and join in if you can – even if you only enter one category, it's a great village experience to be part of.

Any advice for people entering something in the show?

If you're entering the household classes, make sure you read the specified recipes thoroughly and follow it exactly, including using the right sized tin!



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FARMING NOTES

As Rob is away in Scotland attempting to catch an elusive Salmon the whole of this month's farming notes will feature the livestock part of the farm, allowing me to go into a bit more detail than usual:

With Sheep shearing, silage making and the Hadleigh and Suffolk Shows all done for another year, attention recently has turned to the Pedigree breeding side of the cattle business. Our collaboration with Cogent the cattle genetics company continues to develop and they are wanting us to supply them with about twenty young British Blue bulls each year. Before a bull can enter their stud (aged 18 months) it has to pass a series of stringent health and fertility tests. This is because once in the stud each bull will be expected to produce large amounts of fertile semen over a number of years. The testing of young bulls is done on farm and any not making the grade will be sold for meat. Therefore, in order to supply twenty bulls to Cogent we need to be producing at least twenty five. In order to do this we use embryo transfer (ET) to help increase the numbers. A team of five of our best Pedigree British Blue females are flushed for embryos four times a year and the embryos produced are implanted into crossbred surrogate mums who then give birth to Pedigree British Blue calves. In some cases we can use sexed (male only) semen to fertilise the embryos resulting in more bull calves than heifers being born, and occasionally we also implant two embryos into each recipient so that they may bear twin calves.

At the most recent ET flush, which is done here at Bridges Farm, the five pedigree donor cows produced a total of 29 fertile embryos. Fifteen of these were implanted fresh into waiting recipient cows (6 twins and 3 singles) while the remaining fourteen embryos were frozen for use at a later date. The embryos are frozen and stored in liquid nitrogen at -185 degrees Celsius in a similar way to how semen is stored. All of this is a lot of work and takes time and planning, when things go well it can be very rewarding, however if we have poor results it is expensive and frustrating.

The four times yearly flushing and implanting of embryos means that calving also happens throughout the year and we now calve in September, November/December and February to May. After a year or so of being flushed for embryos the donor cows will themselves be put in calf so that they can have their own calf.

Meanwhile (at four months of age) the lambs are due to be weaned soon and the first of them are ready for market, we are also preparing to sell some of last year's male lambs for breeding as Shearling rams.

Chris Partridge

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IN MEMORIAM

ELIZABETH EVERETT 1929 – 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mum Elizabeth on 26th April after a long battle over many years with dementia.

Mum was a country girl at heart, even though her birth place was Stratford in East London. As a young child she moved out from the city into rural Essex and she loved it, even though they now didn't have electricity or running water; but instead the open air, birds singing, meadows full of wild flowers and woods full of bluebells. She also loved going to the village school and was a very able pupil.

She trained as a dressmaker after leaving school at 14, then worked as a home help, before moving back to London in the early 1950's, firstly to work as a telegraphist at the GPO and then at the London Hospital as a receptionist. She took any opportunity she could, to venture out in the countryside at weekends, joining rambling groups in the Home Counties.

This obviously brought out her adventurous side, progressing on to hiking in the Lake District, Snowdonia and the Scottish Highlands, and even cycling round Norway in the mid '50's.

It was whilst living and working in London that she met our father and after getting married they moved out to the village of Tollesbury in Essex in the mid '60's. Then along came us boys... a big handful!!

We only stayed in Tollesbury until the mid '70's when Mum and Dad were captivated by the beautiful countryside of Suffolk and the family moved to Wickerstreet Green. Gardening became a great love of Mum's and she got out in the garden at every opportunity. Well, being as we had about 1/3 of an acre, there was plenty to keep her occupied! Her book case is filled to this day with numerous gardening books and we spent many a Friday evening watching Gardener's World together.

In later life she had numerous other interests too, as demonstrated by an extensive collection of books on all sorts of topics.

Another great love of hers was music; mainly classical but other genres too. When she was single, the proms at the Royal Albert Hall and other live performances were regular attractions. So too was the West End theatre with shows such as the Sound of Music.

After Dad passed away in 2006, the plan was to enable Mum to enjoy her new found independence after years spent caring for him. Sadly it was not to be with the onset of her dementia and Parkinsonism, and she ended up in care. We still had some fun times together though.

The family are very proud of the way Mum battled on for years with her condition and thankful that in the end, she passed away peacefully.

We wish to express our appreciation to everyone who has been so supportive at this difficult time.

David, John and Stuart

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ARTHRITIS ACTION

I wanted to let you know about what we have coming up to help support people living with or caring for people living with arthritis. We have a selection of online (groups held using zoom) for people to attend that we will be running every month, a series of webinars, a new podcast, and also some online exercise classes, all free of charge! You can also find more detail about these on our website: <https://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/>.

I am also available for presentations for clubs, groups, and organisations where I can talk to people about how they can self-manage their arthritis better, and what support and advice we can offer as a charity. Ideally these will be done online, but where possible they can be arranged face to face as well. They are free of charge, but as a charity we do run off donations so should you wish to you can donate, but it isn't essential. I am now taking bookings for 2023 should you be interested? If you have any questions, would like to hear more about any of our services or wish to talk to me about a presentation please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Marc from Arthritis Action



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We look forward to hearing from you.

DIARY DATES

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| 2 Jul – Kelvedon Singers | St Mary's church | 18.30 |
| 3 Jul – Parish Council | Village Hall | 19.30 |
| 4 Jul – Tuesday Club | Village Hall | 19.30 |
| 15 Jul – VPA outing to Hyde Hall | | |
| 26 Jul – PCC | St Mary's church | |
| 1 Aug – Tuesday club. | Village Hall | 19.30 |
| 4 Sep – Parish Council | Village Hall | 19.30 |
| 5 Sep – Tuesday club. | Village Hall | 19.30 |
| 9 Sep – Flower Show | Village Hall | 14.15 |

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