

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Sunday 4th - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church
Wed 7th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH
Friday 9th - Kids' Hour @ Bar Night, 6-7pm Coveney VH
Friday 9th - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney VH
Sunday 11th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church
Wed 14th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH
Friday 16th - Youth Night, 6-8.30pm, Coveney VH
Sunday 18th - Forest Church, 3pm
Sunday 18th - Quiz Night, 6.30pm for 7pm Coveney VH
Monday 19th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH
Wed 21st - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH
Sunday 25th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church
Wed 28th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1st - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church
Wed 4th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH
Friday 6th - Kids' Hour @ Bar Night, 6-7pm Coveney VH
Friday 6th - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney VH
Sunday 8th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church
Wed 11th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH
Sunday 15th - Forest Church, 3pm
Monday 16th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH
Wed 18th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH
Wed 18th - Ash Wednesday Communion, 7pm St Peter's
Sunday 22nd - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church
Wed 25th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH
Friday 27th - Youth Night, 6-8.30pm, Coveney VH

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 1800s 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.

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

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MARCH

Sunday 1st - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church
Wed 4th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH
Friday 6th - Kids' Hour @ Bar Night, 6-7pm Coveney VH
Friday 6th - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney VH
Sunday 8th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church
Wed 11th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH
Sunday 15th - Forest Church, 3pm
Monday 16th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH
Wed 18th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH
Friday 20th - Youth Night, 6-8.30pm, Coveney VH
Sunday 22nd - Quiz Night, 6.30pm for 7pm Coveney VH
Sunday 22nd - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church
Wed 25th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH
Sunday 29th - Celtic Evening Prayer, 6pm St Peter's Church

APRIL

Thursday 2nd - Maundy Thursday, 7pm St Peter's Church
Friday 3rd - Stations of the Cross, 7pm St Peter's Church
Friday 3rd - Kids' Hour @ Bar Night, 6-7pm Coveney VH
Friday 3rd - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney VH
Sunday 5th - Easter Sunday, 10am St Peter's Church
Sunday 12th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church
Monday 13th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH
Tuesday 14th - Coveney Village Hall AGM, 7pm, Coveney VH
Friday 17th - Youth Night, 6-8.30pm, Coveney VH
Sunday 19th - Forest Church, 3pm
Sunday 26th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

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.



WhatsAppning 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

JANUARY 2026

VILLAGE HALL



Community **BAR NIGHTS** are usually on the first Friday of every month (except it will be a week later this January), from 7pm and are a great chance to come and meet some of your neighbours over a drink. Last orders 11pm. Dates for the next four: 9th January, 6th February, 6th March, 3rd April.

The next three **SOUP LUNCHES** are 14th January, 18th February and 18th March 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!

QUIZ NIGHTS

Sunday 18th January and Sunday 22nd March, from 6.30pm



Our next quiz nights are on Sunday 18th January and Sunday 22nd March. Come and battle it out for the coveted first place **trophy**, or the heavily sought-after **wooden spoon** for last place! Those not falling at either end of the spectrum can always buy a raffle ticket and hope for more luck there! Put together by Coveney's favourite Quizmaster Steve there is always 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.

Bar opens at 6.30pm with the quiz starting at approx. 7pm. Donations for raffle prizes always welcome.



KIDS' HOUR AT BAR NIGHTS!

6-7pm on Community Bar Nights

NEW! Expanding on the popularity of our Youth Nights, we are trialling a new Kids' Hour for anyone aged 10-18yrs. We will be opening up the hall an hour early and offering supervised table tennis, pool, table football, darts, music and a tuck shop before bar night starts. Anyone under 18yrs wishing to stay after 7pm will need an adult to join them please.



VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

Tuesday 14th April, 7pm, Coveney Village Hall

Please join us for a chance to have your say about the events and activities you would like to see at your village hall.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Review of 2025 activities •
- Summary of finances •
- Election of Committee members •
- Discussion of 2026 activities •

Everyone is welcome, so please just turn up!



YOUTH NIGHTS

16th January, 27th February, 20th March and 17th April
6-7pm U10s, 7-8.30pm 10-18yrs

Our Youth Nights are still proving very popular and our Christmas special was a big hit - it was great to see so many people there!

Entry is free, and children are welcome to bring their friends along too.

- **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, darts, music, board games, TV, chill out zone, tuck shop



PARISH COUNCIL

Happy New Year to everyone in Coveney, Wardy Hill, Way Head and the surrounding area! We hope your Christmas was cosy, joyful, and filled with good company — and that 2026 has started gently for you.

This is the time of year when we **review the Parish precept**.

The precept is a component of the total council tax levied on residents in the local council area. Local councils do not receive any direct funding from central government and therefore are reliant on the local precept, grants and any other income they generate from the services or facilities that they provide.

The **services** provided by the Parish Council **include** street lighting, allotments, the MUGA and play areas, and general maintenance of village greens, verges and hedges. Although our external costs have increased we've worked hard to minimise the increase on the precept itself.

2026 will bring plenty to focus on. We're hoping to:

- Continue with the improvements and renovations to the **village pond**, which were funded by grants in the 2025/26 year.
- Keep open spaces well maintained. Following a tender process, we have recently appointed a **new groundskeeping contractor** for the Parish who will be starting work in March.
- Stay **connected with residents** through regular updates.

You may have noticed that the **speed signs** are now working again, thanks to a local resident who is assisting with this. We are receiving regular data summaries to inform any future speed control measures which may be required.

Our first Parish Council meeting of the year is Monday 19th January and everyone is welcome. It's a relaxed way to hear what's going on and to share ideas — and it's always lovely to see new faces.

As we begin this new year together, we want to say thank **you** to everyone who helps keep Coveney and Wardy Hill friendly, welcoming, and full of life. Here's to a bright and peaceful 2026 for our whole Parish.



*NEW DOMAIN FOR EMAILS AND WEBSITE

We have recently migrated the old .co.uk domain to a .gov.uk domain in line with best practice. The old website and email addresses will redirect for a few months, but **please do use the new addresses from now**.

MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

NOTE NEW DOMAIN FOR ALL EMAILS *

Clerk: Kendle Hanslip

clerk@coveneyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chair: Robert Langston

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

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 19th January*
- *Monday 16th February*
- *Monday 16th March*

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

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council has a great website where you can find news and information about what is going on in the area. You can also find details of upcoming events, copies of minutes of Parish Council meetings, copies of past Connexions newsletters and more.

Remember that **you can subscribe** to the parish council website (www.coveneyparishcouncil.gov.uk)* to get automatically updated when news and events are posted. You can find the link on the home page.

***NOTE NEW WEBSITE DOMAIN**

ST PETER'S CHURCH



OPENING HOURS

The church is open daily from dawn until dusk. All visitors are welcome. It's a lovely place to find some peace and quiet, and there is a place where you can leave prayer requests. If you need access out of these times please contact us using the details below.

ABOUT ST PETER'S

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, who are responsible for keeping it in good repair and accessible to the whole community.

NEW VICAR

We're delighted that our new Team Rector, Revd. Chris Hollingshurst, will be formally installed in his post by the acting Bishop of Ely on 18th April at Sutton Church. He will be in-charge of the whole Benefice of 11 villages, so a big job! But we hope to see him out and about in Coveney and all the villages from next Spring. He's also a keen musician, and we will be inviting him to come and play some blues at a future Coveney Music Showcase .

REGULAR SERVICES

Weekdays

Monday-Friday, **Morning Prayer:** 8am

Prayers for our community and the wider world.

Sundays

- 1st Sunday: 9am **BCP Communion**
- 2nd & 4th Sundays: 10am **Morning Worship**
Followed by refreshments
- 3rd Sunday: 3pm **Forest Church**
A very informal, inclusive outdoor based service for all ages, and all church experience. Keep an eye on the noticeboards and other messages for location each month!
- 5th Sunday: 6pm **Celtic Evening Prayer**
A gentle, reflective service with candles, readings and music.

E-NEWSLETTER

Please email churchwarden@stpeterscoveney.org if you'd like to be added to the regular e-newsletter and other news.

LENT & EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

Wednesday 18th February, 7pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

Thursday 2nd April, 7pm

A special Eucharist to commemorate the Last Supper, followed by the Watch Vigil.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 3rd April, 7pm

A sequence of devotional readings and music as we walk through the Stations of the Cross in the Church.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 5th April, 10am

Celebrate Easter with us at this all age service, with Communion.

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: churchwarden@stpeterscoveney.org

Or drop-in at 4 Park Close, Coveney

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is always open to all visitors (but please keep dogs on a lead). In addition to being a burial ground and place of remembrance, it is a sanctuary for wildlife. Because of changes in the countryside, wildflower meadows are now rare in Cambridgeshire, and churchyards and cemeteries are some of the last remnants of this kind of habitat. We are working with the Wildlife Trust, and have been awarded a Silver Conservation award in recognition of work done to manage the grounds in a way that is sympathetic to conservation and restore biodiversity. At certain times of the year you will see parts of the grassland left uncut to allow the plants to flower and seed.

CHURCHYARD CHAMPIONS

The Churchyard Champions are an informal group of volunteers united by a love of nature and gardening. They meet up at various times through the year to help maintain the grounds. **New volunteers** are always welcome! Please get in touch if you'd like to join us.

