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# KESGRAVE

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# HELLO FROM RHIANNON



Hello! My name is Rhiannon, and it is a great privilege to be your new vicar. I look forward to getting to know you.

I was born in Southampton and spent my childhood in a nearby village. After my parents separated, my mother and I moved into the city, where I attended a multiethnic and multicultural secondary school.

Faith wasn't a big part of my life growing up, and I only engaged with church through toddler group when my eldest was little. Ten years later, and, finding myself at another church toddler group with my second, I began to realise the importance of church-led toddler groups. When I met my husband Stef, I began attending our parish church, and although this was where I came to faith, it was Stef's gentle but strong faith that discipled me and led my mind and heart to be strangely warmed by God. I don't have a dramatic conversion story, but I do know what it means to be found by the Good Shepherd.

I began by volunteering in Sunday School and later became Children's Ministry Co-ordinator. I then served as Children and Families Lead at a church with a higher Anglican tradition, where we saw growth as children and families came to faith.

There I felt called to ordained ministry and began focused study of theology, the Bible and ministry to people of all ages – not just children!

I see God at work even in a broken world and want to encourage others to join in, locally, globally and through caring for creation. I can already see God at work here, and I look forward to serving you as your vicar and discovering what God will do through us.

**With every blessing, Rhiannon**

rhiannonthevicar@gmail.com

# WELCOMING OUR NEW VICAR, REVEREND RHIANNON WILMOTT

Thursday 8th October was a very special evening for our church communities as we gathered at All Saints Church, Kesgrave, for the Collation, Induction and Installation of the Reverend Rhiannon Patricia Wilmott as our new Vicar.

The service was led by Bishop Joanne and Archdeacon Rich Henderson, and it was lovely to see the church so full for this special occasion. People from Kesgrave, Little Bealings and Playford came together with local dignitaries, clergy from across the Diocese, and Rhiannon's family and friends to welcome her as she begins her ministry among us.



There was a real sense of joy in being together and sharing this important moment in the life of our Benefice, as we begin a new chapter across Kesgrave, Little Bealings and Playford, together with Lightwave Emerge.

We are very grateful that Rhiannon has been called to serve among us, and we look forward to getting to know her better as we share in the life of our churches and communities. We hope that she and her family will feel at home here and find friendship, support and a real sense of belonging.

And, of course, I don't think any of us will ever forget the cake! When Rhiannon and her mum appeared in the church Hall, carrying this gorgeous, enormous cake, our faces must have been a picture! It certainly gave us all something to smile about!






What a lovely way to celebrate together, with wine, cheese and, of course, cake! The best part was that both the cake from Rhiannon's mum and the cake we provided were shared, so everyone could enjoy a slice — including those lucky members of our church family who received a personal cake delivery during a pastoral visit from our ministers.

It was a joyful evening, full of laughter, fellowship and happy memories.

As Rhiannon begins this new chapter, we keep her in our prayers, asking God to guide and strengthen her, and to bless her ministry in the months and years ahead.

**We give a warm and heartfelt welcome to Rhiannon and her family.** We look forward to all that lies ahead and to growing together in faith, hope and love.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." — Romans 15:13*




## MOTHERS' UNION

Our next Mothers' Union meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24 November at 2.15pm**. We hope to be in church. If for any reason it should be too cold the Hall has been provisionally booked.

Graham Miles from Farmers Support UK will be coming along to talk to us.

Visitors are always welcome to join us.

**Jenny Billinge – Secretary**

# WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER 2026

**Livestreamed services may be followed on ASK Church YouTube channel:**
**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ91ENd-lxMPUZYDHR5-aQ**

| Date | Time | Service | Where |
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| **Sun** 1 Nov | 8.30-9.30am | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church, KESGRAVE** |
| | 10-11am | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church KESGRAVE** |
| | 10-11am | **Morning Prayer** | **Church of St. Mary, PLAYFORD** |
| | 10.15-11.30am | **Emerge** | **Playford Village Hall**<br>**ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org** |
| | 6.30pm | **United Service** | **Colchester Road Baptist Church** |
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| **Mon** 2 Nov | 9-10am | **Coffee, Chat & Pray** | **At Kat's House in Bucklesham**<br>**ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org** |
| **Mon** 2 Nov | 2-4pm | **Silver Screen** | **All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE.** |
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| **Tue** 3 Nov | 10-11am | **Morning Prayer** | **All Saints Church, KESGRAVE** |
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| **Wed** 4 Nov | 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** |
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| **Thu** 5 Nov | 11-12pm | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church, KESGRAVE** |
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| **Fri** 6 Nov | 3.30-5pm | **Pop-Up Youth Group** | **Playford Village Hall** |
| | | **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** | |
| **Sun** 8 Nov | 8.30-9.30am | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church, KESGRAVE** |
| | 10.15-10.35am | **Hot Refreshments** | **All Saints Church, KESGRAVE** |
| | 10.45-11.15am | **Remembrance Service** | **Legion Green, Ropes Drive ,KESGRAVE** |
| | 10.15-11.10am | **Remembrance Service** | **All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS** |
| | 10.15-11.10am | **Remembrance Service** | **Church of St. Mary, PLAYFORD** |
| | 10.15-11.30am | **Emerge** | **Playford Village Hall**<br>**ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org** |
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| **Mon** 9 Nov | 2-4pm | **Silver Games** | **All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE.** |
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| **Tue** 10 Nov | 10-11am | **Morning Prayer** | **All Saints Church KESGRAVE** |
| **Tue** 10 Nov | 2-3pm | **"The Chosen" Men's Group - Emerge** | **Red Lion (Main Rd, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4RN)** |
| | | **ARMISTICE DAY** | |
| **Wed** 11 Nov | 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** |
| | 10.50- 11.15am | **War Memorial Prayers** | **All Saints LITTLE BEALINGS** |
| | 10.45- 11.15am | **Armistice Day** | **Legion Green, Ropes Drive ,KESGRAVE** |
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| **Thu** 12 Nov | 11-12pm | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church KESGRAVE** |
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| **Fri** 13 Nov | 5-6.30pm | **Voyage**<br>(A bible study group for young people) | **At Nate & Joy's in Burgh**<br>**ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org**<br>**07769 183638** |
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| **Sun** 15 Nov | 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** |
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| **Mon** 16 Nov | 9-10am | **Coffee, Chat & Pray** | **At Kat's House in Bucklesham ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org** |
| **Mon** 16 Nov | 2-4pm | **Silver Screen** | **All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE**. |
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| **Tue** 17 Nov | 10-11am | **Morning Prayer** | **All Saints Church KESGRAVE** |
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| **Wed** 18 Nov | 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** |
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| **Thu** 19 Nov | 11-12pm | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church KESGRAVE** |
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| **Sun** 22 Nov | 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** |
| | 2-4pm | **Stir-up Sunday** | **PLAYFORD Village Hall** |
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| **Mon** 23 Nov | 2-4pm | **Silver Games** | **All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE**. |
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| **Tue** 24 Nov | 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 , KESGRAVE (Hall if cold)** |
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| **Wed** 25 Nov | 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** |
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| **Thu** 26 Nov | 11-12pm | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church KESGRAVE** |
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| **Fri** 27 Nov | 5-6.30pm | **Voyage** (A bible study group for young people) | **At Ben & Leanne's in Playford ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org 07769 183638** |
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| **Sat** 28 Nov | 9.30-10.30am | **Men's & Ladies' Breakfast** | **Farmhouse, St Isidores, IP5 2GA, UK** |
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| **Sun** 29 Nov | 8.30-9.30am | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church, KESGRAVE** |
| | 10-11am | **Holy Communion** | **All Saints Church KESGRAVE** |
| | 10.15-11.15am | **Emerge** | **PLAYFORD Village Hall** |
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| **Mon** 30 Nov | 9-10am | **Coffee, Chat & Pray** | **At Kat's House in Bucklesham ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org** |
| **Mon** 30 Nov | 2-4pm | **Silver Screen** | **All Saints Church HALL, KESGRAVE**. |
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# REMEMBRANCE SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE OF KESGRAVE, LITTLE BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD

## Remembrance Sunday – Sunday, 8th November

On Sunday, 8th November, the churches of the Benefice of Kesgrave, Little Bealings and Playford, together with Emerge, will join communities across the country in marking Remembrance Sunday.

These special services offer an opportunity to pause, pray and remember all those who have given their lives in the service of others, defending our freedoms and protecting our way of life. We come together in gratitude for their courage and sacrifice, remembering too the families and communities whose lives have been changed by war.

The **All Saints Kesgrave** Remembrance Service will take place at **10.45am at the War Memorial on Legion Green, Ropes Drive**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a hot drink at the church at 10.15am, before walking together to Legion Green. Alternatively, you are welcome to meet us directly at the War Memorial for the start of the service at 10.45am. The Two Minute Silence will be observed at 11am.



At **All Saints Church, Little Bealings**, **St Mary's Church, Playford**, and **Emerge at Playford Village Hall**, Remembrance services will begin at **10.15am**. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us as we come together in prayer, reflection and remembrance, honouring all those who have given their lives in the service of others.

As we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, we reflect on the familiar words that have brought comfort and meaning to generations:

*They shall grow not old,*
*as we that are left grow old;*
*age shall not weary them,*
*nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning,*
*we will remember them.*

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Our Christian faith reminds us of the depth of love and sacrifice in the words of Jesus in John 15:13 :

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

As we remember the conflicts of the past, we are also mindful of the suffering caused by wars continuing around the world today. We hold in our prayers all those living in fear, those who have lost loved ones, and all who long for safety and freedom. May we pray for peace, for understanding between nations, and for the courage to build a world where future generations can live without the shadow of war.

**Armistice Day at Kesgrave –**
**Wednesday, 11 November**

You are warmly invited to gather at **Legion Green War Memorial, Ropes Drive, Kesgrave, from 10.45am** on Wednesday, 11 November, for the annual Armistice Day civic ceremony.

Organised with Kesgrave Town Council and members of The Royal British Legion, the ceremony is open to everyone, with local schools also invited to attend.



Maroons will mark the beginning and end of the Two Minute Silence at 11am, followed by the laying of wreaths and a short prayer led by a minister.

Everyone is welcome to stand together in remembrance and reflect on the lives lost in conflicts throughout the world.

Remembrance is not only about looking back; it is also about how we live today. It calls us to value peace, care for one another and hold in our hearts those who continue to suffer because of war and conflict. May we honour those who gave their lives, support those who grieve, and never cease to pray for a more peaceful world.

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.**

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**Wow**! What a difference a week makes. First of all, we had the quiz and chilli night at Playford Village Hall - a great evening enjoyed by many people from all our churches and raised over £800. Then a working party consisting of members of our Church, the local communities of Little Bealings and Great Bealings met in the churchyard and spent a day just working tirelessly and made such a difference. **My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved at both Churches and communities.** It makes such a difference - two communities with amazing people, doing amazing things.

Remember, remember the fifth of November. For me, I can hardly forget it, as it was my mam's birthday, and as the saying goes, you only forget once! Well, November is quite a special time in the life of the Church for a number of reasons. It's a season that naturally invites reflection and remembrance. With days like All Saints Day and All Souls Day, the Church is remembering those who have gone before us - both the saints who are honoured for their faith and all the faithful departed. Remembrance Sunday is another significant moment in November, as well as remembering past conflicts, we remember those who are suffering

with the on-going effects of war. As a community and as a nation we can all play our part by just pausing for a moment either on the Sunday or Remembrance Day itself, to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus said "Greater love hath no man, than to lay down his life for his friends".

The feast of Christ the King on 22nd November, is a reminder to us all of Christ's sovereignty over all creation and St. Andrew's Day on 30th November which is significant especially as he was one of the apostles. So, all these occasions are important because they give people a chance to pause, reflect, and reconnect with their faith, their community, and the larger story of the Church. It's really a time of spiritual reflection and celebration all wrapped into one. I think it does us all good from time to time to reflect and pause.

As the autumn leaves begin to fall and the seasons change, and yes, the clocks go back, it reminds us that as in life, situations change, but our focus on our daily lives should remain the same. The hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy" sums it up perfectly. Though we are facing things that are out of our control, God ultimately remains in charge. In spite of the many difficulties we face at the moment, the blessings we receive at God's hand, far outnumber the negative ones in our lives.

You know, when we think about the month of November and all that it represents - remembrance, honouring saints, and taking a moment to reflect, a gentle reminder to appreciate the people who have shaped us and to share those stories and lessons with others.

In our life's journey, these moments of reflection can bring a sense of gratitude and a deeper connection to our own history and faith. And, when we share that with others, we're also passing on a sense of continuity and perhaps even a little wisdom.

**With every blessing.**

**Reverend Gary Jones**

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

Our October F.I.G. Family Service focused on the Fruits of the Spirit and Harvest Fruits!

The Bible reading was taken from Galatians 5:22-23:









*The Fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

We reflected on how the harvest fruits feed our body and the fruits of the spirit feed heart and soul; both the visible and invisible being essential.

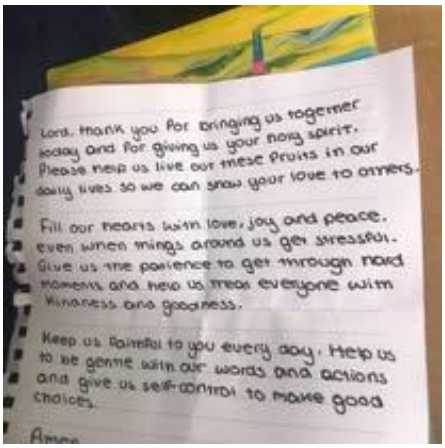







Liz produced an abundance of different craft activities, including a paper pumpkin with the 'fruit' listed on the orange strips, a fruit basket both paper and real, and a quiz sheet matching the different qualities to different fruit. Ella and Emily did our readings for us, Gaby wrote the prayers and Reverend Chris gave a blessing.








Our next F.I.G. Family is on the third Sunday in November: **15th November**

All welcome: F.I.G. Family is intergenerational so parents, grandparents, godparents etc and children stay together: no age limits!

Thank you for all who contribute.

Our settling down song was **"O Christ Surround Me"** by the family group **Sounds like Reign** (available on You Tube)

**Sally Wainman and Liz Wigby**

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## EAST SUFFOLK CITIZENS ADVICE

**Our next free advice session in Kesgrave is on**

**Tuesday 17th November 2026**

Citizens Advice has online advice pages, tools, and digital resources which are entirely free to use. There is access to free guidance on key topics like benefits, debt, housing, consumer help and family issues directly through our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Some examples of the help you can find on the website:

- Check benefit entitlements, apply for Universal Credit, and manage disability payments.

- Resolve workplace disputes, check redundancy rights, and understand pay rules.
- Find budgeting tools, manage energy bills, and explore debt solutions.
- Understand tenant rights, repairs, and eviction processes.

However, we understand that not everyone uses the internet and that is why we are available by telephone and face to face in our local offices and outreach sessions.

If you need more help on any problem, we are in the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF on the third Tuesday of every month between 9am and 12 noon.

No appointment is necessary and there is plenty of free parking at the centre.

For further information about the advice session or about volunteering, call Citizens Advice East Suffolk on **0808 278 7866**.

## STIR-UP SUNDAY AT PLAYFORD

Come along to **Playford Village Hall** on **Sunday 22nd November at 2.00pm** and join us for a fun, family-friendly Stir-up Sunday afternoon! Make your own Christmas pudding and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

A donation of £5 per pudding is requested to cover costs, with any proceeds going to St Mary's Church.

Everyone is welcome, so bring the family along! To book your place and help us ensure we have enough supplies, please call Eileen on 07787 535398 or email eileen@luxfarm.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!

## A FESTIVE WEEKEND IN PLAYFORD – 5th AND 6th DECEMBER

There will be plenty happening in Playford on the weekend of 5 and 6 December, with a Christmas Wreath Workshop on Saturday, followed by Morning Prayer, the Christmas Fayre and carol singing on Sunday. We

hope you will be able to join us for one or more of these events and enjoy spending time together as a community.

**Saturday 5th December – Christmas Wreath Workshop**



Join us at Playford Village Hall from **2pm to 5pm** for our Christmas Wreath Workshop, held in aid of Playford Church.

The workshop costs **£25 per person**, with an additional £8 for a 40cm willow or oasis wreath base, or you can bring your own. Food, drinks and a licensed bar will also be available.

This is always a popular event, so early booking is recommended.

To reserve your place, please contact Helen:

**Email:** helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com
**Telephone:** 07889 907615

**Sunday 6th December –**
**Morning Prayer, Christmas Fayre and Carols**

We begin Sunday with **Morning Prayer at 10am at St Mary's Church, Playford**. You are very welcome to join us for the service and then continue the day by visiting the Christmas Fayre at Playford Village Hall.

The **Christmas Fayre runs from 10.30am to 3.30pm**, with a range of handmade gifts and crafts, festive treats and a raffle. It is a lovely opportunity to find Christmas presents, support local stallholders and enjoy catching up with friends and neighbours.

Entry is free, with free parking and full accessibility.

Later in the afternoon, everyone is welcome to join us for **Carols on the Green from 4pm**, when our Emerge Community will join us too. We will sing some familiar Christmas carols together and take a moment to pause and share in the meaning of the season.

We are grateful to everyone who supports these events and helps make them part of our community life. We hope you can join us for a lovely weekend in Playford.

## SILVER GROUPS

We have had a wonderful time with the members of our Silver groups, whom we affectionately call the 'Silvers'.

This autumn, we have watched *The Sense of an Ending* and *Notting Hill*. Our next film will be *Marley & Me*.



Our games afternoons are proving to be popular, with Uno a firm favourite! Rummikub, Scrabble and Triominos are also favourite choices.

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




**Monday 2nd, 16th and 30th November, and Monday 7th December, from 2-4pm**

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

**Monday 9th and 23rd November, and Monday 14th December, from 2-4pm.**

There will be some special Christmas treats on the Silver Screen and Silver Games days in December!

**All of our sessions are held at the Church Hall**
**Chris or Mike Bryer**
**01473 611143**

## NOVEMBER GIVING 2026

"*As Abraham and Isaac went on together, Isaac spoke up and said, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.*

*"The fire and the wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"*



*"God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. (Genesis 22 v. 6 -8)*

This heart-stopping moment in Genesis points prophetically towards the time when 'God himself' will provide his Son as the sacrifice upon the cross, and as a testament towards God's provision in our day-to-day lives. We are asked simply to remember God in the management of our time, energy and financial resources. We are asked to honour the one who inspired the words of the Collect at the beginning of the Holy Communion service: "Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be known, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit...." It is this cleansing that helps us gradually to re-order our lives and adjust our priorities.

So firstly, **thank you** to all who support our church financially; the Heating Project is now at an exciting stage and we hope our application for a Faculty will be well received when the Diocesan Building Committee meets on 5th November. We are seeking permission to go ahead with well-ordered modern heating, not a mish-mash of different systems.

Our church also needs to meet the Parish Share requirements and the costs of running a church and paying our way.

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/faith-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**
**Sally Wainman Local Giving Advisor 07807984589**

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

If you or someone you know needs prayer at any time, our active prayer ministry would love to pray for you.

We believe that God hears our prayers. He loves us dearly and knows just what we need. We have seen God work in many different ways through our prayer ministry, and we warmly encourage you to get in touch if you feel prayer would help.

**For urgent prayer requests**, please contact our prayer chain by calling John Wittgreffe on **07857 838678** or emailing **ask.prayerchain@gmail.com**, stating *'Prayer Chain'* in your email.



**For ongoing prayer requests**, an email is sent out each Wednesday to our ministers and other faithful members of the church, who will include your request in their prayers on Wednesday or as soon as possible afterwards.

If you would like your request included in the Wednesday prayers, please use the contact details above and state *'For Wednesday Prayers'* in your message. If you would like your request included in both the Wednesday prayers and the urgent prayer chain, please mention both.

All prayer requests are treated confidentially by those involved in the prayer ministry. However, if your request is particularly sensitive, please let us know. We can then make it anonymous before sharing it with those who will be praying. After all, God knows who you mean!

If you would like a minister to pray with you privately, please let us know and we will arrange this with you.

If John is unavailable, please contact a member of our ministry team using the details in the church 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**

## KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS –

## NOVEMBER 2026

**Sunday Crafts**– during November (11.00-12.00pm after church) we will be making the following crafts:

**Sunday 1st** – It's Bonfire Night on the 5th of November. Create your own firework picture.

**Sunday 8th –** On Lake Coniston, the power boats are setting speed records this week. Design your own powerboat.

**Sunday 15th –** Today we are making toffee apples. What character will you give yours?

**Sunday 22nd** – The hedgehogs will soon be hibernating. Create your own tissue paper hedgehog to keep until Spring.

**Sunday 29th –** This week we are drawing around our hands to make owls.

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 soon.

**Fun Time 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 – 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 – Tuesdays (term time) 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 3rd November 10.00 a.m. at the library. The group are discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

**Afternoon Book Group –** Thursday 5th November at 2.45 p.m. They are currently *The Glass Maker* by Tracy Chevalier.

**Evening Book Group** – Thursday 26th November 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. The group are currently reading *Mr Nobody* by Catherine Steadman.

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 12th and 26th 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.

**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 26th November 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?

**Scouts Christmas Post – 25/11 /26 – 08/12/2026 -** The library will be hosting the Scout's Christmas Post Box from Wednesday 25th November until Tuesday 8th December. The cost this year is 40p per card.
If the library is closed when you arrive, please pop the cards, with the correct money, in a plastic bag and post in the library post box.

**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.

**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 85p
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.

**Opening Hours -**

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| 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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## LIFE EVENTS AND PASTORAL MINISTRY

Between the end of September and 20th October, there were no baptisms or funerals at All Saints Church, Kesgrave.

However, we had the joy of celebrating the wedding of
**Greig Peter WIMBERLEY & Eva Charlotte PERCY**
**on Saturday 26th September**.
We send our warmest congratulations to the happy couple and wish them every blessing as they begin their married life together and build their new family.

Members of our Ministry Team have also continued to support families and care home residents through services and pastoral care 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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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 135** will be available from *29th Nov 2026* –**DECEMBER 2026.**
Please note, should you wish to have something included in this issue, the deadline is *Tuesday 24th Nov 2026*.

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SUNDAY 08/11/2026

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

## AT ALL SAINTS KESGRAVE

**8.30am Holy Communion**

**10.15am Church open for Hot Drinks**

**10.45am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

at the War Memorial, Ropes Drive with
TWO MINUTE SILENCE at 11am



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