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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 adrianwaller@mac.com or phone 01473 652561.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 5th June – Neil and Joan Hutton.
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Additionally, I am planning to hold a BOTTLE TOMBOLA stall, so if you think you have a bottle of ANYTHING that we can put on the table please do let me know ie. perfume, washing up liquid, booze (obviously), olive oil – anything at all in a bottle or jar.

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CONGRATULATIONS

We wish every happiness to Katie Newbigging and Mark Crumpton following their recent wedding.

SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to David Everett and family of Wickerstreet Green on the passing of his mother Elizabeth.

PARISH NEWS

TUESDAY CLUB

In May members held their annual meal at Kersey Bell. Competition for “Something red, white and blue” was won by Liz Hanson.

Thank you for my gift I will let you know what I purchase.

We meet again on the 6th June 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tina and Roger Loose from Boxford will be coming to talk and show pictures on Madagascar. Competition “Something beginning with M”.

Rachel Wells.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY’S

Tickets are now on sale for the Kelvedon Singers concert on Sunday 2nd July. Doors open at 6pm for the concert at 6.30pm. Ticket price is £18 or £15 for FoSM members and includes a glass of wine. There will be a licensed bar during the interval. Tickets available at fosmkersey@gmail.com or phone 07721 625932.

VPA OUTING

Names of those wanting to go to Hyde Hall on the 15th July are coming in slowly. If you would like to book a seat please let me know as soon as possible as we would like Kersey people to have the first opportunity. We will then advertise it at other gardening clubs. The cost of coach and entrance to gardens is £25 per person. RHS members only pay for coach which is £13. **Rachel Wells.**

WEATHER (for April)

Rainfall 50mm (2")
Maximum temperature 16°C (61°F)
Minimum temperature -1°C (30°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.*



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PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

The Parish of Kersey has a number of organisations that are available to all. Over the coming months we will be highlighting them and their activities.

Organisations include:

- Village Produce Association
- Tuesday Club – in the village hall. 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm
- Forget-Me-Nots (formerly over 60's)
- Bell Ringers – practice night Thursdays at 7.45pm. All welcome
- Friends of St Mary's Church Trust (FoSM)
- Kersey Projects - organising the Open Gardens this month
- Grays' Trust
- KCPC (Playground) working group
- Kersey Playing Field Association
- Kersey Volunteer Group (KVG)
- Table Tennis Club – in the village hall Thursdays at 7.30pm
- Nightingale Trust and Allotments

The community is strengthened through participation in these groups so please do join in.

In the meantime, further information is available on the Kersey website –
<https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/our-community/community-organisations/>

John Hume
Chair, Kersey Parish Council

DIARY DATES

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3 Jun – Wedding | St Mary's church |
| 6 Jun – Tuesday Club | Village Hall19.30 |
| 10 Jun – Kersey Open Gardens | Around the parish 11.00–17.00 |
| 17 Jun – St Mary's Summer Fayre | St Mary's church . . 10.00-16.00 |
| 24 Jun – Wedding | St Mary's church |
| 25 Jun – Dog show | Glebe field 11.00-16.00 |
| 2 Jul – Kelvedon Singers | St Mary's church18.30 |
| 3 Jul – Parish Council | Village Hall19.30 |
| 4 Jul – Tuesday Club | Village Hall19.30 |
| 15 Jul – VPA outing to Hyde Hall | |

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Arable

Having got the sugar beet off to a good start in April, with good seed beds and plenty of moisture in the ground, the emergence was rapid and a couple of weeks ago the plant count was as high as I've ever seen it at around 480 plants per 100 metres in the row. However, since then we have suffered a serious setback with vermin eating the young and tender plants which reduced the plant count in places to as low as 220 plants per 100 metres. This problem has been addressed and we are hoping for some re-growth from the stumps that are left. All the other crops look very satisfactory, with the winter barley having been on ear for a week or more and waving nicely in the wind, while the wheat ears are now beginning to emerge. At full emergence of the wheat ears we are planning an application of some extra nitrogen in the form of ammonium sulphate to increase the protein level of the grain. This should enable us to reach the milling (bread making) specification of 13% protein and could result in up to £60 per ton in milling premium if we get it right. This would be the highest premium ever and should show a healthy return on the extra cost of fertiliser. However, all of the above is rain dependant and the forecast at the time of writing is dry for two weeks, let's hope it's not another drought year.

Livestock

The cows won! Calving finished a couple of days before lambing. All of the sheep with their lambs and cows and calves are now settled at grass for the summer and to continue the farming cycle bulls have been turned out with the cows. We have a British Blue bull with the group of cows just behind the village and a Limousin (brown) bull with a second group. We only run one bull with any group of cows because of the risk of bulls fighting and injuring one another, also in some cases we need to know which bull is the father of the calves. Meanwhile we will be using artificial insemination to impregnate some of the other cows and a fourth group of crossbred cows are being kept separate in order to receive pedigree British Blue embryos in a few weeks time.

Grass growth over the last few weeks has been excellent as the warm weather and wet ground conditions have combined to provide more or less the perfect environment. Consequently we were able to cut silage a little earlier than usual which should mean that there will be lots of secondary growth for the stock to graze. With all the stock out at grass one might hope to be a little less busy at this time of year, however as usual we have been quite involved with the set up and clearing of the Hadleigh Show and jobs for the next few days include shearing the sheep, bringing home the silage and getting sheep ready for the Suffolk Show. The new Border Collie puppy 'Tui' has also just arrived and needs lots of love and attention.

Written by Rob and Chris Partridge



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Friends,

In the last few weeks since Easter we have certainly had plenty to celebrate, both in the life of the church as well as that of our nation

In the life of our nation, in May we celebrated the coronation of our king, King Charles III. And what a spectacle it was and wonderful opportunity for family and friends to gather and to celebrate together this important landmark.

In our church, on Thursday 18th May we celebrated Ascension Day, the 40th day of Easter when Jesus ascended into heaven, once again leaving his followers bereft, certainly for a period of about ten days, until the day of Pentecost, which in essence marks the birthday of the christian church and the outpouring of God's holy spirit upon Jesus's followers and the church. The colour red is most often associated with Pentecost which represents the tongues of fire which the apostles describe as appearing above their heads as a sign that they had received the Holy Spirit. It is also one of the few occasions that the church celebrates which hasn't yet been commercialised – thank God for that!

Whilst we all physically change as we grow older, we remain the same person as we were many years ago, the same is true of our church, some of the fabric may have changed and no doubt will do in the future. In my mind it's the continuity and the ever prescence that the church brings to our communities bought about by the living power of the Holy Spirit, which will continue to guide the church and us all as the Holy Spirit remains with us as our link to Christ and to His church.

As many of you reading this will know, that for the last few months we have been looking for a new vicar, well I am indeed delighted to inform you that the Holy Spirit has certainly been active in this regard, and like the disciples of Jesus that we are, we only need wait a short while longer. The Revd. Geoffrey Clement has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Elmsett with Aldham, Hintlesham, Chattisham and Kersey. Geoffrey is currently vicar of the Wychwood Benefice in the diocese of Oxford. A date for Geoffrey's licensing service will be confirmed in due course. In the meantime, please hold Geoffrey and his family in your prayers as they prepare to move to Suffolk to support us in our journey.

Revd. Adrian Waller

Assistant Curate

The Benefice of Elmsett, Aldham, Kersey, Hintlesham and Chattisham

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

4th Jun 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Janice White
11th Jun 11am	Parish service with baptism	Rev Liz Law
18th Jun 6.30pm	Evening service with HC	Rev Adrian Waller
25th Jun 11am	No service in Kersey	St Mary's Aldham
2nd Jul 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Holly Crompton Battersby

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	April	May
1st Prize –	Neil Hutton	Mark Rigby
2nd Prize –	Nick Hamblen	Ray & Sue Attridge
3rd Prize –	Ray & Sue Attridge	Trevor Stirling

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 on the 15th May.

Present were J. Hume chair, five councillors and the clerk.

Election of Chair. John Hume was proposed and elected.

Election of Vice Chair. Andrew Rogers was proposed and elected. Apologies were received from both County and District councillors plus one member of the public.

Co-option: There was still a vacancy on the council which could be filled by co-option. All other appointments were made and confirmed.

Reports: County councillor **Robert Lindsay** gave an update on getting a speed reduction in Stone Street to Semer.

He would contribute some money for the proposed new defibrillator.

District councillor **Leigh Jamieson's** report included the recent local elections, the proposed Tour of Britain cycle race and compost awareness week. He was congratulated on being re-elected to the council.

Parish time: Concerns were raised by parishioners about the bright outside lighting and tables at the front of The Bell. The council are delighted to see that the pub is working hard to make a viable business but would like the pub to work with the neighbours. Two councillors to meet with the pub management to discuss their concerns.

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerk's report: Following Parish Council elections the clerk had sent all councillors a welcome pack with lots of information and guidance. The coronation picnic was a successful event enjoyed by many residents. The website has been updated. The defibrillator is regularly checked and is available if needed. It is not planned to replace the dog bin which was stolen at Wickerstreet Green. One of the historic street signs in Kersey has been stolen. The Lewis Mowles Trust has agreed to cover the cost of a new bench which is in place outside the church lychgate.

All correspondence has been circulated to councillors.

Finance: All financial items were discussed.

Report from Internal Auditor: The auditor confirmed she had completed the internal audit and found everything to be in order.

Parish Council accounts and governance statements for year ending 31st March. All these were looked at and approved.

Planning: Bridge House – Variation of approved plans to increase footprint of proposed extension and alterations to garage window. Application for erection of one and a half rear link extension and garage conversion plus internal alterations. The council fully supported the first application. However the council note concerns raised by Babergh Heritage Officer regarding the insertion of a fireplace and the harm this may have on the listed building. Councillors would like to see Heritage recommendations complied with.

Boutells – Work to trees in conservation area. Crown reduce one walnut tree by 50% Reduce crown of magnolia. Councillors agreed to support these tree works.

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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

Land to rear of 1-6 the Street – Discharge of conditions. Councillors were pleased to have been consulted over certain issues.

Provide comments to Suffolk County Council on the proposal for a 30mph restriction in Stone Street.

Suffolk County Council are considering a proposal to reduce existing 40mph to 30mph in the residential area of Stone Street. The Parish Council support this proposal. They were also keen to support 40mph limit from Union Hill, Semer down to Stone Street.

Footpath Working Group report: The season of cutting has commenced, repairs to a number of posts and a bridge have been completed. The group met to agree path allocations. The footpath chair agreed to stay in his position for the time being. Some equipment is getting old and difficult to use. It was agreed it would be good to get some new equipment to make work easier. The council thanked the chairman and the volunteers who keep the paths in good condition.

KCPC: The mower and grass cutting rota are working well.

Review and adopt policies: All done.

Consider installation of another defibrillator: Some local residents had asked if a defibrillator could be sited in another part of Kersey. Kersey Upland was suggested. Funds would have to be sought.

Parish review and creating a public consultation questionnaire: The clerk will contact Babergh to get their support and advice for doing this.

Agree content for “Pride in our Parish”: An article to be written to promote the community organisations to try and get more residents involved in events.

Training: SALC has developed a new councillor pathway. The clerk will share this with all councillors.

Reports from other meetings were received.

Next meeting 3rd July.

A full report of this meeting can be found on the website. **Rachel Wells**

KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE

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

<https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/events/>

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In previous years as your Member of Parliament, a highlight has been organising a Christmas card competition for local primary schools. So it was with great delight that this year my office introduced a variation on the theme, with a Coronation Card Competition. In great news for readers, the winning design came from one of your local pupils - Toby, Age 9, from Kersey Primary with his fantastic portrait of His Majesty King Charles III (pic on front cover). I received over 500 entries, demonstrating the sense in which this rare, historic, constitutional ceremony became such a major community event.

Although I wasn't one of the MPs fortunate enough to attend the ceremony in person, I found it just as moving watching at home in Assington with my family. A highlight was seeing the footage of the many soldiers, sailors, and air force personnel – who marched together with the King's carriage – taking the salute in Buckingham Palace's gardens from their Commander in Chief. I watched this with particular pride having had the great privilege in April to be appointed by the PM to the role of Minister of State for Defence, with responsibility for Procurement.

As they showed in their typically inspiring performance throughout the Coronation, our armed forces personnel are second to none. Despite being days into the job, I've already had the opportunity to experience the full gamut of our military capability; from seeing the Air Mobility crews at RAF Brize Norton, responsible for the successful Sudan airlift evacuation; to Ukrainian soldiers proudly training alongside our own troops on Salisbury Plain; to visiting our defence equipment HQ in Abbey Wood, Bristol, where the kit is procured and maintained for our army, navy, and air force. With responsibilities ranging from the Defence estate to the Nuclear Enterprise it's fair to say that my new portfolio is extensive, but I very much look forward to working alongside Secretary of State Ben Wallace and his team.

Of course, whatever happens to my ministerial role, I remain very much the Member of Parliament for South Suffolk, doing what I can to support those who enrich our community. This includes a group of heroes whom I want to do everything possible to support – those who give up their spare time on local litter picks. Indeed, as part of the inspiring 'Big Help Out' on Coronation Bank Holiday Monday, I was delighted to participate in Wherstead Parish's litter pick. We gathered a great deal of detritus, underlining the failure of far too many people to take responsibility for our local environment.

I know that the overwhelming majority abhor such carelessness, and is why I salute those who go the extra mile with a binbag and litter grabber in hand. I look forward to doing what I can in the coming months to support such activity, and the many other voluntary endeavours which so enrich our communities. This will all be inspired in the wake of a coronation which reminded us of our rich history and timeless traditions, but hopefully also points us to the virtues of voluntarism and getting stuck in to make a difference.

James Cartlidge MP
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