

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Wed 1st - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Friday 3rd - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney VH

Sunday 5th - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church

Wed 8th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 12th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Wed 15th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH

Friday 17th - Youth Night, 6-8.30pm, Coveney VH

Sunday 19th - Forest Church, 3pm

Monday 20th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH

Wed 22nd - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 26th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Wed 29th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church

Monday 3rd - A Time To Remember, 6pm St Peter's Church

Wed 5th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Saturday 8th - Church DIY Day, 10am

Saturday 8th - Fireworks & Bonfire, 6pm

Sunday 9th - Remembrance Service, 10.45am St Peter's Ch

Wed 12th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH

Friday 14th - Youth Night, 6-8.30pm, Coveney VH

Sunday 16th - Forest Church, 3pm

Sunday 16th - Quiz Night, 6.30pm for 7pm Coveney VH

Monday 17th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH

Wed 19th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Wed 19th - Coveney Music Showcase, 8-10pm, Coveney VH

Sunday 23rd - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Wed 26th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 30th - Deanery Advent Service, 3pm St Leonard's, Little Downham

HALL HIRE

Coveney Village Hall is available for hire for parties and events. For availability, prices, booking and other information, contact Kathy on coveneyhall@gmail.com

FEOFFEES

Feoffees is a charity that is able to give small grants to the general benefit of people who are struggling in the parish of Coveney and Wardy Hill. The grants are usually distributed around Christmas time. If a grant would help you or anyone you know at this time please get in touch with Anthony Nix on 07850 192241.

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DECEMBER

Sunday 7th - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church

Wed 3rd - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Friday 5th - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney VH

*SAT 6th - Christmas Youth Night, 6-8.30pm, Coveney VH

Sunday 7th - Breakfast with Santa, 9-11am

Wed 10th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH

Sunday 14th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Sunday 14th - Community Carols, 6pm St Peter's Church

Monday 15th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH

Wed 17th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 21st - Forest Church, 3pm

Sunday 21st - Mulled wine & Nibbles, 7pm The Old Barn

Wed 24th - Christingle Procession, 3pm St Peter's Church

Thursday 25th - Christmas Morning Communion, 9am

Sunday 28th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

* note change of day

COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

You may not know that Coveney is a member of the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network, maintaining a pictorial archive of events that have happened in and around the village since the mid 1800's and before. Please check out the site at <http://www.coveney.ccan.co.uk> and if you have an interesting photo of an event you would like to have included in the archive, please contribute on the site. Thank you.

PARISH WHATSAPP GROUPS

The Parish has a few WhatsApp groups that help keep people up to date and notified about various things going on. If you would like to join any, you can scan the codes below on your smart phone camera. Or alternatively, contact Chris on 07595 155900.



WhatsApping In Coveney
A friendly place for sharing news about parish activities, and requests for help with day-to-day things.



Pre-Loved in Coveney
A group dedicated to upcycling, and finding new homes for unwanted items.



Coveney Parish Watch
A Neighbourhood Watch Group, also for sharing local issues such as utilities and highways.

Coveney Connections with Wardy Hill & Way Head

SEPTMBER 2024

QUIZ NIGHT

Sunday 16th November, from 6.30pm

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Our next quiz night is on Sunday 16th November. These events are really popular, thanks to Coveney's top Quizmaster Steve. Steve always puts together a great variety of rounds, so that there is something for everyone and a fun evening is guaranteed! £3 per person, teams of up to 6 people. If you don't have a full team then still **come along**, as we often have others willing to make up a team. The bar opens at 6.30pm with the quiz starting at approx. 7pm. **Prizes and trophy** for the winners and the coveted wooden spoon for last place!

VILLAGE HALL

Community **BAR NIGHTS** are usually on the first Friday of every month, from 7pm and are a great chance to come and meet some of your neighbours over a drink. Dates for the next two: 3rd October, 5th December (there is **no bar night in November**, as the fireworks are on 8th).

The next three **SOUP LUNCHES** are 15th October, 12th November and 10th December from 12 noon. Pop along to our popular monthly community lunch and enjoy some homemade soup/light lunch, pudding and tea/coffee for £5 per person. No need to book.

Our regular **COFFEE MORNINGS** run every Wednesday (except when the soup lunch is on) from 10.30am-12.30pm. Pop in and say hi!

FIREWORKS & BONFIRE

FREE ENTRY!

Saturday 8th November, from 6pm

Doors open 6pm. Hot dogs and jacket potatoes being served from 6pm with the bonfire and fireworks from 7pm. The bar will be open too.

Donations of raffle prizes welcome!

YOUTH NIGHTS

17th October, 14th November, 6th December

6-7pm U10s, 7-8.30pm 10-18yrs

It has been fabulous to see so many of the younger members of our community enjoying themselves at our monthly Youth Nights. Children are welcome to bring their friends along too. Make sure to come to our **CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** on **SATURDAY 6th December!** There will be Christmas crafts, music and treats. Christmas jumpers and accessories encouraged!

- 6-7pm under 10s** (children under 8 to bring a supervising adult with them)
Crafts, board games, lego, music, table football, table tennis, tuck shop
- 7-8.30pm 10 - 18yrs**
Pool table, table tennis, table football, music, board games, TV, chill out zone, tuck shop

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday 7th December 9-11am

Come and enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa in the Village Hall.

£3.50 per person, payable on the door.

Children on the "good list" will receive a free gift from Santa!



PARISH COUNCIL

COVENEY ORCHARD PICNIC AND MAINTENANCE DAY

On 2nd August Coveney Parish Council arranged an orchard maintenance day to prune, weed and water the orchard

trees. We made time for a picnic with cider and apple-based goodies. Thank you to all who came and helped! The trees are doing really well and we plan to have another event once the apples are ripe.



If you'd like to join the volunteer team, email naomi.laredo@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES

A very warm welcome to our newest parish councillor, **Clemy Gilmore**.

We still have a **vacancy** for a councillor.

Being a Parish Councillor is **hugely rewarding** and we welcome people of all ages and backgrounds. It's important that our Parish Council has a good variety of people with a range of priorities and interests so that the Parish is suitably represented. No specific skills are needed, just an **interest in your local area!** To find out more about the role and to apply, please send an email to clerk@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to attend our monthly **Parish Council meetings** and ask questions during Public Question Time, which is soon after the start of the meeting. Dates of our next three meetings are:

- Monday 20th October
- Monday 17th November
- Monday 15th December

Meetings are held in Coveney Village Hall and start at 7.30pm.



HELP SLOW TRAFFIC IN OUR PARISH

Volunteer Opportunity

The Issue: Following resident concerns about speeding vehicles in Coveney and Wardy Hill, we've been working to find effective solutions. After consulting with both the community and Highways experts, we've ruled out traditional measures like speed bumps (which can cause new hazards) and excessive signage (often ineffective).

Our Solution: We've installed permanent posts for Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) in problem areas. These intelligent signs:

- Display approaching vehicles' speeds
- Gently remind drivers to slow down
- Collect valuable traffic data to guide future safety measures

We Need Your Help! Our parish already owns two MVAS units, but we need a volunteer to:

- Charge the device batteries (about once per week)
- Rotate the signs between locations as needed
- Download speed data periodically (we'll show you how)

Why Volunteer?

- Make a visible difference in road safety
- Flexible commitment (just a few hours monthly)
- No special skills needed - full training provided
- Help shape future traffic calming decisions

Get Involved: If you'd like to help keep our roads safer, please contact our Parish Clerk.

MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Kendle Hanslip

clerk@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk

Chair: Robert Langston

robert.langston@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk

Vice Chair: Naomi Laredo

naomi.laredo@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk

Jane Doig

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Nicki Gilbert

nicki.gilbert@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk

Clare Hammond

clare.hammond@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk

Clemy Gilmore

If you want to raise any issues, make a complaint or request information, please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

ST PETER'S CHURCH



ABOUT ST PETERS

This little church has been here since the 1200s. It has a beautiful interior with some unique features. Today it is part of a group of 11 other Churches in the 'Isle of Ely Villages Benefice' (Wentworth, Haddenham, Witcham, Witchford, Wilburton, Stretham, Little Thetford, Little Downham, Wilburton, Mepal). This Grade 1 listed church is looked after by a small but dedicated PCC, whose responsibility it is to keep it in good repair and accessible to the whole community. It costs about £6000 a year to just keep St Peter's open and functioning, and this has to be raised by the PCC (there is no Church tax!).

The Benefice is currently 'in-between' vicars with two vacant posts. But there are plenty of things going on in all of the 11 churches, and there are other clergy and trained people on hand to help with any pastoral concerns, including if you'd like to arrange a baptism or service of blessing for a child, a wedding or other kinds of celebration or memorial.

OPENING HOURS

The church and churchyard are open daily. All visitors are welcome. If you need access out of these times please contact us using the details below.

REGULAR SERVICES

Weekdays

Monday-Friday, **Morning Prayer:** 8am
Prayers for the community and the World.

Sundays

- 1st Sunday: 9am **BCP Communion**
- 2nd & 4th Sundays: 10am **Morning Worship**
Followed by refreshments
- 3rd Sunday: 3pm **Forest Church**
An informal, fun and inclusive outdoor based service for all ages, and all church experience. Keep an eye on the noticeboards and other messages for location each month.

CHURCH CONTACTS:

CHRIS WARNER, DAVID GUYER (CHURCHWARDENS)

Feel free to contact Chris or David with any day to day enquiries or pastoral concerns.

phone: 07595 155900 / 07484 803449

email: stpeterscoveney@gmail.com
Or drop-in at 4 Park Close, Coveney

KNITTED CRIB

It's an old Coveney tradition that a knitted crib travels around families during Advent. If you would like to go on the list to look after some woolly nativity folk, please email stpeterscoveney@gmail.com or text Chris on 07595 155900.



CHURCH DIY DAY

Saturday 8th November, from 10am

A TIME TO REMEMBER

Monday 3rd November 6pm

A chance to remember those we have loved and lost, to light candles in their memory, and to hear their names spoken. There will be an opportunity to submit the names of all those you would like remembered a few weeks beforehand.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 9th November 10:45am

Our annual Service of Remembrance. At 11am the two-minute silence will be observed at the Lych Gate (the entrance to the churchyard), the names of those lost in service from this village will be read out, and the laying of wreaths will take place. Everyone in the community is welcome to join us for this act of Remembrance and/or the service itself which starts at 10:45am.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

DEANERY ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday 30th November, 3pm

St Leanord's, Little Downham

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday 14th December, 6pm



MULLED WINE, NIBBLES & MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday 21st December, 7pm

The Old Barn, 7 Main Street



A fun, festive, fundraising evening!

Tickets £10 each, available from Julie on 07710 225673

CHRISTINGLE PROCESSION

Christmas Eve, 3pm



The much-loved Coveney Christmas Eve family get-together, a chance for all the children to receive Christingle oranges around the Manger. Keep an eye on WhatsApp and other notices for more details about where we start (weather dependent!).

CHRISTMAS MORNING COMMUNION

Christmas Day, 9am

A special Eucharist Service for Christmas Day.

