

MAY 2022

1 st May	9.30am	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham
	11.00am	Holy Communion: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
8 th May	9.30am	Family Service: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	11.00am	Holy Communion: St John's, Saxmundham
15 th May	9.30am	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham
	11.00am	Holy Communion: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
22 nd May	9.30am	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham
	11.00am	Holy Communion: St John's, Saxmundham
29 th May	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion, St John's, Saxmundham

JUNE 2022

2 nd -5 th June		FLOWER FESTIVAL in St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (see overleaf)
5 th June	9.30am	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham
	11.00am	Holy Communion: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
11 th June	6.00pm	FRIENDS OPEN EVENING in St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale (see overleaf)
12 th June	9.30am	Family Service: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	11.00am	Holy Communion: St John's, Saxmundham
19 th June	9.30am	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham
	11.00am	Holy Communion: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	3.00pm	Holy Communion: St Peter's, Carlton
26 th June	9.30am	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham
	11.00am	Holy Communion: St John's, Saxmundham



In June we will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen as she has reigned for 70 years. In July Saxmundham will celebrate 750 years of its charter. Kelsale Church itself is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. There are some things in life that just *are*, things that have lasted a long time and remain constant (I can't imagine the Queen not being here).

In contrast, in the last 10 years I have lived in 4 different places in 3 different counties. I have a drawer of old mobile phones that have lasted roughly 2 years each before being replaced. Research suggests that those leaving university will have a dozen or more jobs by the time they hit their 30s.

In the Bible in a book called Lamentations it says 'the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.' Or as another translation has it 'The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue.'

In a world where some things change constantly and some seem to go on forever, there is one thing that has been before and will outlast everything: God's love. Whatever situation we find ourselves in we can be encouraged that God loves us. He always has, since before the beginning of the world, and he always will.

As I write this the Russian invasion of Ukraine has now lasted for 7 weeks and we don't know when it might end. At Easter we celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus. His rising to life gives us hope that even the darkest of situations can be transformed and renewed. We hope that Ukraine will know peace, restoration, and the unfailing love of God.

Why not join us on a Sunday as we celebrate God's love for us?

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Over this year's Jubilee weekend of **2nd to 5th June**, Kelsale church will be holding its annual Flower Festival, and this year the theme will of course be 'The Crown'. We have lots of arrangements booked, and the church will be open from about 1.00pm on Thursday 2nd June until 5.00pm on Sunday 5th June; we are also hoping that children from the school will be able to be involved even though it's half-term week. On the Friday and Saturday we will be serving our cream teas from 2.30pm until 5.00pm at a cost of £5.00 a head. At other times we will have tea/coffee and biscuits on offer. Do please come along to support us in this major fund-raising activity – all funds accrued go towards helping to maintain the Church building in the middle of your village.



Friends of St Mary & St Peter's

Apologies that we had to cancel the proposed open evening to introduce the newly-formed Friends of St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale which was due to be held on 23rd April; this will now take place on **Saturday 11th June** from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. There will be a screen presentation setting out what we are hoping to achieve, and there will be an information leaflet for visitors to take away – membership application forms will also be available. A number of us will be available on the evening to answer questions. Please do come along to find out more about what being a 'Friend' of Kelsale church means – you can pop in for 5 minutes or stay for the whole period! We look forward to welcoming you.