

# *Kingston Parish & Church Magazine*



**April 2017**

### **Village Diary**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Pub night – village hall, 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10:30am

### **Wheelie bin collection dates**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Black bin

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Blue and Green bins

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Black bin

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Blue and Green bins

### **Editorial**

April has always been one of my favourite months. As a youngster, we celebrated Easter itself, my brother's birthday and the Easter school holidays. It was the month for picking bluebells in the local woods and going for long walks by the sea. Spring had clearly arrived as the profusion of primroses indicated and the time was getting nearer for shedding winter clothes and digging out summer ones. Frustratingly, however, my mother believed in "not casting your clouts till May is out" so my beloved white Aertex shirts had to stay in the chest of drawers for yet another month. Above all, April was the month when the whole family decamped to the countryside to take in the local point-to-point races, a set of annual events that gave rise to my life-long romance with horse racing. In addition, April, as explored in this magazine, has always been celebrated in song, another good reason for its popularity among the list of months of the year. Which is your favourite month? Let me know which you would choose and why – [pjholly45@gmail.com](mailto:pjholly45@gmail.com).

## Vicar's Letter

### The Money Note

I have a number of friends who are professional singers, and they sometimes refer to something they call "the money note". It's that one note in a piece – often a particularly high one – that a singer must hit if they are to earn their money ... and an invitation to sing again!

It can feel like that in all our roles: perhaps it's the month's sales figures, the vital client presentation, the season's crop yield, or the Easter Day sermon. I'm sure you will have something, in whatever job you do, where the outside world will judge you – and hopefully reward you – for that one moment of peak performance.

And then you have to do it again. And again. Until it can become a burden, because doing it well this time sets the expectation that you will do it even better next time. None of us is perfect, and none of us can be absolutely at our peak all the time, let alone keep getting better for ever.

The church season of Lent, with its emphasis on testing and trying to achieve something we wouldn't normally, shows this up especially. Those who try to 'give up' something, or take on something extra, soon find out how hard it is to hit the money note over and over.

Fortunately for us, the Easter story is the story of God hitting that money note for us. Jesus, God the Son, lived the perfect life then died as if he hadn't, sacrificing himself for us. Then, hitting the biggest money note of all, God raised Jesus from the dead!

Because of what Jesus did, we can be assured that God offers us acceptance and forgiveness, regardless of how we perform in our jobs, regardless of how we cope, or don't cope, in our personal lives, and however often we hit or miss the money note.

If you're at the top of your game right now, great – God rejoices with you! Even if you aren't, God's care, love and forgiveness are there for you, closer than a prayer. This Easter season, give God a call, and see what notes you can hit together.

***Rev'd Steve Day***

## Church Services for April

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Communion 8.30am</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion 7.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion 10.30am</b>

## Church cleaning

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Peter & Suzy Stokes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Donal & Monica O'Donnell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Linda Rimmer
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Janet Clear
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Peter Reynolds

## Church flowers and brasses

(Brasses only in Lent)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> April Joan Reynolds  
 9<sup>th</sup> April  
 16<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day  
 23<sup>rd</sup> April Lee Steele  
 30<sup>th</sup> April Christine Stone

## Home Communion

If you cannot get out and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let the office know and we will arrange for the sacrament to be brought to you on a regular basis. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible please contact the team office on 01480 839933 and we will be able to help.

## Easter services

This year we host, for the whole 14-parish Team, a service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. As ever, all are very welcome to join us for the celebration of Easter Sunday on the 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## Annual Church Meetings – N.B. change of date: 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

The annual Church Meetings will take place in the Village Hall on **Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> April** (not the 4<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised) at 7.30pm, for the purposes of electing two churchwardens, presenting annual reports and electing Parochial Church Council officers and members. All registered electors of the parish are entitled to nominate and vote on the election of churchwardens. All those on the church's electoral roll are entitled to elect the PCC members. The church in Kingston needs your support: please consider coming along to these important meetings.

## Mobile Library

Lee Steele would like us to know that the time for the monthly visit of the Mobile Library has changed. The time now is 11.30 to 11.45 on the second Thursday of the month, with parking as usual on Bourn Road just past the crossroads.

## To all Villagers

Don't forget the monthly coffee morning on Wed the 5th April at 10:30 in the Village Hall. All welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

**Miki Ellar**

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## A short, prayerful service of Holy Communion

is celebrated

**Wednesday at midday**  
in **Bourn Church**

Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.

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## A fifth dovecote in Kingston?

From *The Cambridge Chronicle*, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1851:

KINGSTON. – Robbery. – On the night of Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., some thieves visited the premises of Capt. Mail [sic], of Kingston, broke open his dove-house, and carried off about 50 pigeons.

Captain Richard Male built South Sea House in 1850, as an inscribed stone panel above the front door of the house states. It is assumed that he made his fortune as a Master Mariner in the South Seas (which may refer to the Pacific or the China Sea). He is buried (1869) with other members of his family under a table tomb, south of the chancel in the churchyard. But where was his dove-house? Somewhere in his farmyard, presumably. In last month's magazine four dovecotes were listed in Kingston. This brief mention in *The Cambridge Chronicle* suggests that there were in fact five.

**Peter Reynolds**

## Parish Council News

**Coalition of Parish Councils:** Kingston Parish Council is joining a coalition of 20 local parish councils, which has as its statement of purpose: *'The Coalition of Parish Councils exists to voice our concerns on key strategic transport and planning issues affecting our communities'*. We expect a representative of Kingston Parish Council to attend their regular meetings to add our voice to that of the other member parish councils, which are Arrington, Barton, Bourn, Boxworth, Caldecote, Caxton, Connington, Coton, Croxton, Dry Drayton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Eversdens, Grantchester, Hardwick, Knapwell, Longstowe, Madingley and Toft. One of the current issues being addressed by the Coalition is the proposed building of 3,500 houses at Bourn Airfield. The Coalition opposes this development and has made a submission to the Government-appointed inspector presiding over the Examination in Public site-specific hearings on the proposed development, which take place on 4-6 April. It has also written to the Secretary of State for Transport to plead for the interchange serving the M11, A428 and A14 at Girton to be made 'all-ways'.

**Parish Council elections:** South Cambridgeshire District Council has decided that, in line with District Council practice, Parish Council elections will now all take place together every 4 years, starting in 2018. This replaces the previous arrangement under which 'batches' of parish councils held elections every year.

**Grass and hedge cutting:** the contract for the 2017 season has been awarded again to Buchan's Landscapes, who have now served us well for several years, and offered a renewal price increase which was well below inflation. We are grateful for feedback on their performance from residents - please report any concerns regarding grass or hedge cutting to me.

**Cream Tea Party on The Orchard:** The Parish Council is again combining with the PCC to hold a Cream Tea Party on the Orchard on the same day as Church Gift Day, when intrepid teddy bears can be seen leaping bravely from the church tower to parachute down to the grass below. All residents are invited – there is no charge for the Cream Tea Party although the church will be grateful for donations towards its running costs. The date is **15 July** – put it in your diary now! More information nearer the time.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** This meeting will be held this year on 18 May at 8.00pm in the village hall. This is a public meeting, not a parish council meeting, to which all residents are invited. Reports are presented by representatives of the various groups and activities in the village, and there is a 'General Forum' for anyone to

ask questions or air their views on matters of common interest. Last year we trialled a new format under which, rather than presenters reading out their entire reports word-for-word, highlights only were presented, with full written reports being distributed to all attending. This seemed to work well, and will be repeated this year. All welcome - come along, and enjoy a glass of wine before the meeting.

### **Planning:**

- S/0455/17/TC Chaundlers, Church Lane: an application has been submitted to carry out tree work.
- S/0483/17/TC Green Ley, The Green: an application has been submitted to carry out tree work.
- S/2928/16/FL Pryor's Cottage: permission has been granted for work on a porch and outbuildings to the rear of the property.

***Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk***

## **Cambridge Park & Ride Easter Trail - from 1–17 April**

Simply pick up a trail sheet from one of the five Park & Ride sites located around the City or on board one of the new Park & Ride buses.

Find the 3 letters, solve our Easter themed word and you could win a £250 shopping spree thanks to Cambridge BID.



Letter 1 is available at Park & Ride sites, Letter 2 on-board Park & Ride buses and Letter 3 from the Visitor Information Centre on Peas Hill.

Thanks to our friends at Chocolat Chocolat on St Andrew's Street, every trail card holder is entitled to a free chocolate bunny – just show your trail card in the Visitor Information Centre when collecting letter 3.

For more information about the Cambridge Park & Ride Easter Trail please visit [www.parkandrideeastertrail.co.uk](http://www.parkandrideeastertrail.co.uk)

## Letter from the Chief Inspector

### Village parking problems

I am aware from the many emails South Cambs officers receive and from Neighbourhood Panel meetings that parking is a constant concern for many residents in villages across South Cambridgeshire.

Many of you may know that I cannot prioritise parking patrols over investigating and preventing crime and responding to calls for service. In light of this, it means that my officers might not do as much parking enforcement as many of you would like.

I have been giving some thought on how we can meet your expectations on parking enforcement and I have decided that we are going to try something new. I have therefore set up an online web-page where you can report concerns about parking. The information that you give us will go directly to me and will help us build a picture of the exact hot-spots for parking issues. I will then use this information on targeted 'crack-down' days. There is some good evidence that crack-downs work in other areas of policing so we are going to try it for parking. For obvious reasons I will not be publicising the dates of the crackdowns in advance, but updates will be sent to you by e-cops, twitter and Facebook once we have completed a crackdown day. The web page is now live and you can find it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

I am not pretending that this will solve all parking problems, however, I do think that it strikes the right balance between dealing with parking concerns and the other important work that we do.

### Recent Media Coverage about Policing in Villages

Some of you may have seen recent media reporting regarding our policing of villages. I would like to emphasise that we do prioritise policing of the villages but what I do ask is that my officers prioritise the 'hottest' areas *within our villages*. This does mean that certain areas in some villages get more attention than those villages with very low crime. I believe this is a sensible approach to policing which most of you would agree with. The main benefit of our local policing structure is that you have your own, dedicated local resources that are responsible for policing South Cambs rather than the City.

I have sought to put as much time and effort as possible over the last three years into crime prevention events in the villages (first Op Oaklands and more recently Op Hunter). Your local officers and I work hard to give you the best, most intelligent policing service we can but if you do have any concerns please do get in touch - or come to our next round of neighbourhood panel meetings where you can join in the discussion.

**Chief Inspector James Sutherland** - Area Commander - South Cambs



## From South Cambs

Repair Cafes are a continuing good news story in South Cambridgeshire with all those held so far this year, (Girton's 1st, Great Shelford's 1st, Histon's 2nd and Cottenham's 9th) going very well, and succeeding in fixing scores of broken items including desk lamps, vacuum cleaners, chairs, coats, sewing machines, garden shears, ancient clocks, telescopic walking poles....

We're really pleased too that a number of excellent volunteer repairers from around the district have joined us. This is partly thanks to a very successful Repairers' Workshop at the Cambridge Maker Space in Clifton Court in January. We could always do with more repairers - especially those with skills in mending electrical appliances - so if you know of anyone who likes people and likes mending things, do get in touch, or better still send them along to one of the Repair Cafes coming up so they can see what they are all about.

There is one more Repair Cafe coming up:

Saturday 13 May, Fulbourn's 2nd Repair Café, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Memorial Hall, Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn, CB21 5BZ

Find out more and book an item in to be fixed by filling out the online form at [www.repaircafe.org.uk/fulbourn](http://www.repaircafe.org.uk/fulbourn).

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Finally, a quick plug for a Mayoral Hustings on the Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability, 6 - 8 pm on Friday 31 March, organised by local charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint and Anglia Ruskin University (ARU). As you will know, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are becoming a devolved region to be run by an elected mayor from May this year. This free event, at ARU in Cambridge, is an opportunity to probe the Mayoral candidates' views and plans on green issues, show you care and decide how to vote. To book and for further information, see [www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org](http://www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org).

***(Forwarded by Katherine Stalham)***

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
<b>Apr 2</b>	Lent 5	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	
<b>Apr 9</b>	Palm Sunday	10.30am Cluster HC at Bourn			
<b>Apr 13</b>	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm HC at Kingston			
<b>Apr 14</b>	Good Friday	9.30am FS at Bourn 12.00-1.00pm Stations of the Cross at Caxton			
<b>Apr 16</b>	Easter Sunday	10.30am FHC	10.30am FHC	11.00am FHC	9.30am FHC
<b>Apr 23</b>	Sunday after Easter	8.30am Cluster HC at Longstowe 10.30am Cluster HC at Eltisley			
<b>Apr 30</b>	Easter 3	10.30am Full Team Service at Caxton led by a team from Ridley Hall with guest speaker			
<b>May 7</b>	Easter 4	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	
<b>May 14</b>	Easter 5	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
<b>May 21</b>	Easter 6	8.30am HC	10.30am MP		
<b>May 28</b>	Easter 7	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

W4A/FS = Family Service

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

FW = All Age Worship/Morning Prayer/Prayer &amp; Praise/Morning Worship

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## THE GREAT STORM – OCTOBER 1987

The storm overnight on Wednesday and Thursday 22/23 February 2017, though short lived, brought back strong memories for me of the Great Storm of October 1987.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at about 12.30pm I left Cambridge in my ancient Fiat Panda, accompanied by Dougal my West Highland White terrier, to travel in the bright sunshine to Warley Hospital near Brentwood for a visit to my father who had had a major back operation to try halting his cancer.

We arrived about 2pm when, leaving Dougal in the car, I went in to see Father. Every now and then a nurse or doctor would come into the room and comment that the wind was getting up and it was looking as if it might rain.

Leaving at 4.00pm I went out to the car and the rain was just starting. My faithful old car started first time and when I backed out of the parking space the heavens opened! My windscreen wiper (only a single one in the middle of the windscreen) was almost completely useless as we made our way towards the A12 to travel south to the M25 and then turn up the M11. Once on the A12 the traffic was fairly heavy but on the M25 everything came to an almost full stop. The rain was so bad it was hard to see more than the car or lorry in front. We crawled to the M25/11 interchange with the wind whipping the rain straight and level. When we finally joined the M11 and inched our way up the hill towards North Weald Airport, the noise of wind and rain was horrendous. Dougal, who normally was very quiet in the car, tried hard to sit on my lap and cuddle into me. He was terrified. Suddenly as we moved beyond the trees on the lefthand side the noise became even worse. I can only compare it to what it might have been like to have been in London during the Blitz.

The louder noise dropped a little to just the sound of wind and rain again as we came to the Harlow turn though the travelling speed did not improve until I came off the M11 at Trumpington. I finally arrived at home in Perne Road at just before 9.00pm. Both Dougal and I were really glad to close the front door and take a deep breath.

It was only watching the news the next day that I saw what had made the awful noise beside North Weald Airport. There was a lot of road work going on around that stretch of the M11 and there were caravans and mobile homes on the western side of the road. The wind had picked up three or four of these and taken them over the M11 and dumped them on the airport.

Looking around after the storm last week (I am writing this on 26 February) the loss of trees is somewhat less than in October 1987 but I always feel that any tree lost to a storm is also a loss of history. A reminder that almost my father's last comment to me in November 1987 was "It is so sad to lose so many trees."

***Jill Coleman***

## April Love

It seems that more songs have been written about April than any other month. Why this should be the case is an interesting question. It's seen as a romantic time of year and is associated with springtime – both very good reasons for writing a song. “April Showers” (originally recorded by Al Jolson) and “April in Paris” (recorded by Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong amongst others) are both songs that fall into this romance-in-springtime category. The archetypal track, however, is “April Love”, recorded in 1957 by Pat Boone, who had the hit, but also by Connie Francis and Billy Vaughn. You have to feel for American artists in the '50s. First, they had to beat off the opposition in their homeland and then deal with covers by UK artists over here. It went further than that, however; in the UK they all had to compete with cheap, sub-standard recordings on the “Embassy” label sold in Woolworths stores. I'm not sure I should admit to this, but in 1958 I went to Woolworths and bought the Embassy version of “April Love” sung by goodness knows who (actually, in some cases, the Embassy recordings were by up-and-coming artists who later made it big, often under different names). The fact remains, however, that “April Love” was, and is, a great song.

In more recent times, Simon and Garfunkel recorded “April Come She Will” on their second studio album, Rufus Wainwright recorded “April Fools” and Prince on his *Parade* album released in 1986 included the utterly brilliant track “Sometimes It Snows in April” (which, having lived in a neighbouring state to Minnesota, I can testify as being a true statement). Simon and Garfunkel included their track on the 1966 “*Sounds of Silence*” album but the song itself had been written by Paul Simon a few years earlier while in England. Not surprisingly, therefore, he talks about April being the time “when streams are ripe and swelled with rain” and, lyrically, uses the changing seasons as a metaphor for his girl-friend's changing moods.

In one of his best ever tracks, Prince alludes to the disappointment that comes with snow in April. You wait all winter for the weather to improve in spring, only to experience more of the same winter weather. As he says, “Springtime was always my favourite time of year/A time for lovers holding hands in the rain”, but these hopes are dashed when the snow reappears and, to make things worse, his good friend dies. As he concludes:

Sometimes it snows in April  
Sometimes I feel so bad  
Sometimes, sometimes I wish that life was never ending  
And all good things, they say, never last.

This is a much different world to that depicted in “April Love”, bitter-sweet as opposed to just sweet, adult as opposed to juvenile, utterly realistic as opposed to pie-in-the-sky, sad as opposed to hopeful. My three year old grandson appears to understand these sentiments as he recently said, when offered a balloon at a party, why accept it when you know it’s going to fly away or burst. Why look forward to spring when the snow could still fly. In some ways that’s a sad response, albeit very pragmatic. Yet I can’t help liking both the two very diverse tracks and their attendant emotions. Pessimism has its place but optimism gives us the hope to keep on soldiering on. While pessimism keeps you grounded, it is optimism that helps you soar.

***Peter Holly***

## **Easter Flowers**

As the cover of this magazine underlines, spring flowers are in profusion throughout the village, our church included. Every village street has its own statement of spring’s promise (see below). Back to the church, Linda Smith would like us to know that those wishing to make a donation towards Easter Lillies for our Easter Sunday service might like to do so in the first few days of April as the order will need to go in at the beginning of the month. Donations can be put in envelopes and delivered to Linda’s home. Many thanks!



## Best of the Old and Best of the New

This photo taken by Katherine Stalham at the recent Pub Night captures the best of the old and best of the new as far as Kingston's population is concerned. David Heath (a frequent contributor to this magazine) is aged 92 and is a long-time resident of Kingston. He is flanked by Kingston's newest residents, both born on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Isabelle is holding her son Anton and James is holding his new son Finn. Anton's dad, Chris, and Finn's mum, Femke, are not in this photo. A warm Kingston welcome to the new arrivals!



## Plant Sale at Yelling Church

**Saturday 29 April 9.30 am to 11.30 am**

Restock your garden from a wide selection of perennials, shrubs, herbs and vegetable plants, all grown by the keen amateur gardeners of Yelling and at very competitive prices. Also on sale: home-made jams, jellies and chutneys, cakes. Refreshments available. Raffle. Free entrance. All proceeds from sales to church funds.

**Church of the Holy Cross, High Street, Yelling, Cambridgeshire PE19 6SD**

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## Services for Holy Week and Easter

### **Palm Sunday (9 April)**

8.30am ~ Holy Communion at Boxworth

10.30am ~ Services at Bourn, Croxton, Papworth Everard & Yelling

11.00am ~ Holy Communion at Elsworth

### **Maundy Thursday (13 April)**

7.30pm ~ Holy Communion at Kingston

7.30pm ~ Holy Communion at Papworth

### **Good Friday (14 April)**

9.30am ~ Family Service at Bourn

12.00pm- 1.00pm ~ stations of the Cross at Caxton

12.00pm - 1.00pm ~ Quiet Reflection at Papworth

2pm ~ 'Last hour' at Boxworth

### **Holy Saturday (15 April)**

9pm ~ Service of Light at Conington

### **Easter Sunday (16 April)**

8.30am ~ Holy Communion at Croxton and Knapwell

9.00am ~ Holy Communion at Yelling

9.30am ~ Holy Communion at Conington and Longstowe

10.30am ~ Holy Communion at Bourn, Boxworth, Etlisley, Graveley, Kingston and Papworth Everard

11.00am Holy Communion at Caxton and Elsworth

6.00pm Songs of Praise at Toseland



*Alleluia*

Hosanna in the highest

Remember me

Father forgive them

Christ is Risen!



## Children's Sunflower Competition



We are planning to start a Sunflower Growing Competition for all the children in the village aged between 0 and 18 inclusive. Each child will be given a kit comprising a few seeds, some compost, a pot and a sheet of helpful suggestions.

There will be a meeting in the Village Hall at 10:00am on Saturday 1 April 2017. All children are welcome as well as supporting parents.

At the end of the growing season the sunflowers will be measured and assessed by an independent judge. Prizes will be awarded based on size and quality. There will be several runners-up prizes.

In the autumn, the centre of the flowers can be saved and the seeds used to feed the birds over the winter.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to take part, growing kits can be obtained from:

Ffanni Apperley, Chaundlers, Church Lane (263068)

Suzy Stokes, The Old Post Office, Rectory Lane (262207)

Young children may need parent's help. Older children... we hope this is not beneath you! It would be lovely to see loads of large sunflowers all around the village.



## Chuck Prophet, Singer and Songwriter

I bought Chuck Prophet's newly released album on the strength of the title song alone. Titled "Bobby Fuller Died For Your Sins", thankfully the record (I bought the vinyl version) hasn't let me down. Full of guitar licks and classic rock and roll references (I hear echoes of Lou Reed, David Bowie, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, Mott the Hoople and Jackson Browne), Prophet describes his music as "California Noir", an exploration of the tension between the romance of the California Dream and the stark reality of life as it really is. Behind the popular images of Hollywood and the sun-baked sea and surf of California's beaches lies the reality: the sordid and tawdry underworld of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

Which is where the reference to Bobby Fuller comes in. Fuller hailed from El Paso, Texas, and wound up in Los Angeles in the early 1960s with two hits quickly under his belt, "Love's Made a Fool of You" and the powerfully iconoclastic "I Fought the Law" (later recorded by the Clash). Displaying his roots in music (Buddy Holly and the Crickets in Texas and Eddie Cochran in California), his first hit was previously a hit for Buddy Holly and "I Fought the Law" was written by Sonny Curtis who joined the Crickets after Buddy Holly's death and was first released on the 1960 record "In Style with the Crickets". In 1966, at the height of his popularity but caught up in the seamier side of the Californian under-life, Bobby Fuller was found dead in his car outside his LA apartment, apparently asphyxiated. Rumours have swirled ever since about his "suicide" (Mafia and LAPD involvement and a "mobbed-up" girlfriend have all been cited as contributing factors) but the fact remains, as Chuck Prophet attests, that Bobby Fuller died **because of** all our sins. He lived, however temporarily, the high-life only to be caught up in the low-life. Although the album's title may be construed as being sacrilegious, I believe Prophet (an apt name perhaps) is trying to make a serious point: that the glitz and glamour of the celebrity life is a short step away from seedy street. His record stands as a warning to all those of us who chase false idols.

If you like guitar-based classic rock and roll with edgy lyrics and grown-up themes then this is the LP for you. The title track is a wonderful melange of riffs from "I Fought the Law" and modern musings and, as such, is worth the price of the LP alone. Seek out also the track "Bad Year for Rock and Roll", a timely piece of homage to David Bowie and other rock stars that we lost in 2016. I had never heard of Chuck Prophet before, but I shall certainly be delving into his ten-plus previous recordings.

**Peter Holly**

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## CHRISTENING MATTERS!

One of the particular delights for me as your local Vicar is when we welcome families to a church service for the christening of a young child; not least because the parents have made a very conscious choice to celebrate the recent birth by giving thanks to God and asking for His blessing on their baby as part of a wider celebration and gathering. Your local church is good at doing this bit with you!

In my experience, it is not unusual for a range of thoughts to be in the minds of parents at such a time. For some it is about establishing or espousing a Christian framework for the values and patterns they intend their child to grow up knowing. For others to have a child christened is a reflection of their own faith so that when the time comes the child – maybe as a teenager – has a backcloth against which to make their own choice to continue in that way or leave the way of faith behind. Equally it is not unusual that parents just know it's what they want to do and may be very unsure about what they really believe themselves.

I like to encourage parents who are considering having a child christened to see this as one small step towards what – at its best – can become a lifelong pattern of knowing and enjoying God; but whether or not people are thinking like you, you will find it is an opportunity for the Christian church to extend a welcome and reflect back to you the unwavering love of God for you.

Yes, God actually likes us, loves us and wants us to know Him better; so christening is an important way of saying, in effect, 'That sounds and feels good to us; let's see where this leads us!'

I hope parents, grandparents, wider family members and friends will read this and say to one another something along these lines: 'Wouldn't it be nice to explore having .... christened at the local church?!'

I remember feeling awe-struck minutes after the birth of our first child; that this little bundle was God's gift to my wife and I – what a delight and privilege! I know I was not unusual, and part of the contribution the church in this village can make at this time is to share this with you by showing something of God's delight also!

If you want to find out more about having a child christened, or as an adult taking such a step for yourself for the first time, please feel free to get in touch:

Email > [nigel.dicastiglione@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.dicastiglione@gmail.com) or [papworthteamministryoffice@gmail.com](mailto:papworthteamministryoffice@gmail.com)  
Telephone > 01954-267241 (home), 07770697240 (mobile). 01480-839933 (Team Office).

I look forward to hearing from some of you and meeting many more at a christening very soon.

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at Great St Marys, Senate House Hill, Cambridge, CB2 3PQ 01223 741720

The exhibition will display a vibrant selection of both paintings and Perspex pieces full of light, form and colour.

Douglas Jeal was a sculpture lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University for over 20 years and has exhibited globally and locally. Admission is free. All proceeds from the sale of the artworks are to be donated to Great St Mary's Church and the Arthur Rank Hospice which supported Douglas whilst he was suffering from motor neurone disease.

## **Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter (Feb-Mar 2017)**

In my last newsletter, education was the key theme – this month it's all things infrastructure! Where to start...!?

I had the pleasure of meeting the new chief executive of the City Deal, Rachel Stopard. You won't be surprised to hear I shared my concerns with her about the Cambourne to Cambridge busway proposal known as 3/3a, which would cut across green belt north of Coton. We must of course find an effective public transport link, but spending upwards of £140m on a guided busway that cuts through swathes of greenbelt and doesn't even connect with the city centre is sheer madness to me. Local groups are proposing alternative, cheaper options and I will fight hard to ensure they are considered fully before a final decision is made. Public money is tight and we must spend it wisely.

I've also coordinated a number of meetings with stakeholders including Highways England, Abellio Greater Anglia, Govia, Laing, Network Rail, District Council Leader Peter Topping and County Councillors to name but a few! I want us to bid for some of the Government's Autumn statement money for a number of local improvements. It may be that we can combine funds with those available in the existing City Deal and our devolution deal due to go live in May. I'm interested principally in upgrading the A505 from the M11 to the A11 including the bridge at Whittlesford (I haven't forgotten about a cycle path linking Duxford and Whittlesford!) and the well overdue Foxton level crossing. I've also held meetings to understand progress on plans for the A428 upgrade and Oxford-Cambridge rail link. Last but by no means least, I have pulled together a programme board to really move things forward with a new train station at Addenbrooke's hospital. These projects are at various stages of progression, but I will keep my website updated every step of the way.

I'd like now to blow the trumpets of our local constabulary! They have recently launched an initiative to tackle parking issues across South Cambridgeshire. They have developed an online form for you to complete to report any parking issues in your area. I think it's a tremendous community focused idea, so please do have a look here. <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCams-Parking>

I cannot believe it is almost a year since we tragically lost Jo Cox, my colleague at Westminster. On June 17th/18th this year, her legacy charity will be promoting "The Great Get Together", a weekend long event which aims to bring us together to celebrate friendship and community. Some of the UK's biggest organisations will

be taking part including the Women's Institute, Oxfam and the Royal British Legion. You can find more details here <https://greatgettogether.org/> or on her charity website. If you are interested in setting something up, please let me know so I can spread the word, join you, or help in any way. I'd love it if we could have a number of events taking place all over the constituency.

If there is anything I can help you with more generally, please find details of my no appointment needed surgeries on my website

[www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries). I'll next be in Cambourne on April 22<sup>nd</sup> (10.30am – 12.30 pm at The Pavilion, Back Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6FY). I can also be contacted on 01954 212707 or email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.co.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.co.uk).



You are warmly invited to attend an evening of musical entertainment at Bourn Primary Academy where, as is the tradition, you will be regaled by a host of performers and artistes kindly giving their time to raise funds to provide and enhance the children's musical experiences throughout the year.

### ***TICKETS ON SALE from 12th MAY***

*At Bourn Primary Academy and Village Shop*

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Auditions will take place at the School, on the evenings of  
20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 7-9pm.

Sponsors are sought to help cover the cost of staging this magnificent event, in return for promotional opportunities on the School website and in the programme.

Donations are also gratefully received.

Further information on participation, auditions, sponsorship and donations can be obtained from the School Office at  
[office@bourn.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bourn.cambs.sch.uk)

## **National Plant Monitoring Scheme**

**Do you know anyone with an interest in wild plants or who would like to learn more about them? As the weather warms and the days get longer we are looking for people to help us.**

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme is helping us to understand what is happening to different habitats across the UK and is set to run for a number of years. The Scheme has been running for two survey seasons and over 900 volunteers have signed up and been out surveying. One of the reasons the scheme has enjoyed such good success in attracting volunteers is because of the support of local parish councils. Many of these volunteers are new to plant surveying and have found the scheme accessible, are enjoying taking part and are exploring places close to them and finding out new things. Volunteers are supported by materials which are sent to them, online resources and free training courses.

**Do you know somebody who enjoys being outside?** There are still opportunities to get involved with the scheme as a volunteer. In fact the more volunteers we have the more information is generated allowing us to get an even better understanding of what is happening in the landscape.

### **Who we are and what we need:**

This scheme is a partnership between Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI); JNCC; Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) and Plantlife and is backed by the government. Volunteers are recruited and supported to survey 5 plots in a kilometre square close to where they live. The plots will be surveyed twice a year. The kilometre squares to monitor have been identified by stratified random sampling. The plants have been chosen as indicators of the health of individual habitats. There are 3 levels volunteers can participate at depending on confidence and knowledge and support will be provided both through training; web and telephone.

### **More help please:**

Across Cambridgeshire there are still 12 squares available to survey with more to be released in the future.

We would be hugely grateful if the scheme can be promoted using the NPMS flyer (<http://www.npms.org.uk/sites/www.npms.org.uk/files/PDF/NPMS%20flyer.pdf>).

The live map on the NPMS website shows the squares that are available:  
[http://www.npms.org.uk/square-near-me-public?dynamic-return\\_all\\_squares=true](http://www.npms.org.uk/square-near-me-public?dynamic-return_all_squares=true)

We particularly need to promote the scheme in remote areas as well as areas including those with coastal and upland habitats.

To sign up please visit [www.npms.org.uk](http://www.npms.org.uk) or for further information please email [support@npms.org.uk](mailto:support@npms.org.uk) or phone 01722 342743.

Thank you for your support





## Papworth Team Ministry (C of E)

The Papworth Team Ministry now has a new Team Office:

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Ermine Street North  
Papworth Everard  
CB23 3UY

Email: [papworthteamministryoffice@gmail.com](mailto:papworthteamministryoffice@gmail.com)

Web: [www.papworthteamchurches.org](http://www.papworthteamchurches.org)

Our Team Administrator, Chris Westgarth, works in the office normally on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings; serving the parishes of Bourn, Boxworth, Caxton, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley with Papworth St Agnes, Kingston, Knapwell, Longstowe, Papworth Everard, Toseland and Yelling.

For enquires about weddings, baptisms, funerals and general parish matters, please contact Chris (as above), visit the website or speak to one of our clergy...

> The Revd Nigel di Castiglione, Team Rector – 07770 697240 - 01954 267241

> The Revd Stephen Day, Team Vicar - 01954 264226

### Foodbank

If you, or someone you know, is in urgent need of food because of a sudden emergency (eg change to benefits, illness, job loss etc), you/they may be able to receive 3 days emergency food supplies from a local foodbank distribution centre. The nearest is in The Ark in Cambourne. Food is distributed to those who have a foodbank voucher. Various agencies can administer vouchers, including the church. If you are in need, contact Revd Stephen Day, Bourn Rectory, 01954 264226.

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