



# ALL SAINTS KESGRAVE

## NEWSLETTER

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

#### THE ROBOTS ARE COMING

Spoiler alert – they’ve been here for a while, they’re just getting more “intelligent”. Thanks to the vast increases in computing power over the decades (many millions of times more powerful than when I started my career at a fraction of the price), and the vast amount of digitised information made available via the Internet for training purposes, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has reached new heights. Moving on from playing chess or Go, the latest generation AI (ChatGPT, Google Bard and the like) parse generic natural language questions, and provide remarkably

good answers within seconds. Beware, they can also make things up, supported by plausible but completely bogus references, so they do need fact-checking – but then, so can humans! And they can be biased by the training material used (garbage in, garbage out), but that’s improving all of the time.

AI has huge potential. It spear-headed the research into a vaccine for the Covid-19 outbreak in a remarkably short time, which has saved countless lives and allowed us all to live “normally” again, and will drive further medical advances. Chat-bots are already answering routine enquiries on web sites. Self-driving vehicles could significantly improve road safety and reduce congestion (the first public bus is now being trialled in Edinburgh). Fruit-picking and similar agricultural machines might provide for cheaper food (although replacing the human hand, with its dexterity and sensitivity, is still a challenge). On the other hand, it could help produce ever more sophisticated fraud, or more powerful weapons of war. Not to mention replacing jobs.

The technology is neutral; it’s how we apply it that matters. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and allowed them to communicate the Gospel to all present in their own language. The Internet, and the likes of Twitter and Facebook, have shrunk the world and enabled mass-communication, with language translation at the push of a button. And what do we choose to share? Cat videos, and (sadly) a lot of abuse hidden behind anonymous personas.

But where next? My Dad remembers going to a lecture on rockets and space travel in his ‘teens, where the lecturer confidently predicted it wouldn’t happen for generations; less than 20 years later a man walked on the moon. The intellectual challenge of an autonomous “thinking” robot is probably achievable, maybe even in my own lifetime. Is it desirable? What ethical and moral questions does it raise? Do we risk becoming God-like in creating new “life”? And if (when) it becomes “cleverer” than us, what then? What role do humans have in such a society? Or God?

I tried asking Bing, “What role does God have in an AI society?” The response: “I’m sorry but I prefer not to continue this conversation.”

Martyn Shakespeare

Reader

## WHAT’S ON JUNE 2023

Date	Time	Service	Where / Who to contact
<b>Thu</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> June	11.00am- 12.00pm	<b>Thursday Holy Communion at ASK</b>	<b>All Saints Church Kesgrave</b>
<b>Sat</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.00am- 12.30pm	<b>Saturday Drop-in At Little Bealings</b>	<b>All Saints Little Bealings</b>
<b>Sun</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am- 9.30am	<b>Holy Communion at ASK</b>	<b>All Saints Church Kesgrave</b>
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<b>Sun</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	<b>F.I.G Family At ASK</b>	<b>Church Hall.</b>
<b>Sun</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June	11.30am- 12.30pm	<b>Litter- pick at ASK</b>	<b>All Saints Church Kesgrave</b>
<b>Sun</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	<b>Morning Prayer At Playford</b>	<b>Church Of St. Mary, Playford</b>
<b>Sun</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June	5.00pm- 5.45pm	<b>Zoom AFTER HOURS</b>	For the link, please visit <a href="http://www.asksgrave.org">www.asksgrave.org</a>
<b>Sun</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm- 7.15pm	<b>Evensong at ASK</b>	<b>All Saints Church Kesgrave</b>
<b>Mon</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm- 4.00pm	<b>Silver Screen at ASK</b>	<b>Church Hall.</b>
<b>Tue</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.30am	<b>LITTLE EXPLORERS at ASK</b>	<b>Church Hall.</b> For more information, please contact Jen- nie <a href="mailto:children@asksgrave.org">children@asksgrave.org</a>
<b>Tue</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm- 5.30pm	<b>Broom Tree Café At Martlesham</b>	<b>St Michael’s Church, The Runway Café , Martlesham</b>
<b>Wed</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am 10.30am	<b>Open to God At ASK</b>	<b>All Saints Church Kesgrave</b>
<b>Wed</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 10.45am	<b>Morning Prayer at Little Bealings</b>	<b>All Saints Little Bealings</b>

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Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am- 12.00pm	Fynn Valley Walks	All Saints Little Bealings. For more information contact <a href="mailto:john.wittgreffe@btinternet.com">john.wittgreffe@btinternet.com</a> 07857838678.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am- 4.00pm	“Absolutely Divine” Café at Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June	3.10pm 3.45pm	Little Bealings BORROWERS	All Saints Little Bealings. Please contact Ben Wale <a href="mailto:ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org">ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org</a> for more information
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am- 12.00pm	Thursday Holy Communion at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm- 9.00pm	Zoom Pub Quiz	For the link, please visit <a href="http://www.asksgrave.org">www.asksgrave.org</a>
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 12.30pm	Saturday Drop-in At Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am- 9.30am	Holy Communion at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	All Age Service at ASK ( Livestreamed)	All Saints Church Kesgrave ASK Church YouTube channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ91ENd-lxMPUZYDHR5-aQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ91ENd-lxMPUZYDHR5-aQ</a>
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	Morning Prayer At Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm- 4.00pm	Silver Games at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave.
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.30am	LITTLE EXPLORERS at ASK	Church Hall. For more information, please contact Jen- nie <a href="mailto:children@asksgrave.org">children@asksgrave.org</a>
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm- 5.30pm	Broom Tree Café At Martlesham	St Michael’s Church, The Runway Café , Martlesham
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer At ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 10.45am	Morning Prayer at Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am- 4.00pm	“Absolutely Divine” Café at Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am- 12.00pm	Fynn Valley Walks	All Saints Little Bealings. For more information contact <a href="mailto:john.wittgreffe@btinternet.com">john.wittgreffe@btinternet.com</a> 07857838678.
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	3.10pm 3.45pm	Little Bealings BORROWERS	All Saints Little Bealings. Please contact Ben Wale <a href="mailto:ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org">ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org</a> for more information
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am- 12.00pm	Thursday Holy Communion at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave

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Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 12.30pm	Saturday Drop-in At Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
		Father's Day	Father's Day
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am- 9.30am	Holy Communion at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am- 10.00am	BREAKFAST Special At ASK	Church Hall.
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	F.I.G Family At ASK	Church Hall.
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	Holy Communion at ASK (Livestreamed)	All Saints Church Kesgrave ASK Church YouTube channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ91END-lxMPUZYDHR5-aQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ91END-lxMPUZYDHR5-aQ</a>
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	Family Communion At Playford	Church Of St. Mary, Playford
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm- 7.15pm	Evensong at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm- 4.00pm	Silver Screen at ASK	Church Hall.
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.30am	LITTLE EXPLORERS at ASK	Church Hall. For more information, please contact Jen- nie <a href="mailto:children@askesgrave.org">children@askesgrave.org</a>
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm- 5.30pm	Broom Tree Café At Martlesham	St Michael's Church, The Runway Café , Martlesham
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.30am 10.30am	Bible Study At ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	10.00am- 10.45am	Morning Prayer at Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	10.30am- 4.00pm	"Absolutely Divine" Café at Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	10.30am- 12.00pm	Fynn Valley Walks	All Saints Little Bealings. For more information contact <a href="mailto:john.wittgreffe@btinternet.com">john.wittgreffe@btinternet.com</a> 07857838678.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	3.10pm 3.45pm	Little Bealings BORROWERS	All Saints Little Bealings. Please contact Ben Wale <a href="mailto:ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org">ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org</a> for more information
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	11.00am- 12.00pm	Thursday Holy Communion at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am- 10.00am	Men's & Ladies' Break- fast at the Farmhouse	Farmhouse, St Isidores, Kesgrave. Please contact Gary Jones <a href="mailto:gary.jones590@ntlworld.com">gary.jones590@ntlworld.com</a>
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 12.30pm	Saturday Drop-in At Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am- 9.30am	Holy Communion at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave

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Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	All Age Service at ASK (Livestreamed)	All Saints Church Kesgrave ASK Church YouTube channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ91ENd-lxMPUZYDHR5-aQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ91ENd-lxMPUZYDHR5-aQ</a>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.00am	Family Communion At Little Bealings	All Saints Little Bealings
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm- 4.00pm	Silver Games at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave.
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am- 11.30am	LITTLE EXPLORERS at ASK	Church Hall. For more information, please contact Jen- nie <a href="mailto:children@askesgrave.org">children@askesgrave.org</a>
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> June	2.15pm- 4.00pm	Mothers' Union At ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm- 5.30pm	Broom Tree Café At Martlesham	St Michael's Church, The Runway Café , Martlesham
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer At ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave
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Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am- 12.00pm	Thursday Holy Communion at ASK	All Saints Church Kesgrave

## **CELEBRATING THE CORONATION:**

**Sunday May 7th -Coffee, Cake and Raffle**

**Outreach Event + Fundraiser for Home Start and Martlesham Pop-Up Shop**

**Main Organiser: Carolyn LeMay**

The planning for this wonderful event provided an opportunity to involve many different sections of the community:

### **Picture Exhibition and the chance to be 'Royal':**

Children were invited to submit pictures on the theme of "Kings Lions and Unicorns" and the response was very enthusiastic: Cedarwood school helped greatly, the Kesgrave Tesco's acted as a drop-off point for

some of the pictures (as well as providing some of the raffle prizes), and residents of Alice Grange were asked to take part in the judging for the best entries. Altogether over 400 entries were received and displayed, and the Diocesan photographer came and took photos. Thank you to Tina Shute, Head of Cedarwood, for her organisational skills! In addition to this the children's corner in the church was decorated and the green chair there transformed into a throne, where children could have their photo taken with a crown on; our children's worker, Jennie Fidler, provided additional craft activities too.

### **Raffle: Thank you to all who donated prizes!**

Ipswich Town Football club donated 2 free tickets for a game next season, as a raffle prize and Carolyn was able to share with their fundraising team what we were doing at the church and why we were raising funds for the two causes - Home Start and the Martlesham PopUp Shop

One lady donated a brand new 5-foot Teddy Bear called Charlie; she had known Robin, our retired vicar and this was the first contact she had had with the church for a long time, but was pleased in her words to be 'supporting the work of the church in the community'. Incidentally Charlie went to a very good home, Carolyn received pictures of him enjoying bedtime stories and having fun on the trampoline with Alex L. The lady was pleased to know that Charlie had gone to a loving home.

A local artist, painted a picture for us especially for the raffle. This went to someone who was very pleased with the picture and had not expected such a nice prize from the raffle. Carolyn was able to tell the person that the recipient loved the picture.

### **Refreshments:**

Some of the cakes were provided by local businesses and the refreshments gave people a chance to chat and enjoy fellowship, and to look at some of the lovely drawings.

**Carolyn received very good feedback from a whole variety of people:**

She said: "It was such a pleasure to be able to hold this growth event to share Gods love in a way that we could reach out to people in the community."

Comments received by e mail:

*It felt like an amazing event, it went so well. Thank you so much for all your effort and organisation.*

*Thank you for organising such a wonderful celebration, it was lovely to see all the pictures and enjoy the cakes!*

*Hope you raised lots of funds for the charities. I loved how the event brought either ends of generations together through the art project.*

The total raised was £330 and this was shared between Home start and Martlesham Church pop-up shop. Home start came back to us with a real appreciation of what we had raised, even though it wasn't a large amount. That wasn't of course the sole purpose of the event and it did only run over two hours, so we were pleased with the amount and peoples' generosity was very touching.

A massive thank you to everyone who took part, helped decorate the church with red, blue and white flowers, prepared the exhibition, manned the raffle and the refreshments etc

We particularly thank Carolyn LeMay for organising this outreach event: applying for the Growth Grant and spending many, many hours in considering every detail! As you can see from the comments above, it was particularly appreciated that we could truly make it an All Age event and involve so many different parts of the community. We hope it will be the first of many.

Sally Wainman





## **SILVER GROUPS**

We welcome anybody who wishes to come to the Silver events. There's always a good variety of food to enjoy with tea, coffee, chocolate, and sometimes squash.

The Screen is in the hall, and the Games are in the church. When you

turn up you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Next sessions of **Silver Screen** are **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June at the Church Hall, 2pm-4pm.**

Seeing so many people get so much out of those sessions has been a pleasure.

Following the screening, we have a short talk.

Come along for an enjoyable afternoon and companionship.

Next sessions of **Silver Games** are **Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Church, 2pm-4pm.**

Come and enjoy playing the old fashioned and some modern games such as Up-Words, Scrabble, Mexican Train, Uno, Rummikub and Scrabble. Even if you don't play board games you will be welcome to just come along and sit with our regulars and have a chat.

For more details contact

Chris or Mike Bryer 01473 611143

### **MEN'S & LADIES' BREAKFAST**

Please come along on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am** and join us at the Farmhouse Pub for our Men's & Ladies' Breakfast and fellowship. All ages are welcome.

**Please contact**

**Gary Jones** [revgaryjones1985@gmail.com](mailto:revgaryjones1985@gmail.com) or

**Anita Jones** [anitajones805@gmail.com](mailto:anitajones805@gmail.com) **to reserve** your place.

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** is an outing to Milsoms for a cream tea time to be arranged. If anyone is interested, please could they contact Jenny or Daphne.

Jenny Billinge  
Secretary

## **RECENT NOTIBLE EVENTS:**

### **BAPTISMS**

21/05/2023 - Aaron Roy KING

21/05/2023- Isabelle Sophia Bryant and Poppy Rose Bryant

### **WEDDING**

06/05/2023 - Caitlin Chelsea REEVE & Leo James HARPER CRANE

### **FUNERAL**

25/05/2023 - Blair POTTER

## **AID TO UKRAINE**

### **By David Jacobs**

This is my fifth update of Ukraine activities in Hadleigh magazine, but the first one in Kesgrave's Newsletter I have engaged in since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. I had intended to participate in a further "Mission Ukraine" trip (the NPO I often partner with) in March/April, but decided against doing so, given my eldest grandson's hospitalisation for a significant period, but he is doing well now, thank God! In May I undertook a lone trip in to Ukraine (my eighth), as later described.

The period of not travelling abroad has not been inactive! I have continued to support within the UK, by assessing vehicles for purchase by MU and buying one on their behalf, (which proved a reliable Nissan Pathfinder), taking it to London and filling it with key supplies, and from where colleagues then drove it to Ukraine for conversion to a front line ambulance /casualty evacuation vehicle, before delivery to the volunteer paramedics. This is a relatively new initiative by MU, in partnership with Ukrainian volunteer mechanics and skilled workers (I personally know well now) who undertake the conversions in Ukraine, removing rear seats, lining with plywood and aluminium, fitting internal lights and

the drip holders and equipment compartments, all as per paramedic specifications and very professionally finished. The vehicle engines and frames are tested and made good if required and then painted camo green etc. At the time of writing 4 such vehicles have been so modified and taken in to action.

Via contact with a health professional friend (Carolyn LeMay) and “**Mediquip**” I have been able to access physio and health care equipment, that cannot easily be re-used by the NHS, and, again benefitting from the continued generous support of **John Grose, Ipswich** and free use of a van, taken a vanload to Ukrainian managed distribution centres from where onward delivery to Ukraine is facilitated – the Ukrainian coordinators provide the photo evidence of delivery and the good use such items are put to!

Other supplies collated locally ( 4 large generators and 4 inverter generators purchased by Ukrainians in Suffolk – and some medical supplies) were delivered via addition to a lorry load of humanitarian aid I was able to access – and some by addition to the load transported by 2 Ukrainian “MU” drivers taking supplies to Kyiv in March.

I was also able to continue collection of supplies from the good and generous folk of Hadleigh, Ipswich and the surrounds ( many individuals and **Morrisons, Hadleigh**), ready for my own trip. These included 7 generators of various types and sizes ( 4 new and the others freely serviced, most by my Polish friend, Marcin – who also sourced a good Honda generator – and also a large 5Kva one freely serviced and free new battery provided by **Ainger Holbrows garage, Hadleigh**). Other supplies donated were; a water pump, a gas heater, thermal clothing, various medications, gas stoves, toiletries and babycare goods, torches, candles, some children`s items and much food.

Such has been the generosity of Suffolk people ( and two London based donors) that the trip I have just returned from was almost completely provided for locally – including the purchase of a Mitsubishi Shogun 3.2ltr, and the supplies taken ( except one generator provided by a

Ukrainian in Wisbech). Travelling alone, driving with great care, using the cheapest ferry crossing, no paid for accommodation ( sleeping in the car and 3 nights in free accommodation provided by Ukrainians), using the cheapest return route available ( 20 hour coach trip across Ukraine, and a great cheap flight from Krakow) , I was able to reduce the costs of delivery by around £300 from the normal average! I was also fortunately able to make the entire trip in 7 days, enabling me to return in time for the coronation celebrations in Hadleigh. All planning, preparation and documentation etc was undertaken by myself, with the great assistance of a local Ukrainian, Olena, who helped me through complex Ukrainian customs declaration documentation.

This trip was an incredible experience in respect of all things coming together for good – the car ran beautifully ( thanks David P for the pre-trip service you paid for!!), I was able to drive long hours without great fatigue and make exceptionally good time – with the company of a Ukrainian volunteer I was asked to give a lift to, from Krakow to Irpin in Ukraine. Arriving in Calais midday Saturday, by midnight Sunday, I made the first supplies drop at the shelter for internally displaced persons, in Lviv, then drove on that night to Irpin ( near Kyiv, another 7 hours). The following day I had lunch with a local church group hosting volunteers from churches in Holland who are providing teams of people on a weekly basis to assist in rebuilding and repair projects and then, it occurred perfectly that Yegor, ( a friend and mechanic from Mykolaiv) was delivering a converted vehicle to a center in Irpin, so we then met and drove the vehicle Suffolk supplied down to Mykolaiv together ( another 8 hours or so) – stopping only to make a large supplies drop in Obukhiv – to a Christian volunteer group who support volunteer military battalions. The weather was perfect for driving, the country looking beautiful in the spring and both car and its remaining contents destined to villages in south East Ukraine, arrived safely in Mykolaiv on the Monday evening.

These trips always provide their unique experiences, one hopes to offer something good to, to learn from and somehow be enriched by, in standing alongside others in times of grief and anxiety, and as so many show

the characteristic of Ukrainian resilience and the spirit of hope and belief in victory and eventual liberation from such devastating tyranny. There is ever more physical destruction - more hospitals and large buildings I see destroyed since last visits, the evidence of mindless machine gun spraying across the wall of apartment buildings – the huge tank or artillery shell hole observed from my window in the adjacent residential building, and evidence of all surrounding windows replaced etc, the frequent air raid sirens. And then there are the numerous anecdotes of war crimes, and personal traumas - the 15year old girl who could not speak for weeks after the total destruction of her home, the family preparing for the funeral of the father, following his death in combat, the grandfather taking me on a tour of his city to the recently bombed buildings, and repeatedly, earnestly asking, “ why?, why? why?”. And yet, there are moments of laughter, or shared joy too, that somehow arise – when I get stopped by Ukrainian border soldiers and the shell casings in my bag confiscated ( had hoped to give to a friend who works at the Imperial War Museum) the soldiers warmly shaking my hand when discovering the purpose of my visit, or observing the amazing transformation in one morning of a bright red civil hovercraft, to an amphibious camouflaged military craft! – and then the wonderful and generous hospitality of a Ukrainian family I bump in to in Krakow, who have lost everything and yet insist in caring for me, giving me lunch and taking me to the airport!

I have so very many people to thank for their contributions towards this trip and continuing support of Ukraine, and I realise I am really just a part of something very much larger than myself – the delivery man! Each have been a vital part of overall supply, delivery and success – you know who you are and what you have so generously provided - many individual local donors of items and funds and words of encouragement, remain anonymous – so general reference and first names only sometimes; congregations and prayer groups at; **Ipswich International Church** and C of E churches at; **Kesgrave, Bealings and Burstall**, to **Ian Twinley ( John Grose)**, **Mission Ukraine** ( customs forms and loan of a “burner” phone), Magda ( numerous supplies from herself, Polish supporters and others), David ( generators and car service

funding) and another David ( local transport, and his son providing 6 laptops), John, Jon B, Chris and Kate, Sue and Bruce ( proceeds from an Ipswich street sale), Lucas, Antoine, **Andy Brietsprecher ( Ainger Holbrows)**, **Hadleigh Tyres** ( for value price service), Olena ( administration, identifying potential vehicles and crucial Ukrainian advice), Maryna, Marcin ( generator man!), Carolyn, Natalie, Helen, **Mediquip (Ipswich)**. Lisa Dunn and her colleagues at **Morrisons, Hadleigh** provided much food, toiletries and some new childrens clothing – I was unable to free space for all such donations so with Morrisons` blessing, much food was redirected to local need and a church meals service for families in need, in Ipswich. Thanks, respect and love too, to Yegor and Sasha and his wife, who receive the vehicles and tirelessly repair and prepare them and provide me hospitality, whilst they continually reside in a war zone, and work together with Sergey within their own charitable initiative, “ **Restoration of The South of Ukraine**”.

Thank you and bless you all!

I have committed to driving a Ukrainian family back to Ukraine in July – the father having tragically suddenly died at Christmas `22 – which will be an opportunity to support in a different way and to make new contacts in another part of Ukraine.

My current thinking around continued support, is the desire to purchase 2 vehicles – at least one for ambulance conversion, and to use one to tow the other on a trailer, which would also be left in Ukraine for the assistance of vehicle recovery for ongoing repair and maintenance. The vehicles are a continuous need – for their obvious value, but predictable high risk of short life. The trailer is a specific request alongside any car mechanics tools I may be able to acquire to support the service of volunteer battalion mechanics seeking to keep military and medic use vehicles going as long as possible.

This feels an ambitious vision, but of incredible value and support if achieved, and hopefully as a “Suffolk” venture again – which allows for greater freedom of planning and a clear Suffolk“ ownership” of support

provided to Ukraine. Of course Ukrainians value aid wherever it comes from, but they much express the encouragement they feel as I share the care and active concern of “ordinary” (extraordinary!) people from my own area. If you wish to support this venture financially, please contact me direct and/or use <https://gofund.me/b34423ec> to donate via the charity “British Ukrainian Aid”. If there is insufficient support to fulfil this vision – it will be modified and may become “partnered” contributions with other groups, such as Mission Ukraine.

If you wish to join or continue being a part of support to Ukrainian shelters, orphanages, hospitals, villages and volunteer soldiers via this initiative – and achieve another Suffolk venture, by providing supplies, please do contact me direct on the number below. It is ever surprising to me what proves possible in respect of the quantity a large 4x4 carefully packed, can contain! However, space is precious, so I have to make some hard space to value decisions and cannot take bulky clothing and bedding – and they are a lesser priority too in this warmer weather (blankets and towels remain invaluable to hospitals). Generators, medical / health care items, toiletries, baby care products, laptops, torches, batteries, phone power banks – all remain needed. Tools for maintaining vehicles are a key focus this time and any help with sourcing cheap but sound condition 4x4s and the car carrying trailer, is also most welcome!

As previously detailed, all groups delivered to are as formally registered within Ukraine, and all legal processes (customs declarations submitted and “acceptance” receipts required etc) are followed in respect of documentation. Photo and video evidence is gathered of deliveries.

From myself and on behalf of the ever-grateful Ukrainians, I thank you again in advance for the continued support of so many of you!

David Jacobs  
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## **SUFFOLK RIDE AND STRIDE FUNDRAISING DAY: SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) 50th Anniversary 1973-2023**

In 1973 a small group of church-lovers realised that, if Suffolk's historic churches and chapels were to survive for the future with increasingly

small congregations, they needed financial help. The Trust is non-denominational and all churches, chapels and meeting houses, of any age, are eligible to apply for grants to help fund repairs to their building or to make improvements such as disabled access, toilets and kitchens, enabling the building can be used for community and fundraising events.

In fifty years, supporters have raised the equivalent of around £10 million in today's money, from the membership fees of its 'Friends' organisation, from donations, grants, legacies, and, in particular, from the annual Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride sponsored event and, more recently, the Pedal and Drive Vintage and Classic Car rally.

Last year approximately £180,000 was raised in just one day through the Ride and Stride event, so please put this important date in your diaries

Half the money raised by each participant goes to SHCT which then disperses it in Grants\* and half comes back to the church of your choice eg All Saints Kesgrave!

Please help by either manning our church on 9th September for visiting walkers and cyclists or by walking/cycling yourself

Sally Wainman

\*Our church received a SHCT grant towards the Lighting Project in 2021

## **GIVING JUNE 2023**

**From the Book of Common Prayer:** *Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little; for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity.*

This year our share of the Parish Share is over £52,000 and this is on top of the finance needed to actually run the church, pay for ecclesiastical insurance, energy costs, admin, music, the website etc; if you are able

to, please review your giving to enable us to go on serving the community.

All forms of giving are gratefully received, including cash, contactless giving and use of the green Donate button on the ASK website

Please make cheques payable to Kesgrave PCC

For BACS payments the name on the account is Kesgrave Parochial Church Council Sort Code 08-92-99 Account No. 65453375 (We bank with the Co-operative Bank)

For Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) see: Setting up your gift <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/setting-up-your-gift/> or ask me for hard copy gift form

Our PGS code for this church is 330 633 093; this ensures that your giving goes to the right place!

**Parish name**

All Saints Church, Kesgrave

**Parish code**

330633093

**Diocese**

St Eds and Ips Diocese

We also have a “Donate” QR Code:

To donate online, scan the QR code with your phone below:



Or go to [asksgrave.org/supportus](https://www.asksgrave.org/supportus) for more ways to give.

For any queries, please contact me Sally Wainman 07807 984589

## **DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYER?**

If at any time you or someone you know are in need of prayer, we have an active prayer ministry who would love to pray for you. We believe that God answers all of our prayers, as he loves us dearly and knows just what we need. We have seen God work in so many different ways through the prayer ministry. Please do not hesitate to contact if you feel this can help.

**If your prayer request is urgent, contact our prayer chain by calling John Wittgreffe on 07857 838678 or email [ask.prayer-chain@gmail.com](mailto:ask.prayer-chain@gmail.com) specifying "Prayer Chain".**

**If you have an ongoing request for prayer, each Wednesday a prayer request email goes out to ministers and faithful people who will include your request in their prayers on Wednesday, or as soon as possible thereafter. If you would like your prayer included, please use the same contact as above stating "For Wednesday prayers", or both Wednesday Prayers and Prayer Chain if appropriate.**

All information is considered private to those who take part in the prayers. If, however, you feel something is very sensitive, please mention this and we will make the prayers anonymous before they go out- God still knows who you mean!

If you would like private prayer with a minister, you can request this and we will work something out for you. If for any reason John is unavailable, please contact one of our ministry team as in our contacts list.

***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

John Wittgreffe, Elder

## **KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS –**

**June 2023**

**Sunday Crafts** 11.00 – 12.00 noon (after church) – the following crafts are running during June:

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Pop along and create a beautiful Spring flower of your own design.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** – We are designing an alien moon collage this week. How many aliens will you add to your recreation.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Today is Father's Day. Pop along and design a cupcake for someone special.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Have you ever seen a sea horse? This week we are making beautiful sea horses from a paper plate.

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights.

**Word Play Sessions** – These free sessions are run by trained staff every **Thursday morning**.

**Tot Rock – 9.45 – 10.15 a.m.** – active songs and rhymes for pre-school children.

**Baby Bounce – 10.45 – 11.45 a.m.** – Gentle songs for you and your baby to enjoy.

No need to book. Please just pop along. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Story Time** – 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. Fun stories, rhymes, and songs every Friday in the library. No need to book – just pop along.

**Lego Club** – every Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Free play with each child given a basket of Lego bricks to create designs of their choice. We hope to see you soon.

**Morning Book Group –Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 a.m.** They will be reading *The Guest List*

**Afternoon Book Club –Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2.45 – 4.30 p.m.** They are currently reading *Moonflower Murders* by Anthony Horowitz.

**Evening Book Group – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.** The group are currently reading *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce.

If you are interested in joining, please contact staff. The library supplies copies of the titles being read.

**Summer Reading Challenge – volunteers needed.** Are you interested in helping staff to run this year's challenge? If so, please phone on 01473 626103 and ask to speak to Maggie. To volunteer you need to be over 12 years of age.

**Knit and Natter** – every second and fourth Thursday 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. These sessions are restarting following a long break due to Covid. Why not pop along and meet some new people? Don't knit – just pop along for a natter. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided. Donations towards the cost would be welcomed.

**Cancer Support Group 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.** – we have restarted these sessions on the third Monday morning each month (**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June**). Our volunteer who helps run these sessions, is available to help on any aspect that may be worrying you, whether you are currently suffering from cancer or a carer in need of advice.

**Book Donations** – We are still looking for good quality book donations, mainly fiction – adult or children. Please speak to staff if you are interested in donating some items to us.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items to the library.

## Opening Hours -

Monday	9.00–12.00 noon
Tuesday	9.00–12.00 noon/2.30–5.00 pm
Wednesday	2.30 – 6.00 pm
Thursday	2.30 – 8.00 pm
Friday	9.00–12.00 noon/2.30–6.00 pm
Saturday	10.00-5.00 pm
Sunday	10.00-3.00 pm



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## **FINAL WORD**

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If you are on Facebook, please like and follow us on our page – All Saints Church Kesgrave <https://www.facebook.com/Askesgrave/> – where we will also upload important developments and information, videos and ideas for prayer and worship.

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