

# KERSEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## Church Clergy:

Rev. Geoffrey Clement  
01473 657316, revgclement@gmail.com

## 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 COUNCIL

The PCC met on 11th September.

**Under church matters:** The new service time seems to be well received. A faculty for the shrine and internal windows has been approved. After consideration a new faculty will be submitted for the lighting scheme. The bell ringers are missed at our services. Heating options for the bell chamber are being discussed. Next year the clock will be 100 years old and a discussion took place how this could be celebrated.

**Financial report** and quota was presented and discussed.

**Fund raising:** A profit of £230 was made when a U3A group came to visit the village and church. They enjoyed lunch which was provided by church members.

**Newsletter:** A new editor is still required.

**Fabric and churchyard:** The car park lease is up for renewal in 2025.

**A Quinquennial** inspection is due in October.

**FOSM:** 6th October – Afternoon tea with the Three Chordettes. 6th December – American supper dance.

**Foundation governor update:** OFSTED report was good with some outstanding features. There are currently forty-one children at the school. Rev. Geoffrey joins with the school every Tuesday.

**AOB:** The cricket match was a great success. Kersey beat Hintlesham and Chattisham by two runs.

**Sound system:** Some people are having problems hearing the speakers. Some improvements to be tried.

**Next meeting** 20th November.

## HARVEST

Our harvest festival service is on the 6th October 11.00. if all the arrangers are able to do their allotted places I would be grateful. Any non perishable goods received will be given to the food bank. There will be a fund raising event in the afternoon so will be nice to have the church decorated.

## Rachel Wells

## INVALIDS

Get well wishes go to those who are in hospital or are ill at home, suffering from Covid or other ailments.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

### TUESDAY CLUB

At the September meeting we were joined by 18 year old Phoebe Chew from Chelmondiston. Phoebe has just completed a two year patisserie course at Suffolk College. This was different to our normal meetings as Phoebe brought along chocolate and vanilla cup cakes for members to decorate with piped butter cream and various toppings. Everyone enjoyed themselves and sampled their finished cakes with tea and coffee. Winner of the "Best decorated cup cakes" was Karen Freeman.



The next meeting is on 1st October when we will be joined by PC Niall Johnson who is coming to talk about crime prevention including scams. Village Hall 2.30pm. Anyone is welcome to join members as this is something which affects all of us.

We had some sad news this month, the horse Tilly which the club has been sponsoring for many years at the Therapeutic Riding Centre at Shelley has had to be put to sleep as she became unwell. We have transferred our sponsorship to Cloud a grey cob.

**Rachel Wells**

### FLOWER SHOW

The 59th Flower and Vegetable show was held on the 15th September. It was a most enjoyable and successful show on a lovely late summer's day. Entries were down in

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## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

some classes mainly due to illness but were up in others. It was encouraging to have some new entrants taking part.

Main winners were – Challenge Cup for Vegetable and fruit classes won by Natalie Blyth. Challenge cup for runner up won by Katie King. Shield for best exhibit in Vegetables, Natalie Blyth for leeks. Shield for allotment holder with collection of vegetables, Katie King. Challenge cup for Household classes won by Ray Banks. Wooden spoon for men's cake class won by John Hume.

Challenge cup for Handwork classes won by Susannah Marsh. Rose Bowl for Flower classes won by Natalie Blyth. Best exhibit in Floral Art won by Natalie Blyth. Prize for Photography classes won by Karen Freeman. Prize for child 6 years and under, joint winners Rowan King and Arthur Morgan.

Prize for child 7-11 years, Daisy King. Challenge cup for overall winner in Children's classes, Daisy King. Bean bags, adult winner was Maureen, child winner was Noah. Prizes were presented by Lucy Redman.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

### BELL RINGERS

A quarter peal was rung on Sunday 4th August this was dedicated to the memory of Rev. Geoffrey's mother Pauline.

Christine Knight, Richard Knight, Rev. Geoffrey Clement, Neal Dodge, Crawford Allen, Kevin Ward, Alan Mayle and Joshua Watkins were the ringers who took part. This took place during the SW District quarter peal month.

### BREAST CANCER TEA

Richard and Karen Freeman would like to thank all those who came along for afternoon tea on a beautiful sunny day in Kersey in aid of Breast Cancer Now.

It was lovely to see so many friends and neighbours gathered together enjoying the garden with plenty of tea, cake and conversation.

Thanks to your generosity we raised an amazing £1,115 for the charity so a massive thank you.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 30th Sept – Linda Newbigging and Gillian Sacker  
15th Oct – Sarah Partridge and Jenny Partridge  
28th Oct – Bridget Allen

### KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE

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

[www.kerseyparish.gov.uk/events/](http://www.kerseyparish.gov.uk/events/)

If you are planning an event in Kersey please email the information to Sarah Partridge at [clerk@kerseyparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kerseyparish.gov.uk) so it can be included.

# PARISH NEWS

## KERSEY VILLAGE HALL – AUTUMN BUFFET

Saturday 19th October, 7pm to 9.30pm - £15 per person.  
 We invite you to the annual Autumn Buffet in your beautiful Village Hall on Saturday 19th October – note the new times – 7pm to 9.30pm. Come and enjoy delicious home cooked food, wine, soft drinks, quiz, raffle and great company. This event is our only fund-raising event, raising valuable funds to keep your hall in ‘tip-top’ condition. Tickets are £15 per person, available from Veronica Partridge, Norah Orris, Natalie Blyth, Pete Partridge, Phillipa Harris and Frances Whymark. We look forward to welcoming you all.

## KERSEY VILLAGE HALL 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE – Friday 17th January 2025, 6pm to 8pm.  
 The Village Hall was opened on 16th January 1935. The committee would like to invite all Parishioners to attend a celebration evening on Friday 17th January 2025, 6pm to 8pm. Come and view memorabilia from its 90-year history, whilst enjoying a free drink and canapés. More information to follow.

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY’S EVENTS

### Sunday 6th October – Afternoon Tea with The Three Chordettes

Last few tickets remaining for our afternoon tea with vintage swing jazz vocal trio, The Three Chordettes. Come and listen to fabulous harmonies and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea. Tickets are £20 or £17.50 for FoSM members. Please email fosmkersey@gmail.com or phone 07721 625932 for more details and to book tickets.

### Friday 6th December – Christmas Supper Dance

By popular demand, the Christmas supper dance is back! Come and join us for the party on Friday 6th December at St Mary’s. We are delighted to announce that Chris James is confirmed once again to entertain us. His swing jazz set will include ‘Fly Me to the Moon’, ‘Mack the Knife’ and a festive ‘White Christmas’ to name but a few. Dress your tables to your own theme with matching fancy dress (a bottle of champagne will go to the most stylish table!). The evening will start at 7pm with a complimentary cocktail at the American Cocktail Bar (further cocktails available at £5). Then settle down to your own self-catered dinner parties (byo food and wine) while enjoying the show. Dancing until midnight in a beautifully decorated candlelit iconic church.

Tickets are £30 (£25 for FoSM members) with tables of 4, 6, 8 or 10 available.  
 To book your table and for more details on how the evening works and what to bring, please email fosmkersey@gmail.com or phone Sarah on 07977 725456 or Jackie on 07721 625932.



## DIARY DATES

1 Oct – Tuesday Club.....	Village Hall .....	14.30
2 Oct – School Harvest Service.....	St Mary's .....	14.30
6 Oct – Harvest Festival .....	St Mary's .....	11.00
6 Oct – FOSM Afternoon tea and Three Chordettes .	St Mary's .....	14.30
19 Oct – Autumn Buffet.....	Village Hall ..	19.00- 21.30

## KERSEY PLAYGROUND CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 2024

Friday 22th November, Kersey Village Hall  
Doors open 7pm, start 7.30pm: Carriages 10.30pm.  
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Jonathan Marsh: jonathan.marsh10@icloud.com  
Dominique Young: Dominique.young@btinternet.com

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### THE NIGHTINGALE TRUST – ALLOTMENTS

The trust was set up in 1583 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 again this winter. We also make a donation to the local food bank, which can help 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 – contact details below.

REMINDER – If you would like to take advantage of a 50% discount on seeds purchased from Kings Seeds of Kelvedon, please contact me for more information. Orders need to be to me by 10th November.

Contact Natalie Blyth - 01473 827805 07487 816966 or email nablyth1@gmail.com

**Natalie Blyth.**

### CAKEGATE – Class 49 – Date and walnut cake.

Well, I entered a cake in this year's village show.  
Looked okay to me, but I didn't know.

Would I win the contested VPA spoon?  
Not long to wait now: I'd find out quite soon.

When the judging was done that cake failed the test.  
Disappointing indeed! but the judge, she knows best.

Was it really that bad though? I would soon see,  
For the cake was still mine to take home for tea.

But that's not the end of my sorry verse.  
I'm afraid what's to follow is very much worse.

At the end of the day, when the show was all done,  
The exhibits all taken away one by one,

I went to collect my non-prize-winning cake,  
But all that was there was a bare, empty plate.

Not a slice, not a crumb, not a morsel to try.  
(It was all I could do to retain a dry eye.)

Was it a prank or a joke or a jape?  
No, surely 'twas just an honest mistake!

But no one's admitted their part to this day,  
So now this is all that I have left to say,

"Someone took that poor cake and left not a clue."  
Well I'm asking you now, "Was it jolly well you?"

If you want to confess 'cos you can't sleep at night,  
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**Pete Partridge**

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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

On Sunday 6th we are having our Harvest Festival in St Mary's and the school will have their Harvest Festival the week before.

The Harvest Festival in the UK has deep roots in ancient traditions and has been celebrated for centuries to give thanks for the successful gathering of crops. Its history can be traced back to pagan times. What we have come to know as Harvest Festival today is really a Victorian idea credited to Reverend Robert Hawker from Cornwall, who, in 1843, organized the first formal Harvest Thanksgiving service at his church. This became popular and spread across the country, leading to the widespread celebration in churches and communities.

However, there is an earlier tradition called Lammas Sunday traditionally celebrated on August 1st. "Lammas" comes from the Old English "hlaf-mæsse", meaning "loaf mass". It marked the beginning of the wheat harvest, and people would bring a loaf of bread made from the first harvested wheat to church as an offering. It has both Christian and pre-Christian roots. In early Christian traditions, it was a time to give thanks for the first fruits of the harvest. Pagan traditions also recognized it as a key part of the agricultural year, celebrated as Lughnasadh, a festival in honour of the Celtic god Lugh.

In the Bible, we find there are in fact 3 Harvest Festivals at different times of the year. The first is Feast of Unleavened Bread – celebrating the barley harvest in the early spring (March-April), one of the first crops of the year. This is closely tied to the Passover commemorating Israel's escape from slavery in Egypt. It was a time of reflecting on God's deliverance and thanking Him for the harvest.

Next is the Feast of Weeks also called Shavuot or Pentecost. This festival marks the end of the **wheat harvest** and celebrates the completion of the grain harvest season. The name Pentecost just means it was 50 days after the barley harvest.

Lastly there was the Feast of Ingathering or Feast of the Tabernacles or Sukkoth. Celebrated in September-October this festival celebrates the **final harvest** of the agricultural year, including fruits, olives, and wine. It was a time to gather all remaining produce. It was called Feast of Tabernacles because people would build shelters in the fields to stay in during the harvest and to remind themselves of the 40 years they spent in the wilderness after the Exodus and before entering the Promised Land. It was a time to remember God's provision during those 40 years in the wilderness.

Today, Harvest Festival in the UK is celebrated in late September or early October. While it's no longer directly tied to agriculture for most people, schools, churches, and communities still come together to give thanks for the food they have. They collect donations of food to give to the less fortunate, symbolizing the sharing of the harvest.

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**Revd. Geoffrey Clement**

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

29th Sept 10am	Benefice service Hintlesham	Rev. Geoffrey Clement
6th Oct 11am	Harvest Festival	Rev. Geoffrey Clement
13th Oct 11am	Parish Service	Rev. Geoffrey Clement
20th Oct 6.30pm	Evensong	Rev. Geoffrey Clement
27th Oct 11am	No service at Kersey – Aldham	

There is a short Celtic prayer service on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am.

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
1st Prize –	Nick Hamblen	Claire McQuaker
2nd Prize –	Bruce Newbigging	Matthew Grannell
3rd Prize –	Mary Pearce	Sarah Partridge

Well done to all the winners and thanks to everyone who has already joined the club.

For details of the **500 Club** monthly lottery and FoSM membership information please contact either **Mark Rigby** on **07484 649235** or **Mark Pertwee** on **07919 166782** or email **fosmkersey@gmail.com**.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on 2nd September.

Present was chair J.Hume, four councillors, the clerk and two members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from one councillor, district councillor and one member of the public.

The chair declared an interest in a planning application as he was a close neighbour.

**Reports** were received from County and District councillors.

**Planning - progress:** Cherrywood, The Tye. Following refusal by Babergh for erection of garage and barn the applicant submitted an appeal. This has been dismissed.

Babergh has granted permission for solar panels on barn at Curtis Farm.

Trickers Farm – Erection of single storey extension including siting of air source heat pump. Councillors fully resolved to support this application.

River House – Conversion and thermal upgrade on redundant outbuilding to form annexed accommodation. The chairman left the meeting. The council fully supported this application. The council requests that trade vehicles working on this project are parked on site and not on the public highway.

**Clerk's report:** Verge cutting took place in July but some roads were missed again. The County Councillor to try and sort out the problem. Many road signs are faded or damaged. Clerk will report to Highways. The defibrillator training session was well attended and informative. The council has a new website and email address.

**Correspondence:** All has been circulated to councillors.

**Finance:** All financial items were discussed and approved. Internal audit will take place in October.

**Footpaths:** All paths are in reasonable condition. In certain areas hedges and trees need cutting back. A new mower has been purchased.

**KCPC:** A quiz night is to be held on the 22nd November.

**National Planning Policy Framework Consultation:** Response was agreed. Clerk's job appraisal will take place in October.

**Website:** The clerk has checked the website to ensure it meets with accessibility guidelines.

Pride in our Parish article for newsletter is to encourage residents to help maintain green public areas.

**AOB:** Concerns were raised about residents lighting bonfires. Concerns were discussed about poor mobile phone signals in some areas. Kersey Projects were thanked for organising the summer party.

Next meeting 18th November.

A full report can be found on the website.

**Rachel Wells**



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# FARMING NOTES

## Kersey Projects Dates for your Diary



### Christmas Tree Lighting: Sunday, 1 December 2024

Join us for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree with mulled wine and mince pies at the Splash.

### Burns Night Evening\*: Friday, 24 January 2025

Back by ever popular demand, an evening of Scottish tradition in the Village Hall with haggis, bagpipes, a Ceilidh band and lots of dancing!

The cost will be £30 per head. More details to follow.

To reserve your place, please email us at: [kerseyprojects@gmail.com](mailto:kerseyprojects@gmail.com).

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Since harvest things on the arable side have been fairly uneventful. In my mind there are two landmark events that usher in the autumn. Both events, spreading the farmyard manure and dressing the home saved seed ready for drilling, passed without any drama. Since then all of the arable land has been cultivated, in some cases twice, in preparation for autumn drilling. At present the land is very dry and rain fall would help greatly with these operations. Rain would certainly be welcome on our recently established oil seed rape crop that has grown away well, with an unusually low appearance of the very injurious Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle. I am currently fishing in Scotland and although I have been relatively successful, rain here too would improve my chances of catching more salmon!

### Rob Partridge

### Livestock

The latest challenge to the livestock industry in this part of the country is a disease which you may have heard about called Blue Tongue 3 (BTV3). This is caused by a virus spread by biting midges. It can affect all ruminants: symptoms include a high temperature, swollen tongue and lips and breathing difficulties. Blue tongue can also cause fertility issues, abortion and in severe cases death (particularly in sheep). The problem has been known in Europe for some time and we have been expecting it to make its way across the channel during the later hot part of the summer, and so it has proved. As well as the problem caused by government imposed movement restrictions we are concerned that an outbreak of BTV3 may cause serious issues with the sheep during the autumn breeding period. Cogent are also concerned that the supply of young British Blue breeding bulls from us to their stud in Chester should not be interrupted. Now for the good news... Help is at hand in the form of a specially licenced vaccine, and today, as we seem to have got ourselves to the top of the list, I was able to order 400 doses – enough to protect all of the sheep and cattle on the farm. The vaccination process will take a few weeks and is a job we could have done without, but once immunity has developed (a few weeks after vaccination) the stock should be protected from the worst effects of BTV3. Meanwhile we are trying to deter midges and flies by treating stock with pour-on insecticides and, believe it or not, feeding mineral licks containing garlic! A sharp cold snap would also reduce the active midge population but that is unlikely to happen before November. The second and very important piece of good news is that BTV3 is of no risk to human health.

### Chris Partridge



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Kersey has long been considered one of Suffolk's most beautiful villages, but it does take some work to keep it that way! The KVG are a group of volunteers who have been allocated a small area of the Parish roadsides where they collect litter and report any problems with the highway or fly tipping. Whilst individual residents take care of their own gardens and hedges as they see fit, there are also a number of public green areas in the village. Some are nicely cared for, like Vale Lane triangle. Thank you to those who help with this. Others areas need a little work. These public green areas include the grassy area near The Splash, the grassed area with a bench on the corner of the road to Bildeston, Priory Walk path and the areas at the top and bottom, and the area at the bottom of the church steps. To keep our village looking its best, these areas, where there is often a bench to enjoy the views, could benefit from a bit of TLC on a semi-regular basis.

The maintenance of these public green areas is not the remit of the Kersey Footpath Working Group, who do a fantastic job keeping all the footpaths clear, the KVG or the wider Parish Council, but instead relies on residents volunteering their time and efforts. Thus far this has been done on an ad hoc basis, and more assistance is always appreciated. If you would be interested in joining an informal group to help to keep these public greens spaces looking their best, or joining the KVG then please contact John Hume on 01473 810098.

**John Hume**  
Chair, Kersey Parish Council

## Kersey Projects

**Christmas Floral Decoration Workshop**  
Saturday, 30 November 2024 ~ 10.00am-1.00pm  
Village Hall, Kersey £30 per person



Start the Christmas season and have some fun by joining us at a workshop to make a floral decoration to grace your home.

You will have the opportunity to learn from an expert as **Juliet, director and floral designer of Kensington Flowers in London** (and Kersey resident) has kindly agreed to share her 'know-how' and creativity. Based on her ethos of using natural, sustainable materials you can choose to make a wreath, swag or garland, adding your own personal touch.

**All materials and refreshments will be provided.**

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# BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

## New Waste Collection Plans

A change in the number of waste bins and collections have been approved by the cabinet at Babergh. Residents in Babergh will not only see the introduction of new weekly food waste collections from 2026 but could also enjoy a 'recycling revolution' under new plans.

Plans will enable residents to recycle more items in their household recycling bin from 2026 to meet new government legislation where glass and cartons such as Tetra Pak will be included. A separate bin, box or bag would be provided for paper and cardboard.

The proposed changes, which as I say will not come into effect until 2026, will mean that main collections change to a three-weekly cycle. The recycle bins will be collected in weeks 1 & 2 while the Black, general waste, bin will be collected in week 3. At the same time the food waste bin/box will be collected every week. If you have a brown, garden waste bin, that will continue to be collected fortnightly.

The idea is that the General waste will decline and will not include any food that could attract wildlife.

This change will increase the number of bins each home has but the councils' waste team would be sympathetic to those with exceptional needs on a case-by-case basis.

## Kingfisher Leisure centre repairs

The pool in Sudbury was initially closed in August to allow for work to be carried out after damage to a glass panel above the pool. It was hoped that the work would be quickly, and the pool would quickly re-open. Unfortunately, it soon became apparent that the complexity of the repair and time would mean a longer closure.

Now further investigations have revealed additional work to the roof is needed – meaning the pool will be closed for much longer.

All other facilities at Kingfisher, including the gym and sauna, remain open as usual. While the pool is closed, the council will also take the opportunity to carry out additional surveys and maintenance work.

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