



# ALL SAINTS KESGRAVE

## NEWSLETTER

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### NOVEMBER 2025

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

#### **Ghosties & Ghoulies & Things that go Bump in the Night**

By the time you are reading this you may already be heartily fed-up with the fizz and bang of fireworks, gaggles of children in fancy dress who have overdosed on sucrose, and wondering what winter festival is being celebrated so enthusiastically tonight that it borders on a disturbance of the peace!



Wasn't it so much easier when we were younger? Penny for the Guy, apple bobbing, a packet of sparklers, a bonfire in the back garden and a small box of Wessex fireworks.

Why is it that this time of the year as the night draws in (and we should be settling in to early nights in front of the telly and mugs of cocoa) that we seem ever more determined to try to dispel the darkness of the night? As with many of our customs and traditions (particularly in the winter months) we light fires and make noise to chase the darkness away and protect our home from its shadow. Our folklore and fear of the dark is even used in epics such as *The Lord of the Rings* and, my favourite fantasy movie, *The Neverending Story*.

The roots of Hallowe'en, or more fully *All Hallow's Eve*, come from our desire to conquer darkness. When we make a noise and light fires to chase away the 'Ghosties & Ghoulies & Things that go bump in the night' we remind ourselves that darkness does not have the final word. The next day is All Hallows Day (now called All Saints Day) when we remember our community heroes who have stood up against dark deeds done by people of evil intent and, even though the Saints may have died, their light shines bright and calls us forward into life.

So this All Hallow's tide wear your scariest costumes, let off fireworks, bang your saucepans and remind your children that they can laugh at the darkness. Light has come into the world and it can never be extinguished. Oh and please stop by the Vicarage at our Drive-By Halloween stall to pick up some sweeties. Mrs Vicar will not be pleased if she finds me scoffing all the leftovers.

After the fireworks are over please join us in each of our churches for just Two Minutes of Silence to remember those who laid down their lives for our Freedom;

9th November (Remembrance Sunday )

10.30am at Kesgrave War Memorial

11th November (Armistice Day)

10.30am at Kesgrave War Memorial

**Bless you - Revd Canon Andrew Dotchin  
Vicar of Kesgrave, Little Bealings and Playford**

# WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER 2025

Livestreamed services may be followed on ASK Church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ91ENd-lxMPUZYDHR5-aQ>

| Date               | Time          | Service                          | Where                             |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat 1 Nov          | 7-8pm         | All Saints' & All Saints' Serv   | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS        |
| Sun 2 Nov          | 8.30- 9.30am  | Holy Communion                   | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 2 Nov          | 10-11am       | Holy Communion<br>(Livestreamed) | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 2 Nov          | 10-11am       | Morning Prayer                   | Church of St. Mary, PLAYFORD      |
| Sun 2 Nov          | 10.15-11.30am | Emerge Community                 | PLAYFORD Village Hall             |
| Sun 2 Nov          | 6.30-7.15pm   | United Service                   | Colchester Road Baptist Church    |
| Mon 3 Nov          | 2-4pm         | Silver Screen                    | All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE. |
| Mon 3 Nov          | 2-3pm         | "The Chosen" men's group         | Red Lion, Marthlesham             |
| Tue 4 Nov          | 10-11am       | "The Creeds" – Bible Study       | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Tue 4 Nov          | 10-11.30am    | Starting Rite                    | All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE  |
| Wed 5 Nov          | 10 -10.30am   | Morning Prayer                   | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS        |
| Wed 5 Nov          | 10.30-12pm    | Fynn Valley Walks                | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS.       |
| Wed 5 Nov          | 7-8pm         | "The Creeds" – Bible Study       | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Thu 6 Nov          | 11-12pm       | Holy Communion                   | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY |               | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY               | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY                |
| Sun 9 Nov          | 8.30-9.30am   | Holy Communion                   | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 9 Nov          | 10-10.25am    | Refreshments before the Service  | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 9 Nov          | 10.30-11.15am | Remembrance Service              | Legion Green War Memorial         |
| Sun 9 Nov          | 10.15-11.15am | Remembrance Service              | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS        |
| Sun 9 Nov          | 10.15-11.15am | Remembrance Service              | Church of St. Mary, PLAYFORD      |
| Sun 9 Nov          | 10.15-11.15am | Emerge Community                 | PLAYFORD Village Hall             |
| Mon 10 Nov         | 2-4pm         | Silver Games                     | All Saints Church KESGRAVE.       |
| ARMISTICE DAY      |               | ARMISTICE DAY                    | ARMISTICE DAY                     |
| Tue 11 Nov         | 10.30-11.15am | Armistice Day                    | Legion Green War Memorial         |
| Tue 11 Nov         | 10-11.30am    | Starting Rite                    | All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE  |
| Wed 12 Nov         | 10-10.30am    | Morning Prayer                   | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS        |
| Wed 12 Nov         | 10.30-12pm    | Fynn Valley Walks                | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS.       |
| Wed 12 Nov         | 7-8pm         | "The Creeds" – Bible Study       | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Thu 13 Nov         | 11-12pm       | Holy Communion                   | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 16 Nov         | 8.30-9.30am   | Holy Communion                   | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 16 Nov         | 9.15am-10am   | Breakfast Special                | All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE  |

| Date       | Time          | Service                                | Where                             |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sun 16 Nov | 10-11am       | F.I.G (Faith In God)<br>Family Service | All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE  |
| Sun 16 Nov | 10-11am       | Holy Communion<br>(Livestreamed)       | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 16 Nov | 10-11am       | Family Communion                       | Church of St. Mary, PLAYFORD      |
| Sun 16 Nov | 10.15-11.15am | Emerge Community                       | PLAYFORD Village Hall             |
| Sun 16 Nov | 6.30-7.15pm   | Evensong                               | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Mon 17 Nov | 2-4pm         | Silver Screen                          | All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE. |
| Mon 17 Nov | 2-3pm         | "The Chosen" men's group               | Red Lion, Marthlesham             |
| Tue 18 Nov | 10-11am       | "The Creeds" – Bible Study             | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Tue 18 Nov | 10-11.30am    | Starting Rite                          | All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE  |
| Wed 19 Nov | 10-10.30am    | Morning Prayer                         | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS        |
| Wed 19 Nov | 10.30-12pm    | Fynn Valley Walks                      | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS.       |
| Wed 19 Nov | 7-8pm         | "The Creeds" – Bible Study             | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Thu 20 Nov | 11-12pm       | Holy Communion                         | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 23 Nov | 8.30-9.30am   | Holy Communion                         | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 23 Nov | 10-11am       | Holy Communion<br>(Livestreamed)       | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 23 Nov | 10-11am       | Family Communion                       | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS        |
| Sun 23 Nov | 2-3pm         | Stir- up Sunday                        | PLAYFORD Village Hall             |
| Mon 24 Nov | 2-4pm         | Silver Games                           | All Saints Church KESGRAVE.       |
| Tue 25 Nov | 10-11am       | "The Creeds" – Bible Study             | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Tue 25 Nov | 10-11.30am    | Starting Rite                          | All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE  |
| Tue 25 Nov | 2.15-4.15pm   | Mothers' Union                         | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Wed 26 Nov | 10-10.30am    | Morning Prayer                         | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS        |
| Wed 26 Nov | 10.30-12pm    | Fynn Valley Walks                      | All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS.       |
| Thu 27 Nov | 11-12pm       | Holy Communion                         | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 30 Nov | 8.30-9.30am   | Holy Communion                         | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 30 Nov | 10-11am       | Holy Communion<br>(Livestreamed)       | All Saints Church KESGRAVE        |
| Sun 30 Nov | 10.15-11.15am | Emerge Community                       | PLAYFORD Village Hall             |

## FUNERAL

We have had the honour of supporting the family of Donald SHERWOOD at his funeral on 30 September at All Saints, Kesgrave:

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY-

## 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



Join us as we come together to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who defended our freedoms and protected our way of life, and to pray for those who continue to do so today.



### Kesgrave :

- ***Holy Communion:*** 8:30am at Kesgrave
- ***Refreshments:*** Available from 10:00am in the church
- ***Remembrance Service at 10:30am:*** Legion Green, War Memorial, Ropes Drive with Two Minute Silence observed at 11:00am

### ***Remembrance Service at***

### Little Bealings :

- ***Remembrance Service at 10:15am***

### Playford :

- ***Remembrance Service at 10:15am***

We look forward to seeing you as we honour and remember together.

## NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS - CHOIR PRACTICE

The service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** will be held at All Saints, Kesgrave, on **Sunday 21 December at 6.30pm**.

We would like to have a choir to lead the singing, so if you'd like to join us, please email [alice.basmati@gmail.com](mailto:alice.basmati@gmail.com).

**Rehearsal dates** will be on **Friday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm** in the church on the following dates:

- 28 November
- 5, 12, and 19 December (*please note: 8:00 pm start on 19 December*)

Many Thanks  
Alice Rice

## MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25 November, 2:15pm** at All Saints Church.

We look forward to welcoming our speaker Carl Chittock from St Elizabeth Hospice.



Our **final meeting for 2025** will be our **Carol Service. 2:15pm on Tuesday 16 December** at All Saints Church.

Visitors are always welcome to join us at our meetings.

**Jenny Billinge – Secretary**

## 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.

The next sessions of **Silver Screen** are on:

**Mondays 3 & 17 November**  
**(at the Church Hall - 2-4pm)**

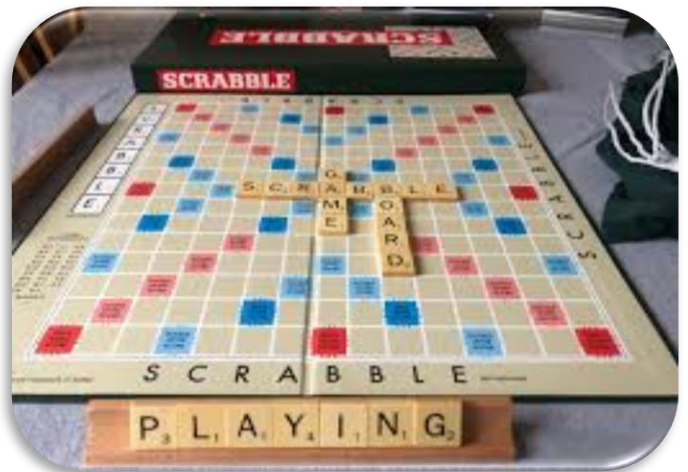
Seeing so many people get so much out of those sessions has been a pleasure. Following the screening, we have a short talk. Come along for an enjoyable afternoon and companionship.



The next sessions of **Silver Games** are on:

**Mondays 10 & 24 November**  
**(at the Church - 2-4pm)**

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**

## ADVENT APPEAL FOR LIVING GENEROUSLY

### *The Parish Share is the life blood of the Diocese*

Over the last few weeks we have been following a series of talks called Living Generously centred around John 12 v. 1-3, where Mary anoints Jesus with a precious oil of spikenard: and *the perfume filled the whole house.*



Generosity cannot be contained:  
it spills out to bless others and becomes a facet of eternal life:  
*‘Truly I tell you,’ says Jesus, ‘wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.’* (Mark 14 v. 9)

This year our focus is based on fulfilling our commitment to the Parish Share which is our contribution to the work of the whole diocese:

Besides paying for the costs of housing and providing a Stipend for our Vicar and training our Assistant Clergy and Readers, the Share covers the total cost of ministry across the Diocese, Safeguarding provision and training, Study Days and ongoing ministerial development, advice and support on our buildings, (particularly when a faculty is needed), technical support for contactless giving, training and support for children, families and youth work and access to legal advice.

The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich has 443 parishes organized into 106 benefices and 16 deaneries. There are 481 church buildings of which 457 are listed. There are approximately 119 stipendiary (paid) clergy and literally dozens and dozens of self-supporting ministers both lay and ordained: Readers, Evangelists,

Children and Family workers, Pioneer Ministers and over 350 lay assistants (Lay Elders).

The Parish Share is the life blood of the Diocese and all that is involved in the administration of these immense responsibilities. I attended Diocesan Synod on Saturday 18 October and was really struck by what a hard and often thankless task this is. Although the numbers of those employed at Churchgates House have grown, most posts are part-time, some are funded by external grants or other provision, and nearly all are struggling with the work load.

None of this makes for good headlines or easy fund-raising but it is the foundation of mission and ministry, so please pray for those involved in this far less visible side of church life.

This year we have a shortfall of approximately £29 000 and any donation, large or small is welcome:

Donations can be made in any form: Cash, cheque, bank transfer, or direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme. *(The PGS is launching a new website on 3 November when new donations may be made)*

Please put cash donations in an envelope marked 'Parish Share' and place in the collection plate during any of the services  
Cheques should be made payable to 'Kesgrave PCC'.

BACS transfers go to Kesgrave Parish Parochial Council: ask Emma or Sally for Account and Sort Code details.

Gift Aid forms and envelopes are available in church or can be printed off from our website <https://www.asksgrave.org/welcome.htm>

Finally - THANK YOU for your prayers, support and generosity!

Sally Wainman  
Local Giving Advisor  
Mobile: 07807 984589

**F.I.G. FAMILY (Faith in God) SERVICES**  
***Every Third Sunday of the Month***  
**10:00 AM – In the Church Hall**

❖ *All ages welcome – come and share faith, friendship, and fun!* ❖

For our October F.I.G. (Faith in God) Family Service, our theme was **patience and self-control**, inspired by the brilliant Bible story of **Elisha and Naaman (2 Kings 5)**.

Huge thanks to Amy and Jessica for reading the story and to Liz and Ella for a brilliant 'dipping in the river 7 times' illustration of Naaman's cure!

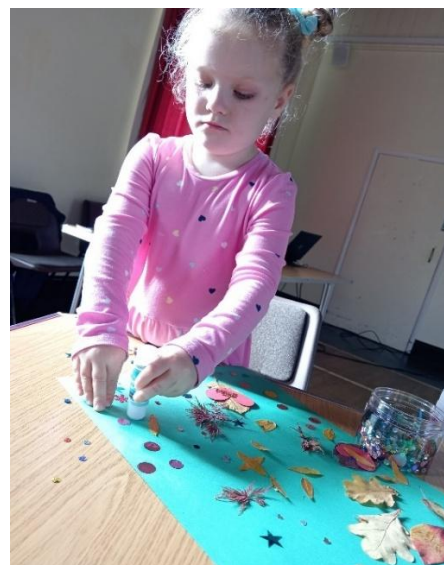


We then put our own precision and patience to the test by creating detailed harvest-themed table mats (like a puzzle!) and cute autumn leaf hedgehogs. The children's imagination was truly amazing! 🥰 We also loved dancing to action songs like "My Lighthouse" and by the Cheeky Pandas' "I Put My God Suit On."



A massive thank you to our amazing team: The Mothers' Union for the delicious breakfast, Peter and Sarah for the tech, Liz for the activities, and Sally for putting the whole service together.

Thank you to everyone who came and made our time together so special. 🙏



Our next service will be held in the **Church Hall on Sunday, 16th November.**



Then, join us for our **Nativity Play on Sunday, 21st December at 10.00am in the Church.**

Anyone who would like to take part is very welcome! Please come to the **Church Hall at 9.15am** for a short dance practice with **Brianna** (for those who would like to dance) and to get into our costumes.

We'd love everyone — of all ages — to **dress up a little**. Costumes don't need to be elaborate: a coloured blanket, paper crown, tinsel halo, wings or the classic tea-towel will do perfectly! We have plenty of costumes available in the Church Hall too. Christmas jumpers are also most welcome.

Enthusiastic audience participation may be needed — especially if we find ourselves short of a wise man or shepherd at the last minute! Don't worry, **no one will have to learn any lines**, as the **Narrator** will guide us through the story.

Come and join us as we celebrate the **Christmas Story** once more, and as **God invites us all to Bethlehem**.

## FOLLOW THE STAR:

### THE NATIVITY TRAIL ADVENTURE!

Let's come together this Christmas to **“Follow the Star”**, celebrate our community, and rediscover the **light, hope, and JOY** of the Nativity story.

*“When you follow the Star, you become a star in the hand of God.”*

#### **Launching on 1st December!**

Set off on an exciting **treasure trail around Kesgrave** with **12 special stops**, each marked by a **numbered Star**.

At every location, you'll find a **clue** (we're certain our youngsters will know the answers!) and a **symbol from the Christmas Nativity story**. **Visit all 12 STAR Stops** and **uncover a famous Christmas carol** hidden within the trail.

Keep your eyes peeled - full instructions and trail details will be released soon!

#### **Remember to Look Up!**

As you walk, **enJOY** all the brilliant stars shining both in the sky and throughout the Christmas displays around Kesgrave.

These stars remind us of the **great light that guided the Wise Men to Jesus.**

Why not include a **Star in your own decorations** this year - a bright reminder to *Follow the Star* and discover the **true meaning and JOY of Christmas?**



### **“Follow the Star” Café**

Join us on **Sunday 14th December at 3:30pm** at **All Saints Church, Kesgrave**, for our festive **“Follow the Star” Café!**

**EnJOY** an afternoon filled with:



Tea, coffee, and delicious cakes



Fun children's activities



A display featuring all the Nativity symbols from the trail



A special Christmas treat for everyone who completes the trail!



### **Christmas Cracker – “Carols of Praise”**

Stay on afterwards for our **JOYful “Christmas Cracker – Carols of Praise”** with the **Brass Band at 5pm!**

Sing along to your favourite carols, celebrate with friends and family, and share in the **warmth and wonder of the season.**

Let's make this Christmas shine brightly across Kesgrave — as we come together to **Follow the Star** and celebrate the **love, light, and JOY** of Christmas.

## **TRADING WITH JUSTICE AT ITS HEART**

All of our parishes **Kesgrave, Little Bealings, and Playford** are proud to be recognised as **Fair Trade churches**. This means we are committed to supporting Fair Trade products, raising awareness of

global justice, and encouraging ethical choices that care for both people and the planet.

***And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6 v 8.***



**The Fair Trade Shop** was formed 36 years ago by a group of Traidcraft representatives whose aim was to introduce food, beverages and craft items produced by people who were not exploited but received fair pay for their work and enough to support their communities and provide education. For those who continued, formed a company and opened a shop, this is still our passion and, although there have been many changes since those early days – not least the closure of Traidcraft – we continue to sell a huge range of products on this basis.

Sustainability is very important and many craft items are made from recycled materials; growing tea, coffee and cocoa in this changing climate means that planting of trees and diversification is the only way they can continue to make a living and this can be achieved through the fairtrade premium.

We are stocking up for Christmas; please consider us when buying Christmas cards (supporting the work of Transform Trade, Amnesty International, the Soil Association and Somersham Ward, Ipswich Hospital), Advent Calendars from the Meaningful Chocolate Company and Divine Chocolate and other seasonal goodies. If you would like a talk to hear more about fair trade and the difference it makes, or to hold a stall after your service or at one of your meetings please contact us on our website: [www.thefairtradeshopipswich.co.uk](http://www.thefairtradeshopipswich.co.uk) or by phoning the shop on 01473 288225. We are open **Monday – Saturday 9.30-4.30**. If you are unable to get into the town centre please check out our online shop on the website.

The manager and volunteers would love to welcome you to our shop in Upper Brook Street (next to Caffè Nero) and we invite you to think

prayerfully about the impact you make on the world when you shop – to its people and our planet.



## ❤️ THANK YOU ❤️ KESGRAVE SCARECROW TRAIL & CAFÉ



🌻 A Huge Thank You from the Scarecrow Café Team (All Saints Kesgrave)! 🌻

Our heartfelt thanks go to every single one of you who joined us at the Scarecrow Café! We were absolutely delighted to see so many of you - and especially so many brave teddies taking on the Teddy Zip Wire challenge! 🐻

As an update: our daring parachutist, Simon the Sloth, is still bravely hanging on in the crown of our majestic cedar tree! 🌲 We'll keep monitoring the situation, but it seems Simon may be staying up there for the foreseeable future!





A massive thank you to all our stallholders, volunteers, bakers, and everyone who came and contributed - you made it such a special day. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised £400 so far towards the upkeep and maintenance of our

church, and an additional £250 from kind donations, the tombola, and Ukrainian stalls to help fund our next 4x4 for Ukraine, filled with humanitarian aid. 🇺🇦💙💛❤️



To all our amazing Scarecrow creators - you brought so much joy, not only to the children but to adults walking the trail too! You are ALL WINNERS in our eyes! 🏆 Visitors came not just from Kesgrave but from across Ipswich to see your wonderful creations. 🍂





Thank you all again from the bottom of our hearts for making the Scarecrow Café and Trail such a success — your kindness, creativity, and community spirit truly light up Kesgrave! 🍷

## KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS –

**November 2025**

**Sunday Crafts 11.00 – 12.00 p.m. (after church)** – during November, we will be making the following crafts:



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – The 5<sup>th</sup> of November is Bonfire Night. Create a tissue bonfire and firework collage.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** – For Remembrance Sunday, which is today, we are designing poppy pictures.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Pop along to make a gingerbread person – how will you decorate yours?

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – To celebrate American Thanksgiving, we are making turkey pictures this week.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Design a concertina fish how many fins and scales will you add?

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights.

**Word Play Sessions: Every Thursday Morning.** Trained staff run these free sessions.

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

**Baby Bounce: 10.45 – 11.15 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.

**Friday Fun Time: Every Friday 9.45 – 10.15 a.m.** Fun stories, rhymes, songs and toys – this is a free activity. We hope to see you soon.

**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.

**Stay and Play: Every Tuesday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.**

Bring your little ones to our Stay & Play group for a relaxed and informal opportunity to meet other parents and carers, share experiences and chat. This session will be stopping over the summer whilst the Reading Quest is running.

Our Stay & Play groups are a chance for parents to socialise and give their babies and young children a fun, interactive play session that

engages their senses and helps their development. These sessions are suitable for under 5s.

This event is part of our Me Myself and Baby perinatal support service. The aim of the project is to help reduce isolation and improve emotional wellbeing for new parent.

**Morning Book Group: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 a.m.** at the library. The group are discussing *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano.

**Afternoon Book Group: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2.45 p.m.** The group is currently reading *The Calamity of Souls* by David Baldacci.

**Evening Book Group: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.** The group are currently reading *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.

**New Tuesday Book Group beginning Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m.** This group are currently reading *The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton

If you are interested in joining any of the above book groups, please contact library staff on 01473 851374. The library supplies copies of the titles being read.

**Knit and Natter: From 2.30 p.m.** This month the sessions are on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November. You don't need to be able to knit, crochet or embroider to attend – just pop along for a natter. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided.

**Scout Post Box:** this will be in the library from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Each card costs 40p to post. Please place the cards and money in a sealed bag before posting.

**Somersham Ward Christmas Cards – CASH ONLY.** This year, Kesgrave Library Community Group are selling Somersham Ward

Christmas cards to fundraise. All cards sold, will benefit the cancer wards at Ipswich hospital and the library.

**New Baby Weighing Station:** this facility will be available during our Word Play sessions every Thursday only:

Tot Rock 9.45-10.15 a.m. and Baby Bounce 10.45-11.15 a.m.

**IT Help: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.** – Are you having IT issues or need some help with your phone or setting up an email address? Every fourth Thursday of the month, our IT volunteer will be on site to help and advice. Why not pop along?

**Book Donations:** We are still looking for good quality book donations, mainly fiction – adult or children to fundraise for Kesgrave Library Community Group. This group raises additional funding for the library. Please speak to staff if you are interested in donating some items to us. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items.

### **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



Maggie Lusher - Kesgrave Library Manager

Tel: 01473 626103

[www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk)

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!

- **23 November, 2pm:** Stir-up Sunday at Playford Village Hall (Helen 07889907615 [helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com](mailto:helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com) )
- **7 December, (Sunday) 4pm:** Christingle at Kesgrave
- **9 December (Tuesday), 2.30pm:** Brightwell Ukulele Concert at Kesgrave
- **13 December, (Saturday) 2pm:** Christmas Wreath Making at the Angela Cobbold Hall  
(Fundraising for Little Bealings Church - [lbpcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lbpcsecretary@gmail.com) or telephone 07583 743695)
- **14 December, (Sunday ) 2pm:** Annual Christmas Wreath Workshop at Bealings Village Hall  
(Fundraising for Playford Church - Helen 07889907615 [helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com](mailto:helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com) )
- **14 December, (Sunday) 3.30pm:** 'Follow The Star' Café at Kesgrave
- **14 December, (Sunday) 5pm:** 'Christmas Cracker - Carols of Praise' with Brass Band at Kesgrave
- **15 December, (Monday) 3pm:** Christingle at Playford
- **16 December, (Tuesday) 2.15pm:** Mothers' Union Carol Service
- **18 December (Thursday), 7pm:** Nine Lessons and Carols at Little Bealings
- **21 December, 10am:** Nativity Play at Kesgrave
- **21 December, 6:30pm:** Nine Lessons and Carols at Kesgrave
- **21 December, 6pm:** Nine Lessons and Carols at Playford



## • CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th December (Wednesday)

- **4pm:** Crib Service at Kesgrave
- **10pm:** Midnight@Bethlehem Communion Service at Kesgrave
- **11pm:** Midnight Communion at Little Bealings



## • CHRISTMAS DAY, 25 December (Thursday):

- **8:30am:** Christmas Communion at Kesgrave
- **10am:** Christmas Service at Kesgrave
- **10am:** Christmas Communion at Playford

You are all warmly welcome to join us for these special events!

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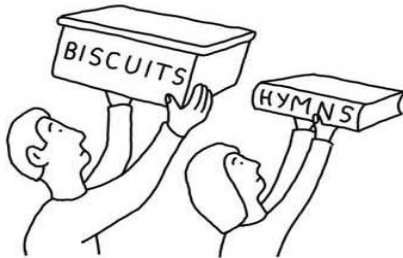
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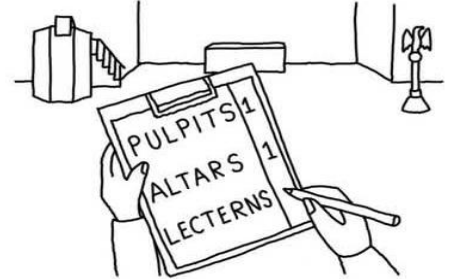
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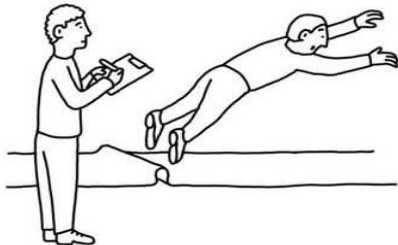
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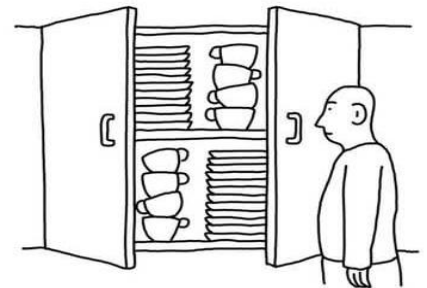
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LOG ANY HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS



ARE PROCESSIONAL SPEEDS WITHIN ACCEPTABLE PARAMETERS?



MONITOR THE CROCKERY

## Stir-up Sunday

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November @ 2pm  
At Playford Village Hall

**Teas, Coffee & Cake after the service**

*£10 per pudding to cover costs & any proceeds will  
Go to the St Mary's, Playford Church repairs*

Please Contact Helen on - 078899 07615  
or [helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com](mailto:helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com)  
so we make sure we have enough supplies!



**MAKE YOUR OWN  
CHRISTMAS PUDDING!**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
BRING THE FAMILY**



# THE CHOSEN



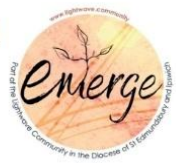
Ben & John invite you to join our men's group  
discussing the hit TV show, dramatising the life of Jesus.

We will watch an episode at home, then every 2 weeks, meet for  
a drink at The Red Lion pub, Martlesham, for or an hour to talk  
about what we've seen.



**Starts Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2-3pm**

To find out more, email [ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org)



## ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 7PM



Join us at our service at All Saints Church, Little  
Bealings. Light a candle and remember all lives  
of our loving friends and families who  
have passed away.



Join All Saints Church  
Little Bealings for  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**WREATH MAKING**

at the Angela Cobbold Hall, Little Bealings

2pm - 4pm | **7** | DEC

£25 per person (all items supplied  
including festive refreshments)

To book a space email  
[lbpcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lbpcsecretary@gmail.com) or  
telephone 07583 743695

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

**Sunday, December 14th**

**2:00pm to 5:00pm  
Bealings Village Hall**

Cost: £30 including 40cm wreath  
or £25 if you bring your own

All materials supplied



**Licensed Bar with festive drinks**



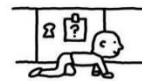
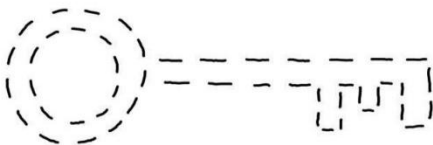
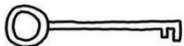
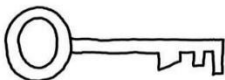
Thanks as always to the wonderful Maggie Davis for leading our Workshop and to Corinne Jarvis-Fear for the amazing homemade nibbles which will be available to purchase

Contact **078899 07615** or [helencarlsonfieldsend@gmail.com](mailto:helencarlsonfieldsend@gmail.com)  
to book your place **ASAP!** It is always a sell-out event!!!!

- All proceeds to St Mary's Playford Church repairs

## THE KEYS

WE DO NOT KNOW WHICH IS WHICH



TODDLER GROUP  
SECRET SUPPLIES



THE TEA CUPBOARD



THE KEY CUPBOARD



THE KEY CUPBOARD  
KEY CUPBOARD



LOST KEY TO THE WEST DOOR



THE VICAR'S BICYCLE LOCK



MYSTERY KEY HANGING ON A HOOK  
DIRECTLY OUTSIDE THE VESTRY



SOMETHING TO DO  
WITH BISCUITS



HANG ON, ISN'T THAT NINE  
KEYS ALREADY



THE SEALED CRYPT THAT  
WE DO NOT TALK ABOUT

**SUNDAY 09/11/2025**



***REMEMBRANCE  
SUNDAY***



***AT ALL SAINTS KESGRAVE***

**8.30am** Holy Communion

**10am** Church open for Hot  
Drinks

**10.30am** REMEMBRANCE  
SERVICE at the War  
Memorial, Ropes Drive with  
TWO Minute Silence at

**11am**



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