



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
KESGRAVE**

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AN AUTUMN OF NEW BEGINNINGS

A big thank you to all who took part in the scarecrow trail and café last month. What a wonderful, colourful display of characters appeared on Kesgrave gardens and pathways to cheer us as we passed by.

This month we begin with a **Harvest Festival at 10 am on the 4th October** and refreshments from 4.15pm with our band leading a **Harvest Songs Of Praise in church at 5pm**. You are welcome to join us.

We look forward to welcoming our new vicar, the **Reverend Rhiannon Willmott, who will be inducted on the 8th October at 7.30 pm**.



Next month on the **8th November** we will be holding our annual **Remembrance Sunday service** at the war memorial starting at **10.30** to be ready for the 11 O'clock two minutes silence. The band will be joining us for that.

May you find joy in the Autumn season; the cooler days and colourful leaves, the darker nights with brighter moon and stars that sparkle.

God, with His love, sends the seasons in their turn with the certainty of the continuation of both.

There are regular services in Kesgrave church at 8.30 and 10am every Sunday, and 11am every Thursday.

Rev Chris Nunn

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I'm not sure that St Francis would approve.

800 years after his death, last week I briefly visited the Basilica di San Francesco in Assisi, alongside many hundreds of others. On two levels, the magnificent building dominates the peninsula of the town overlooking



the surrounding countryside, and contains 13th century frescos depicting the life of the saint. Beautiful, but not really in keeping with his rejection of riches. I was privileged to be in Assisi to sing in a concert of sacred music in the Chiesa di Santa Maria sopra Minerva (part of the ancient Roman Temple), a lovely building to perform in, at the culmination of a week's singing course. Unfortunately, as is often the way, there wasn't a lot of time for sight-seeing, and we got very wet wandering around in a thunder storm after the concert, but such is life!

Hopefully St Francis would have approved of the table fellowship during dinner, although perhaps



not at the large buffet lunch plus four-course dinner of excellent food in generous quantities each evening (despite the morning swim and four hours of rehearsal a day I seem to have gained nearly half a stone in the week, which isn't good).

I had the luxury of being on holiday. I would have been very disappointed if I had left the table feeling hungry. But I couldn't help feeling a bit guilty at eating more than I needed, and seeing good food left over, when so many people around the world (sadly, even in this relatively rich country) don't have enough. Wars and political instability don't help get food distributed evenly. Nor does poverty. And changing climate patterns may make food more scarce for everyone in future years, which may prompt more population migration. Sadly, I don't have any answers. But perhaps we all need to pray that God will inspire and guide our politicians and nation leaders in ways to tackle inequality and work together. Now that is something St Francis could approve of.

Martyn Shakespeare
Reader

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

Fig Family met on 20th September with a theme of New Beginnings, looking at how our lives progress, for instance, through the school years.

We chose Jesus calling his first disciples: Matthew 4 v.18 - 23 to show how the lives of hard-working fishermen were changed on the shores of Galilee and we looked at how adults and children alike can feel nervous or unsure during times of transition and change:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtiuW70-ADY&list=PLDeoNzJYwTfg48uCQw54kZ3W2GXLKVtvI>

Liz's craftwork included paper boats with 'satsuma' fishing nets, pictures of the 12 disciples and facts about them, AND using the abandoned wheelbarrow in the churchyard, planting it up with compost and spring bulbs ready for the spring.

WHAT'S ON - OCTOBER 2026

Livestreamed services may be followed on ASK Church YouTube channel:

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

Date	Time	Service	Where
Thu 1 Oct	11-12pm	Holy Communion	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
Fri 2 Oct	5-6.30pm	Voyage (A bible study group for young people)	Firepit & Filming at Nate & Jo's in Burgh ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org 07769 183638
Sat 3 Oct	10 -12.30pm	Saturday Drop-In	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
Sun 4 Oct	8.30-9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
	10-11am	Harvest Festival	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
	10-11am	Morning Prayer	Church of St. Mary, PLAYFORD
	10.15-11.30am	Emerge	Playford Village Hall ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org
	4.15pm	Harvest Café	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
	5-6pm	Harvest Songs Of Praise	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
	6.30pm	United Service	St. Andrew's Church. Rushmere
Mon 5 Oct	2-4pm	Silver Screen	All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE.
Tue 6 Oct	10-11am	Morning Prayer	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
Wed 7 Oct	10 -10.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.30-12pm	Fynn Valley Walks	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.45-1.30pm	Little Bealings Café	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
Thu 8 Oct	11-12pm	Holy Communion	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
	7.30- 8.30pm	Collation, Induction and Installation Service	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
Fri 9 Oct	3.30-5pm	Pop-Up Youth Group	Playford Village Hall
Sat 10 Oct	10 -12.30pm	Saturday Drop-In	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
Sun 11 Oct	8.30-9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
	10-11am	Family Service	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
	10-11am	Morning Prayer	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.15-11.30am	Emerge	Playford Village Hall ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org
Mon 12 Oct	9-10am	Coffee, Chat & Pray	At Kat's House in Bucklesham ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org
Mon 12 Oct	2-4pm	Silver Games	All Saints Church Hall, KESGRAVE.
Tue 13 Oct	10-11am	Morning Prayer	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
Tue 13 Oct	2-3pm	"The Chosen" Men's Group - Emerge	Red Lion (Main Rd, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4RN)
Wed 14 Oct	10 -10.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.30-12pm	Fynn Valley Walks	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.45-1.30pm	Little Bealings Café	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS

Date	Time	Service	Where
Thu 15 Oct	11-12pm	Holy Communion	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
Fri 16 Oct	5-6.30pm	Voyage (A bible study group for young people)	At Ben & Leanne's in Playford ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org 07769 183638
Sat 17 Oct	10 -12.30pm	Saturday Drop-In	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
Sun 18 Oct	8.30-9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church , KESGRAVE
	9.15am-10am	Breakfast Special	All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE
	10-11am	F.I.G (Faith In God) Family Serv.	All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE
	10-11am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
	10-11am	Family Communion	Church of St. Mary, PLAYFORD
	10.15-11.30am	Emerge	PLAYFORD Village Hall
	6.30-7.15pm	Evensong	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
Mon 19 Oct	2-4pm	Silver Screen	All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE.
Tue 20 Oct	10-11am	Morning Prayer	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
Wed 21 Oct	10 -10.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.30-12pm	Fynn Valley Walks	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.45-1.30pm	Little Bealings Café	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
Thu 22 Oct	11-12pm	Holy Communion	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
Sat 24 Oct	9.30-10.30am	Men's & Ladies' Breakfast	Farmhouse, St Isidores, IP5 2GA, UK
Sat 24 Oct	10 -12.30pm	Saturday Drop-In	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
Sun 25 Oct Daylight Saving Time Ends	8.30-9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
	10-11am	Family Service	All Saints Church, KESGRAVE
	10-11am	Family Communion	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.15-11.15am	Emerge	PLAYFORD Village Hall
Mon 26 Oct	2-4pm	Silver Games	All Saints Church Hall, KESGRAVE.
Tue 27 Oct	10-11am	Morning Prayer	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
	2-3pm	"The Chosen" Men's Group - Emerge	Red Lion (Main Rd, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4RN)
	2.15- 4.30pm	Mothers' Union	All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE
Wed 28 Oct	10 -10.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.30-12pm	Fynn Valley Walks	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	10.45-1.30pm	Little Bealings Café	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
Thu 29 Oct	11-12pm	Holy Communion	All Saints Church KESGRAVE
Sat 31 Oct	10 -12.30pm	Saturday Drop-In	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS
	7-8pm	All Saints' & All Souls' Service	All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next Mothers' Union meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27 October at 2.15pm**. We hope to be in church. If for any reason it should be too cold the hall has been provisionally booked.

Sally Wainman will be coming along to talk to us.

Visitors are always welcome to join us.



Jenny Billinge – Secretary

KESGRAVE SCARECROW TRAIL & CAFÉ - THANK YOU

A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped organise, took part in and supported our **Scarecrow Trail and Café**. It was wonderful to see All Saints Kesgrave so full of families, friends and members of our wider Kesgrave community.

We loved seeing the amazing creativity along the Scarecrow Trail and the beautiful sunflowers growing throughout Kesgrave. A huge well done to everyone who took part in our **Sunflower Growing Competition**, and congratulations to our winners!

🌻 And a special congratulations to our **Scarecrow Trail winners, Girlguiding Family Tree and Gloria the Garden Goddess!** 🌻

Thank you to everyone who made a scarecrow — they were all fantastic! If you took part, there is a **thank-you card and packet of seeds** for you to collect from the Church porch.



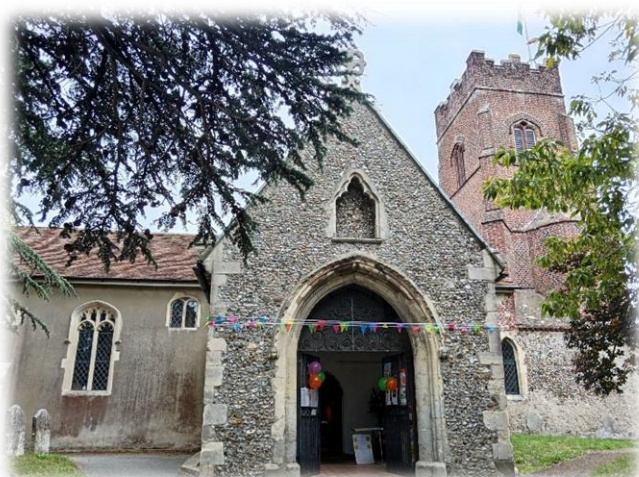
And, in case you missed any of the scarecrows, here they all are:



The event was held to raise funds towards replacing our **broken heating system**, and thanks to your incredible generosity, the Café raised **just over £650!**



Thank you all for your wonderful support, generosity and enthusiasm. We are so grateful for the amazing community we have here in Kesgrave. 🌻 ❤️



SILVER GROUPS

We have enjoyed a great time this past year with the 'Silvers' as we affectionately call the members of the silver groups. Since coming back from our summer break we have watched, "The Bucket List" and "The Impossible" The games afternoons are proving to be popular with Uno being a firm favourite but also Rummikub, Scrabble and Tri-ominos are not far behind.



The next sessions of **Silver Screen** are on **Monday 5th and 19th October**

The next sessions of **Silver Games** are on **Monday 12th , 26th October, 2pm-4pm.**



All of our sessions are held at the Church Hall
For more details contact

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MESSAGE FROM ARMENIA

Anna, Edmond and Eduard remain immensely grateful for the financial support provided by All Saints Kesgrave via Robin's careful administration.

The boys continue to battle a variety of health problems and Edmond has been diagnosed with a spinal hernia following an MRI.

We continue to pray for all of them including the possibility of new employment for Anna in a different part of Armenia.

Please contact Robin if you would like to help: robin.spittle@gmail.com

OCTOBER GIVING 2026

" For land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is tended receives the blessing of God." Hebrews 6 v. 7



This wonderful quote expresses the cyclical nature of God's love, because the 'land' is the earth of our hearts and the rain is God's Word, and when they come together there is fruitfulness and blessing.

During September we had our Scarecrow and Sunflower Festival, preceded by the Scarecrow Trail, and dozens of people filled the Church on September 12th to enjoy food, fellowship and the ever popular Teddy Zipwire from the tower. This was a fundraising event for our new heating system, but also a confirmation of Hebrews 6 v.7

All ways of giving are welcomed: cash given during the Service collections, BACS payments to 'Kesgrave Parochial Church Council' Sort Code:08-92-99 Acc: 65453375 and of course the Parish Giving Scheme which allows you to set up a regular direct debit or a one-off gift <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/kesgrave-all-saints-ipswich>

Please contact Emma our Treasurer: ASK.treasurer@gmail.com or Sally Wainman - Local Giving Advisor - 07807 984589 if you need help.

There are also ways to give which cost nothing: Gift Aid, for UK taxpayers, allows us to reclaim 25% extra on your donation at no extra cost to the giver.

Octopus Energy run an incentive scheme for new customers, whereby £100 is shared between church and customer (or £150 shared for new business customers) using this link:

<https://share.octopus.energy/glad-prawn-862>

Thank you to all those who have used the link because each time we get £50 or £75 credited to our energy account, especially helpful during the winter.

The Church of England also offers a free will-writing service and advice about legacies: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faitn-life/church-legacy>. Legacies large or small can help a church greatly, but don't forget to review arrangements from time to time.

Use this QR code to access online giving to make a regular or one-off gift.

Finally, THANK YOU, to all who help All Saints Kesgrave remain a viable presence in Kesgrave



Emma Burrows: ASK.treasurer@gmail.com
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WORD FROM THE STUDY

Last night of the Proms, Strictly Come Dancing to name but a few of the television programs reminds us that Autumn is on its way. Given the fact the summer has been so hot, many of us will welcome the milder weather with open arms.

At the time of writing this the gardens still look like deserts, although there are signs that the recent rain is beginning to have an impact; but there is still some way to go, not only to restore our water supply, but also our local farmers who have had a very challenging time of late.

Harvest has long sailed into the sunset this year with harvesting taking place as early as late July. Nevertheless, it is right as a community to say “thank you”. “Thank you” because without our farmers and God’s provision, we would be in dire straits. So look out for the harvest services taking place at our local Churches, you will be most welcome.

On 8th October, at All Saints Church Kesgrave, we will be welcoming The Reverend Rhiannon Wilmott and her family, as she is inducted as our new incumbent.

It can't have escaped your attention the terrible disaster in Nepal and the tragic loss of life; generations of families wiped out - global warming has a lot to answer for. Where there is life there is hope, to see the rescue workers pulling people out alive after ten days; never giving up, gives us that reassurance that where there is hope there is God. Life and people are precious.

So, as we look at our future, how can we be better stewards of our planet? Nature will always have its say, but as human-beings we can play our part in shaping the future. We are not puppets on strings; God gives us the ability to think and act. Sadly at times, we have failed to do so, but we can change things if we think of the words of the Lord's Prayer "Give us today our daily bread", a reminder of the things we need, rather than living in a world where we are over-developing and not caring for God's creation.

In the last month, we have had no less than four baptisms in our Benefice. Baptism is a time of celebration and commitment; if you have thought about Baptism, whether three months or 103, it doesn't matter, for further details please contact myself, we welcome you with open arms.

**With love and prayers.
Reverend Gary Jones**

UKRAINE AID: THE WAY MAKER

I happily commenced my intended 16th delivery trip in to Ukraine on 24th August, the second trip this year, following a slow previous year, and with the joy that sufficient funds and opportunities had arisen to acquire 2 further good vehicles following the delivery reported on in May `26. It had been intended that I drive with 2 or 3 vehicles in convoy this time

but, such is life, with summer demands etc, it was only possible to commence alone again.

I seldom relate much of faith in these updates, conscious of the many non-believers who contribute and show so much genuine heart and sacrificial commitment within all aspects of these ventures, not being a preacher myself, knowing my truly faulty humanity (which is not always the best example of faith!) and the irritation some good people can feel at the mention of something they may believe belongs in fairyland. There is the eternal question of how a good and perfect and all-powerful God permits such suffering across His world, including Ukraine which you seek to help David? I do not know that there is any answer satisfactory to the unbelieving human rational mind, or even to the person of faith, at least to their feeling emotional being, (despite the theologies of “original sin”, “free will” and the philosophy of love only being love when freely given, etc.) but, for any inclined, the book of Job has some comforting non-sentimental response from God. This time I have to give explicit and public thanks to God, Jehovah Jireh, whom I believe and trust in, for His abundant care and provision on this venture!

I like to cover as much ground as possible once landed in the Netherlands, and to get to Krakow in Poland where dear Ukrainian friends, Maryna and Oleg, put me up before I leave the next day for the Ukraine border and beyond. I drove 17 hours (with short breaks) and arrived, but the very next day an old back complaint arose, complicated by other health factors, with debilitating pain necessitating hospital treatment and a premature flight home for further medical attention. This was very disappointing as I love to deliver directly myself, to meet Ukrainians in troubled times, to hopefully give a little more even than the material aid and car.

I realise all has worked so perfectly. My “crisis”, with pain and unable to walk, could easily have occurred anywhere, alone on the road, Europe or Ukraine, but happened in a safe place, beautifully cared for by Maryna

and Oleg and by the medical team at the Krakow hospital (and recently too by our own local health care services). The perfect plan B arose too, with my hosts deciding to drive the car and aid to its Ukraine destination in the far south, themselves, where their severely bomb-damaged home is and to where they are determined to return permanently in October, despite its condition and still highly dangerous location. One can see the delight in their faces at the photo sent late at night to me as they crossed from Poland to their home country. This enabled them to carry some of their own belongings (adding the roof rack) and to attend to necessary business, and I could fund a trip they could not easily afford themselves. An alternative of a different volunteer flying to Krakow, driving the car and then returning to the UK would have been far more expensive!, especially in the season of huge inflation of air fare costs.



The health incident has also led to the awareness of wider health issues I may not have known and a review for the future of my normal unwise haste in travel schedules. Another wonderful thing is that the car (sold to me by a local man at a very reduced price) has proved to be excellent, needing no mechanical attention after thorough assessment as always, was painted and prepared within a day of arrival and sent to the front line, saving lives even the following day!



The aid too was all safely delivered and I receive photos of its arrival in the hands of final recipients. The aid included; two welders, boxes of medical trauma care equipment, non-perishable foods, walkers

and crutches, new and very good quality clothing for winter and hospitalised recovering casualties., hospital bed coverings and beautifully crocheted home blankets. I usually squeeze in some “comfort” items and this trip included some locally hand-made teddies in bags that will go to children separated from their established environments, perhaps having had to leave homes in haste.

A short article cannot convey the whole story of this foreshortened trip for me, but despite the disappointments and mildly bruised ego, I am grateful for the experience, so grateful that the car and goods were still delivered effectively and, as ever, so very grateful indeed and again to the so many of you and friends who have continued to make these ventures possible, sufficient in material, financial and practical support, and so rich in good humanity and from some, believing and praying faith.



The photos are of Ipswich International Church members praying over the car and of our local clergy and others who had gathered for Ukraine prayer the evening of my departure seeing me off in front of St Mary's church, Hadleigh. Photos also of Natalie and Carl (Ukrainian and her



husband unstoppable in support), the car arrival in Mykolaiv, Sasha the mechanic receiving gifted welders and the car when finally prepared for hand over.

As always there are so very many people deserving of thanks and recognition. In my attempts to list all, I usually fail somebody such as in my last and subsequent thanks, “sweep up” articles, and even then I failed to mention the help of the Idler bookshop for books English language students

in Kyiv are so grateful for! This time I send a broad thanks to all and though not so personal, hope it can be received with the sincerity of gratitude I feel and see in the faces of all I meet in Ukraine.

Trusting in continuing return to good health, already with one car and some funds in hand, I intend further missions soon and will happily receive any contact regarding support for the future, following a summer of the usual, but ever escalating and deliberate targeting of Ukraine's energy and other vital infrastructure and of residential homes intended to break the spirit of the Ukrainian peoples ahead of a likely bitterly cold season.

Can any one of us claim much understanding of such turbulent times across the globe, such widespread conflict, so many fast changes to society and technology and the apparent threats we are informed of and warned about daily? I doubt it, but we can each do the little we can, for the need before us each day and for which



we have some capacity to respond and show a little love that, however small it may feel to be, might even save a life! (even a smile can do so!) – but will certainly add to a radiance of hope we can all contribute to – that all of us need, not least the generation following us and the world we leave behind.

Lets` see what that little soul action is today. Yes, Ukraine!!!, but yes also to whatever is laid upon the hearts of each one of us.

Scan to donate



David Jacobs

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KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS –

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday Crafts– during October (11.00 – 12.00 noon after Church) we will be making the following crafts:

Sunday 4th – This week we are making a four-season apple tree to celebrate harvest.

Sunday 11th – Create a paper plate pizza. What topping do you like best?

Sunday 18th – Make a 3D animal out of old CDs. What will you make?

Sunday 25th – Its' nearly Halloween. Design a scary monster to decorate your house with for Halloween.

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights.

Word Play Sessions – Every Thursday Morning. Trained staff run these free sessions which are continuing throughout the summer holidays.

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 soon.

Story Time – 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 – 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 – 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.

Morning Book Group – Tuesday 6th October 10.00 a.m. at the library. The group are discussing *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave.

Afternoon Book Group – Thursday 1st October at 2.45 p.m. They are currently *Three Days in June* by Anne Tyler.

Evening Book Group – Thursday 29th October 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. The group are currently reading *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach.

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 – 2.30 p.m. onwards. The sessions this month are Thursday 8th and 22nd October 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.

Reading Quest – Congratulations to all 231 of our young readers who completed this year's Curious Creatures Reading Quest. A big 'thank you' to all our amazing Reading Quest volunteers who gave up 400 hours to help this year.

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 22nd October 2.30 – 4.30 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?

Printing & Photocopying costs – Prices have recently increased for printing and photocopying – please see below:

A4 Black & White - Single sided 25p/Double sided 35p

A3 Black & White - Single sided 35p/Double sided 55p

A4 Colour - Single sided 55p/Double sided 55p

A3 Colour - Single sided £1.10p/Double sided £1.70.

Please be aware that printers and scanners are switched off 15 minutes before the library closes.

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.

Please can we ask that books are not posted through our letter box.
Thank you to everyone who has already donated items to the library.

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges – Did you know that Kesgrave Library is a drop off point for printer ink cartridges, whether used or out of date (apart from laser printer cartridges). Every donation of a used cartridge helps the library to raise funds.

Home Library Service – If you would like to access the library but are unable to visit us, Kesgrave runs three home library routes, where volunteers come out with a selection of books to your homes. To access this service, whether you are house bound, recovering from an operation, receiving treatment for an illness, or enquiring for a relative/friend or someone you care for, please ring the library 01473 851374 or log onto the Suffolk Community Libraries website and complete the online form.

Somersham Ward Christmas Cards – arriving in October – 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.

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
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CELEBRATING LIFE, FAITH AND NEW BEGINNINGS

During August, our churches across the Benefice shared in several special occasions.

At All Saints Church, Kesgrave:

Funeral Service:

13 August 2026 – Tania DAVIS

Baptism:

30 August 2026 – Stanley Joe OWEN

At All Saints Church, Little Bealings:

We were delighted to celebrate **three Baptisms** during August:

9 August 2026 –

Arabella Olivia CHEESEMAM, Matilda Lucy CHEESEMAM,
George Junior WRIGHT

We also had the **privilege of assisting with the reading of the Banns of Marriage for three couples** during August. We wish them every happiness and God's blessing in their married lives.

Members of our ministry team have also continued to support families and care homes through services and pastoral ministry across the Benefice.

FINAL WORD

Thanks for taking the time to read this edition, we appreciate any feedback you may have.

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Our church website www.asksgrave.org has all the information you might need. We try to regularly update notices and information as they become available, as well as adding items onto our pages on The Church of England's 'A Church Near You' site – <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2061/>

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.

Issue 134 will be available from 25 Oct 2026 – **NOVEMBER 2026**. Please note, should you wish to have something included in this issue, the deadline is *Tuesday 20 Oct 2026*.

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