

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – March 2024

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## Services in our new Benefice of Long Sutton with Long Load, Pitney, Somerton, The Charltons and Kingsdon:-

Please note that each week a notice sheet is made available, detailing the services in the benefice, Sunday readings and Collect, special events and prayer requests.

If you would like to be added to the list of email addresses so you receive one, please email [suecreegan@outlook.com](mailto:suecreegan@outlook.com).

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Lent 3)	9.30am 10.10am 11am 11am 6.30pm	Morning Worship, Kingsdon Morning Prayer via zoom* Holy Communion, Pitney (incl. Sunday club) Morning Worship, Somerton Evensong, Long Sutton
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> (Mothering Sunday)	9am 9.30am 10am 11am	Holy Communion, Long Sutton Holy Communion, Charlton Mackrell Family Service Pitney and Kingsdon Morning Worship, Somerton
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> (Lent 5)	9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am	Holy Communion Kingsdon Café Church, Pitney Family service, Kingsdon Holy Communion Somerton
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)	9.30am Adam 11am 11am	Morning Worship, Charlton Adam Holy Communion, Long Sutton Café Praise Somerton
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> , Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	7pm 8pm	Compline Service, Somerton Compline Service, via Zoom*
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday)	7pm	Benefice event, Somerton
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)	10am Adam 12 noon 2pm	Good Friday Liturgy, Charlton Adam Good Friday Liturgy, Somerton Good Friday Vigil, Long Sutton
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion, Kingsdon & Charlton Adam Holy Communion, Long Sutton & Somerton & Pitney

On Wednesdays at 10am, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at Long Sutton. On Fridays at 6pm, informal prayers at Long Sutton

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## New Vicar!

After more than 3½ years since Revd. Jane left us, we have at last been informed that we will be getting a new Vicar to serve our new Benefice. Hoorah!

Following the recent interviews and the recommendation of the Parish representatives, we are pleased to announce that the Bishop has appointed the Reverend Judith Swan to the post of Priest in Charge of the Parishes of Somerton, The Charltons, Kingsdon, Long Sutton and Long Load and Pitney. This appointment is subject to a satisfactory completion of the usual statutory checks made on all clergy taking up a new post. Details of a Service of Welcome will be announced in due course.

Please hold Judith and her family in your prayers as she prepares to begin a new ministry among us and pray too for Judith's current congregations who will have been notified of her leaving them.

At this time, we do not have any further details as to when she will be arriving to take up her new post.

## Quiz & Bolognese Evening

Tickets sold out quickly for this event held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, providing an evening of quiz questions and a delicious Bolognese supper, as well as a raffle and prize

draw. Thank you to everyone who came along and for the many helpers who made the evening a success and for those who donated prizes. Special thanks go to Douglas Hamilton whose idea it was. He produced the recipe (so carefully followed by willing cooks), and the quiz and to Stephanie Sales and her team of helpers in the kitchen. Thanks also to Rupert Cox for being an excellent quiz master with his quick wit and good humour!

Subject to final figures, it is hoped that close to £1,200 has been raised for Holy Trinity Church – thank you!

Don't forget the Quiz in aid of the WI Centenary Fund will be held at the Devonshire Arms on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March and there will be the Mid Somerset Riding club Charity General Knowledge Quiz on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall.

## Roger Damon Cox

Rosie Cox and Rupert Cox would like to thank everyone for their kind words of condolence following the sad death of Roger. While at 94, and in his own words, no one lives forever, it still leaves a big hole in our lives that is lessened somewhat by the generous sentiments, thoughts and prayers of his many friends in our community.

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the Church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm with donations in his memory to Holy Trinity Church and Long Sutton Cricket Club – two village organisations he has supported during his 50 years in the village. Should you wish to donate through the Funeral Director then contact Forsey & Son at [mail@forseyandson.co.uk](mailto:mail@forseyandson.co.uk) or 01458 831020

## Bunty Matthews

Sad news that Bunty of Knole, has died having taken a fall at her home. Bunty was a lovely lady who has been involved in Knole and Long Sutton activities for many years, including the now distant pantomimes and gardening club, hosting on Friendly Society days, hosting the Knole carol services and many more things which many of you will know. She will be sadly missed and our condolences go to her children David and Caroline and to her sister, Pamela. Bunty's funeral service will be held at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.

## Coffee morning

Thank you to all those who came to the February coffee morning where funds were raised for FOLSC (Friends of Long Sutton Church). Thanks too to the amazing ladies serving cakes, teas and coffees, and also to the people who brought produce to sell at the table, admirably managed by Yvonne Aitken and Janet Brand. The sums raised were £659.03 for FOLSC and £168.34 for the Church funds.

The March coffee morning will be in aid of the Long Sutton Primary School, and the produce stall will be run by the School Governors – please bring goodies of various types to them to sell.

## Flowers and Brasses rota

March 1 <sup>th</sup> *	No Flowers -	Lent
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	"	
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	"	
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	"	
March 29 <sup>th</sup>		
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	"	Mrs Bond and Mrs Ellerbeck

## Churchyard Tidy - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March

We are planning to hold the spring tidy-up of Holy Trinity churchyard on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10 am to 12 noon. This is shortly before Easter, so it would be good to clear the evidence of winter and have the churchyard in good shape before the Easter celebration.

Could all those with an hour or two to spare kindly lend a hand to help tidy up the churchyard. Please bring your own tools. Coffee and biscuits will be available to those that join in.

### Long Sutton WI

Looking forward to the clocks turning, March hares and Spring bulbs...so much to be grateful and thankful for in our Spring news update:

Thursday 20 March, we are joining Keinton Mandeville W.I and participating in a 'Singing for Well -Being' evening. We always enjoy a fun night at Keinton Mandeville, it's sure to be an uplifting and fun evening.

There will be a Centenary fundraising, St.Patrick's Day quiz at The Devonshire Arms on Sunday 17th March. Look out for publicity and follow us on Facebook.

Our 17th April evening is back in the village hall at 7.30p.m for a talk by Nigel Rousell: 'Service Dogs in the UK'. Everyone welcome to support this local Charity.

Finally, if you are Spring Cleaning and come across any Long Sutton W.I records e.g. programmes, photos etc please let us know.

For W.I membership contact

[longsuttonwi@gmail.com](mailto:longsuttonwi@gmail.com) or ring joint Presidents: Jane 07823 55917 or Caroline 01458 241159.

### March on with FOLSC!

The February coffee morning saw Holy Trinity packed with villagers and visitors, who turned out in significant numbers to support the second event our charity has sponsored. See separate report for the excellent results!

Our next gathering is **FOLSC AGM**; please note this has been pushed back one week, so will now be held by kind permission at the Village School, on **Monday 11th March**, with doors opening at 6.00pm and the meeting commencing at 6.30. We particularly invite anyone new to the village to attend (in a non-voting capacity). This is a very relaxed and informal gathering so please come along to hear what we have been up to in 2023 and of our outline plans for this year.

Whilst we are still working on the current programme, one event is already finalised. Following the success of the fabulous BSO 'Christmas Fanfare' concert in December, we are delighted to announce another first for FOLSC and we believe Long Sutton! We have managed to secure, for one night only, the boys and girls of Bristol's award-winning touring company '**Opera in a Box**' who will play for us in the Village Hall on **Saturday 29th June**, performing for us Engelbert Humperdinck's 1893 opera '**Hansel and Gretel**'. To be sung in English, the Brothers Grimm's tale of hunger, enchantment, entrapment and rescue has thrilled adults and children for over two hundred years. Please come and join us for a summer night to remember. Further details in due course.

### Long Sutton Christmas Cart Crew

Many thanks to all the sponsors and the people who donated to the Christmas Cart each night.

We are pleased to announce that we will pledge £10,000 to the Long Sutton play area renovations.

Huge thank you to the sponsors -

Chubb Bulleid Solicitors, CRS Building Supplies Ltd Glastonbury Somerset, CRS Building Supplies Somerton Tesco Metro, GeorgeJames Properties, BOM IT Solutions Howdens - Bridgwater, Long Sutton Golf & Country Club Hamdon View Windows, W Parks Roofing & Building Ltd - Martock, Crendon Timber Engineering

### Long Sutton Cricket Club

Come join us on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Long Sutton Village Hall between 3pm and 11:30pm for a fantastic day of beer, cider, gin & prosecco! A fantastic event to raise money towards the Pavilion refurbishment. Don't miss out on this exciting event - mark your calendars now!

VIP table for 1 hour in the Hall. £125 gets you table service, 4 tickets, Canapes and a cheese board, **but hurry.. numbers are limited!!**

Why not promote your business by sponsoring a barrel of beer or cider? Sponsorship starts at £75 which includes 2 free tickets, and represents excellent value for money!

For the above contact Martin Underwood ([martin@systemztraining.co.uk](mailto:martin@systemztraining.co.uk)) or Chris Vigar ([longsutton136@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:longsutton136@yahoo.co.uk)).

General admission tickets are priced at a discount price of £10 from Upton Bridge Farm Shop and Long Sutton Village Shop (including a free drink) if purchased by 13th April 2024.

Check out the Facebook event or posters around the area for further details on buying online.

If you are looking for a fun day out, with live music throughout the afternoon and evening, including the fantastic local band **TWISTED VINYL**.

**Buy your ticket now - spaces are limited**

## LONG LOAD

**Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30 in Long Load Village Hall**

### VILLAGE HALL INCREASE HIRE CHARGES

Despite the fact we haven't raised hire charges for Long Load Village Hall for the past 3 years we now find that with the continued cost of living we need to implement an increase in 2024. This will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

The charges will be £20 per session for non residents of the village and £12 per session for Long Load Residents. There are 3 sessions available between 9:30am and 10:30pm Monday to Sunday

Whole day charges are available on request.

New agreements will be given to Key holders reflecting the changes. These agreements must be signed and returned. Please ring Ann Campbell for more details 01458 241202

### Wednesday 6th March Chinese Brush Painting

Long Load Village Hall 2pm - 4pm

If you think you would like to give it a go, pop in and speak with Barbara

For more details please contact Barbara Nieto on 01458 241284 or Jane on 01458 250145.

Refreshments available

### Wednesday 13th March Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm - 4:30pm

Bring a Project. Refreshments available as usual

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Walk.** length of walk (2.5 miles) stout footwear recommended

Walkers will leave Long Load Village Hall at 11am and return to Hot Soup and Roll in the hall.

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Quiet Time** to contemplate at will from 3pm -4pm

Winter Warming Supper went very well again this year.

Everyone who came along enjoyed and offered compliments on all the food. Heather Trott gave the blessing at the beginning and also was kind enough to do the raffle at the end of the evening raising £87 toward the VH Fund.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped in making the evening a success, from our volunteer Karen who worked very hard in the background of the kitchen keeping everything flowing well to the kind people who cleared away the tables and chairs at the end. In addition to this, Sallie who provided the lovely daffodils for the windows and of course the whole of the committee who worked so hard setting it up, cooking and serving the meals. Finally, our thanks go to all the people who ate our cooking and had a lovely evening with us. The support is very much appreciated.

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