

*Kingston Parish & Church
Magazine*



April 2022

Village Diary

Saturday 2nd April

Pub Night with Pizza. Orders by Thursday lunchtime, if possible. We will start serving at 6pm.

Tuesdays at 10am

Wellness Workouts at the Village Hall

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 6th April

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 13th April

Black bin

Friday 22nd April

Blue and Green bins

Thursday 28th April

Black bin

Editorial

As the song says, "March went out like a lion"... and took a quarter of the year with it already. But let's take the robin on this month's cover as a harbinger of spring. And hope the village returns to normal after the recent disruptive road works with both Cambridge Water Company and County Broadband making their presence felt!

Jubilee. Plans continue behind the scenes, so remember to save the date for our Kingston festivities. And do come forward with any further ideas or offers of help. Sue Dagleish will be happy to hear from you.

Please notice the request for orders for jubilee mugs in this issue.

Please keep any articles or photos coming in by the 20th each month. Also any items for Exchange and Mart.

Miki Ellar miki.ellar7@gmail.com

Cover photo: sent in by Heather Ginn

Vicar's Letter

Two days after the deadline for the March magazine, Russia invaded Ukraine, so by the time you read this, the war will have been raging for over a month, with all the tragic death and destruction that brings. Millions of Ukrainian citizens have fled their homes into neighbouring countries and further afield; thousands of families have been bereaved, in Russia as well as Ukraine; as yet untold billions of property damage has been done.

The war is being fought on the ground with bombs and bullets, but it is being fought as intensely in other spheres too: finance, commerce, cyberspace, media, and politics are all theatres in this war. Sanctions, hacking, and propaganda are in full swing. Claim and counter-claim are flung out – though in many cases people are prevented from hearing things their government don't want them to.

Faced with such deliberate confusion, tragedy, and the overhanging threat of nuclear weapons, how can we hold such things together with a belief in the goodness of God? If God is good, and all powerful, why does God allow such a situation to even begin, let alone continue? And practically speaking what can we do, here in our peaceful Cambridgeshire villages to make things better?

The first thing we can and must do is to hold on to the knowledge that God is love, and to pray for peace. We must pray for justice, and that those in Russia and elsewhere who are aggressors in war will realise how wrong they have been, stop the fighting, withdraw the troops, and begin reparations. And if they will not change, then we must ask God to remove them by whatever means necessary, and replace them with a leadership bent on peace, and ready to bring war criminals to justice.

We can help in practical ways, too: welcoming refugees if possible, pressuring our government to do more to help, and giving via the DEC to those charities working in war zones and with refugees.

What we must not do, now or ever, is rejoice in the deaths of anyone, whichever side they're on. They all have families and friends who love them and grieve over them, and among those fighting in Ukraine in particular, many are conscripts, misled by Kremlin propaganda.

God grieves over all our violence and all our lies, over each person who dies, over every one whose mind is scarred by what they experience, and so carries hatred forward to the next generation, the next war.

Dare I hope that 2 days after the deadline for the April magazine, we will have cause to rejoice?

Rev. Steve Day

Church Services for April

Sunday 3rd April **Holy Communion 8.30am**

Sunday 17th April **EASTER SUNDAY 10.30am**

ZOOM Chapel: **10.00am** 3rd April

Morning Prayer (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)

Team Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm (7.45pm during Lent)

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm

For further information and the Zoom link see www.papworthteamchurches.org

Easter 2022

As always *everyone* is warmly invited to come to our celebration of Easter on Sunday 17th April.

Church cleaning

1 st Sunday	Peter and Suzy Stokes
2 nd Sunday	Donal and Monica O'Donnell
3 rd Sunday	Peter Reynolds
4 th Sunday	Janet Clear
5 th Sunday	Linda Rimmer

Church flowers and brasses

3 rd April	Annabel Diggle
10 th April	Christine Stone
17 th April	Christine Allison
24 th April	Kay Forsythe

Easter Across the Papworth Team

There will be a Good Friday walk from Eltisley to Caxton, starting at Eltisley Church with hot cross buns at 10.15am and finishing at Caxton Church in time for the Noon Stations of the Cross, speak to Nichola Donald – 01480 880285 for more information.

There will be a Service of Light at Conington Church at 8.30pm on Holy Saturday, 16th April.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS 5th April 2022 ALL VERY WELCOME!

The **Annual Church Meetings** will be held in the church on **Tuesday the 5th April at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to attend. The first of these meetings is the **ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS** at which two churchwardens are elected: it is the ancient right of all parishioners registered as civil electors – irrespective of religious affiliation – to nominate candidates for this office and to vote for their election. Secondly, there follows the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** at which members of the Parochial Church Council are elected by those on the church's electoral roll. Annual reports are also presented: these include a financial report, a report on the fabric, a safeguarding report and a report from the Team Rector.

The church is at present solvent (thanks to the generous response to last year's appeal) and the PCC is actively engaged in trying to raise the funds (£122,516 including VAT) to repair an unsafe ceiling and a leaking south aisle roof. The church was placed on Historic England's **At Risk Register** in January 2020. To date we have secured grants worth £55,420 and a loan of £20,000. This leaves a shortfall of £47,096. More grant applications have been submitted but there is no doubt that the parish will have to raise more itself. Please support the **AUCTION OF PROMISES**. There are currently only four members of the Parochial Church Council. This year our Secretary, Janet Clear is retiring after 12 years of sterling service: this will reduce membership to three. Unless we can recruit more people to stand for election to the PCC, the church's future cannot be assured. ***Please consider joining the PCC.*** And – whatever your views – please do come along to these important meetings.

Your mobile library

The mobile library calls at Kingston every month. It's open to everyone, free to join and offers a wide range of books for all ages. You can also return items borrowed from any library to your local mobile library.

Our route is C11 and calls on the second Thursday of every month. From the May visit the library will call at the changed time of 13:00 to 13:30 and will park near the crossroads.

Flowers for Easter Sunday 17th April

Everyone is welcome to join in the decorating of the church which will be on Saturday 16th April from 10.00am, including any children who would like to make an Easter Garden.

As in previous years, any donations towards the cost of lilies would be very welcome and should be made payable to Kingston Church - please email me for bank transfer details.

In line with current guidelines, we are no longer using oasis. There may be a biodegradable form of oasis becoming available shortly. Meantime, chicken wire, pin holders, twine and other mechanical material is suggested.

Please do get in touch if you have any queries, and thank you for your continuing support.

Linda Smith

East West Rail - Update

We are still awaiting details of progress on the East West Rail Project however, in the meantime, the Parish Council has recently agreed to lend their support to a community letter that will be sent to Grant Shapps MP. The letter will be sent by Anthony Browne MP and is supported by several councils and organisations in the area and will ask for further details of the business case used to support the development of the line following recent changes in government policy relating to the Oxcam Arc and the levelling-up White Paper.

Your village church needs your support!

I know many of you want to see your parish church flourishing and serving well the people of the parish. The generosity of many to the work of the church in Kingston over many years is testimony to this. Thank you. However, like many voluntary organisations, the workers are few whilst the challenges are increasing. As well as seeing attendance declining at Sunday services, we are losing the input of our PCC Secretary, Janet Clear, after many years of active engagement; also, Patrick Thompson as PCC Treasurer. I am grateful for all they, and others, have been able to do. This will leave us with a maximum of 4 people from the village carrying the work of the PCC. We need fresh blood and additional energy, if we are take forward the overall work, inject more pace and come closer to serving the needs of the community.

As I see it, there are probably 3 options:

Option A **Decide there is no future as an independent PCC** and pursue partnership with another of another parish; with a reduced number of regular services and activities.

Option B **Decide there is no future** and seek 'Festival Church' status; where governance of the parish is done elsewhere and no more than 6-8 services per annum.

Option A is little more than a precursor and temporary stay-of-execution to Option B.

Option C **Embrace a bolder vision**. Appeal for new people to help the running of the church's mission and ministry; with uplifting worship and ministry pertinent to the needs of the community; with the work of the PCC going beyond the repair and maintenance of the building (important though these are) and upholding the status quo; working together for further changes that allow the building to become a more flexible and welcoming space - including the installation of basic comfort and hospitality facilities so that it might be used more widely (as it was in the middle ages) as a 'village resource' than it has been heretofore.

To this end I will host an Open Meeting. The purpose is twofold: for me with other members of your PCC to hear what you think about:

What it should look like for us to be more effective as the local church to people of all ages in Kingston; and, inform you of the needs of the church for input and engagement with a view to strengthening the PCC, as part of a bolder vision for the future use of the church building and in service to the village.

These issues have been talked about previously. That said, things don't stand still as people move out of and into Kingston; whilst COVID has had a significant impact on how people are thinking and planning for the future.

Please join us on **Thursday 12th May 2022, in the church from 7.00pm.**

The Revd Nigel di Castiglione

Team Rector

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Thanks to all those who participated in the village quiz which was enjoyed by all. The winning team The Dipsticks are pictured with their trophy

Violets at the Kingston and Bourn Old Railway Nature Reserve



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[Willows with setting sun, Vincent van Gogh]

The Swards Jubilee Willow Wood

The Swards is the nature reserve belonging to Kingston Parish Council on the northern side of the B1046 adjacent to Toft Bridge. As long ago as 1976 Dr Max Walters, then Director of Cambridge Botanic Garden and President of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Naturalist's Trust, advised David Ellar (then Chairman of Parish Council) that '...a valuable botanical/ornithological area could be created by the parish [at The Swards], by planting native willow species from the conservation section of the Botanic Garden'. Nothing came of this suggestion, for various reasons. Since then, however, a number of wild-origin local seedling willows have been planted on the site, some of them now already mature trees. The willows of the Bourn Brook in Kingston are of great botanical interest and include no fewer than eight species plus a number of hybrids (willows are notoriously promiscuous). We have at The Swards, for example, the rare variant of *Salix x fragilis*, var, *furcata*, and the very rare *Salix gmelinii*. In fact, Kingston is the only recorded station in the county for the latter. Willows support vast numbers of organisms: more invertebrates are associated with Salices than with any other trees. They are especially important for bees. More than 350 years ago John Evelyn observed in his *Sylva* that 'If some [willows] be permitted to wear their tops five or six years, their Palms will be very ample, and yield the first, and most plentiful relief to Bees, even before our Abricots [sic] blossom.'

Tree planting is one of the objectives of H M the Queen's Jubilee celebration this year. The Parish Council now proposes to add to the willows on the Swards by taking cuttings from plants on site for planting later this autumn. I am proposing to take these cuttings and grow them on for a couple of weeks in water to establish root growth. Would you like to be involved in this project? Can you take 10 cuttings (or more) this month and grow them on in your garden over the summer? They should be planted in cultivated ground (a vegetable patch is ideal), about 400mm apart: the critical thing is that they should be watered if a dry summer ensues. We can organise a planting day later in the year. We are looking to plant 100 cuttings this year – please contact me if you would like to take part.

Peter Reynolds (peterreynolds299@btinternet.com)

Kingston Jubilee Mugs

As a village we are planning to hold several events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Over the coming months we will be sending emails to let everyone know about the various events.

We would like to mark the occasion of the Queen's platinum jubilee by giving each child aged 16 and under in the village a special commemorative mug – we have a list of all the children living in the village however if anyone knows of any children that are due to move here in the near future please let us know so that they can also be included.

We would also like to offer the opportunity for others in the village to order one of these special Kingston Jubilee Mugs if they would be interested. The cost of each mug would be £5.17. As these are proving popular the cut -off date for orders from the supplier will be around the start of April therefore if anyone would be interested in placing an order could they please send an email to help us gauge interest.

Email address :- jubilee@kingstonvillage.org.uk



The wording on the Kingston Mugs would be:-

Kingston

Platinum Jubilee of

Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II

1952 – 2022

(As the supplier has a minimum order level for personalised mugs we need to sell an additional number of mugs to meet the minimum level required to allow the Kingston personalisation to be added. If perhaps we do not manage to reach this level then we plan to provide non customized versions for the children of the village instead)



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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, Lolworth, Longstowe, Papworth Everard, Toseland and Yelling.

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

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Old photographs of Kingston 8: Kingston Cricket Team



Kingston had an active cricket team until about 1946. The pitch was the pasture field behind Field Row, now part of the garden of David and Christine Stone's house, Broadlands, in Field Road. The date of this photograph is unknown but probably mid 1930s. Sadly, we know the names of only a few of those in the picture. Phoebe Lindsay (*seated left*) was the scorer.

P. R.

Bourn School Bag Drop

Thank you to all who donated unwanted items for the Bourn School Bag Drop. We raised £184.45 for our school. The next bag drop will take place on 6th June, details to follow nearer the time.
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*All the flowers of all the tomorrows
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County Broadband infrastructure work in Kingston - Update

Sadly, I have no information from County Broadband to pass on. They started off saying all the right things to us, and that they value working with parish councils for the local knowledge and input we can give. We expected to receive maps and plans to show us what infrastructure they planned for the village eg where they were going to use existing poles, where they needed to dig up roads and so on. I was anticipating giving proper updates to residents in this magazine and on the Kingston Facebook Page, but this has not been possible.

As I write this on Friday 18th March, we have an unexpected total road closure of Church Lane. This follows on from the partial road closure we have been enduring for the last 10 days, and the damage to a water main that resulted in a river along the road for several days. County Broadband are apparently not legally obliged to notify us about any of this work, and they say they don't need permission for a temporary road closure, but I am disappointed that they have not bothered with the courtesy of keeping the Parish Council informed. We have also raised with them our concerns about the new telegraph poles erected on the Bourn Road, but have not received a response.

Julie Conder

Kingston Parish Councillor

18th March 2022

EARTH DAY 2022: 22 April INVEST IN OUR PLANET

This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest In Our Planet. Because a green future is a prosperous future.

We need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). It's going to take all of us. All in. Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.

And while there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose BOTH a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, time is short.

At a rally, a clean-up, with your vote, or your wallet, be heard however you are able. For all of us – today and for our future – let's INVEST IN OUR PLANET!

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MARK STEELE

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Is Kingston the Centre of the Walking Football World?

Our village probably has the highest number of Walking Footballers per capita in the world. That's a statement worth revisiting. Walking Football (WF) is aimed at the over 50s and is a very fast growing sport played in over 50 countries. James Clear, Ian Smith, Barry Marsh, Martin Jackson and Nigel Hillyard play at least once a week in Cambourne and Cambridge, and on occasions they have been joined by Pat Hillyard and Charlie Richmond. WF is very inclusive and it is not unusual for Ladies and Men to play against each other.

In February, many of the Kingston men featured in a double page spread in the Cambridge Independent <https://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/sport/why-walking-football-could-be-an-exemplar-model-as-an-introd-9243490/>, and on Saturday the 19th March, James and Martin played in front of 8,000 in a demonstration match that Nigel was refereeing. This was at half time during the game between Cambridge and Milton Keynes Dons and was a promotion for a Walking Football Marathon they are all playing in on the 2nd May, which James and Nigel are organising. This event is a fundraiser to support football sessions for those with both mental and physical disabilities run by Phil Mullen of Cambridge United Community Trust.

Nigel said; "In February 2022, I shadowed Phil Mullen for a week and attended 16 disability sessions run by the Trust, including sessions for those with Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Visual and Hearing Impairments, Amputees, Autism and other Learning Difficulties, where I witnessed his infinite patience and skill with about 100 different individuals. He coached and cajoled, and even teased when the moment was right, in doing so always provoking a sense of achievement or pride and a broad smile on the face of each individual under his guidance. Apart from meeting many lovely inspirational people, I got a real sense of how important his work is and if anyone had witnessed what I did they would understand why this cause is so worthwhile. If you can, please donate – every £1 helps."

If you would like to support this cause please go to <https://cuctrust.enthuse.com/cf/cuct-walking-football-marathon> where you can pick which Kingston resident you would like to sponsor, or email Nigel at nigel.hillyard@btinternet.com and he will point you in the right direction and/or answer any questions you may have about this event.

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