

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



January 2022

Village Diary

Saturday 1st Jan

Pub Night (no pizza)

Wheelie bin collection dates

*Saturday 8th January

Black bin

*Friday 14th January

Blue and Green bins

*Thursday 20th January

Black bin

Wednesday 26th January

Blue bin only

(*Note changed days)

Editorial

Well, this is my last magazine as Acting Editor – Miki Ellar now takes over! I'm sure she will do a great job. Please support her by writing up something for the magazine – it could be a villager's description of an event in the village, or a funny story remembered from some incident in your past. Maybe a recipe. Or what about a puzzle? Don't be shy – write up about, or send in a picture, of something you're proud of, perhaps something you've made. Maybe a series of short items describing progress on some enterprise, such as a car restoration or a garden project. Photos are always needed for the front cover. Let's keep up the example set by Peter Holly, and make each issue alive and interesting.

This month's cover photo was a beautiful sunrise taken by Tony Smart from an upstairs window of his house on 11th December.

I'm writing this in the week before Christmas, but by the time you read it, Christmas will be long over and 2022 will have started or be about to start. I hope you all had a jolly Covid-free Christmas, and I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year.

Peter Stokes

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Vicar's Letter

We like new things: new cars, new phones, new clothes, new jobs, new sofas, new babies, new places to visit, and New Years.

There are exceptions – vintage wine, antique furniture, or the beloved toy with its fur rubbed off and stuffing hanging out – but new things usually seem shinier, better, and more desirable than old ones.

So at the start of a new year, it's worth reflecting on God's message through the prophet Isaiah:

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare; says the Lord

This is in one of the passages in the book of Isaiah called the 'servant songs'. They talk about God's servant, the Messiah, through whom God will do new things, in new ways.

We talk about a new broom sweeping clean – old processes and people are swept aside to make way for the new. Old buildings are knocked down so that new ones can be built. But we all know the pain and upset that things like this cause.

So rather than just sweeping away the old things and old ways to put something new in place, God's servant won't 'break the bruised reed or snuff out the dimly burning wick'. The things which most of us would probably think it was quite reasonable to get rid of, he will instead treat gently.

This New Year comes with stresses and burdens beyond what most of us will have experienced before, so you might not feel like celebrating, but more like a bruised reed or a dimly burning wick.

If you are feeling broken by the weight and sadness of the world or by fear of the future – whether it's the pandemic or Brexit or the environment, or some other more private burden – take heart: the new thing which God sent his servant to do includes you.

When God does something new, it's not about getting rid of the old, but redeeming it, transforming it, fulfilling it: God gathers up, in Jesus, all the Old Testament promises and prophecies, to make a new covenant and a new people. Through the new covenant there's a new relationship with God available to anyone who seeks it.

This is the best new thing of all!

Revd. Steve Day

Church Services for January

Sunday 2nd January **Holy Communion 8.30am**

Sunday 16th January **Family Service 10.30am**

ZOOM Chapel: **10.00am** 2nd January

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

Team Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm

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

Church cleaning

1st Sunday Peter and Suzy Stokes

2nd Sunday Donal and Monica O'Donnell

3rd Sunday Peter Reynolds

4th Sunday Janet Clear

5th Sunday Linda Rimmer

Church flowers and brasses

2nd January Kay Forsythe

9th January Janet Clear

16th January Miki Ellar

23rd January Linda Smith

30th January Lee Steele

YVONNE KESTER 1936-2021

Yvonne Kester, late of Fordham, died in November 2021, aged 85. Her funeral took place at Cambridge Crematorium on the 14th December. For many years Yvonne lived at number 5 Crane's Lane, moving away after her husband Vic died. Vic worked at Town Farm for Ebbe Heyman and Yvonne worked at Payne's Farm for the Millers. R.I.P.

New Magazine Editor

We are very pleased to announce that Miki Ellar is taking on the role of editing our Kingston Parish and Church Magazine from the next (February) issue. Please send her your copy ***before the 20th of the month***. Many thanks to Peter Stokes for standing in as Editor following Peter Holly's retirement. Miki may be contacted by email: miki.ellar7@gmail.com

Contributions of local or personal interest are always very welcome. Kingston magazine is published by Kingston Parochial Church Council. A grant from Kingston's Parish Council enables it to be sent free to all households in the parish.

Grants from the National Churches Trust and The Wolfson Foundation

On the 26th November Kingston was offered two grants of £5,000 each towards the cost of the repairs to the church ceiling, south aisle roof and south clerestory windows: these are from the National Churches Trust and The Wolfson Foundation. Kingston PCC, needless to say, is delighted to have accepted these offers. We hope that the work will begin in August, but more fund raising is still required, and to this end we are planning an Auction of Promises and two concerts.



New Arrivals

A very warm welcome to Alice and Steven Hubbard who recently moved into The Studio on Church Lane. They have been living in Shelford since coming to the UK from Australia four and a half years ago. We hope to see them around the village and at forthcoming events soon.

Village Carol Singing

Thank you to all carollers who came out to sing on Wednesday 15th December - one of the warmest carol-singing nights since I started in 2007. Also, a huge thank you to all who donated, which to date has raised £985 + gift aid. Further update next month.

Janet Clear

Old photographs of Kingston 5: Obadiah Custance and Levi Jacklin, mid 1920s.



Horsemen Obadiah Custance and Levi Jacklin with a three-horse team in front of Town Farm. The roof and back chimney of Town Farmhouse (now The Old Farmhouse) may be seen in the background. Like most of the village families at that time they were related: Obadiah Custance married Clara Jacklin in 1902: some will remember their daughters Lucy and Zillah, who lived in the Dovecot in Crane's Lane all their adult lives: they constituted our church choir and never spent a night outside the village until their final days in Addenbrooke's Hospital. Obadiah died in 1940 aged 72, and Levi in 1952, aged 68. Few agricultural workers lived long in those days: both lie at rest in our churchyard, as do Clara Custance, Levi's wife Beatrice, Lucy and Zillah. **P.R**

Kingston Nativity Play

The Kingston Village Nativity play and visit from Father Christmas went ahead on Saturday 18th December. The weather held, so we were able to hold the Nativity in a Covid-secure manner outside the Village Hall using the ramp as the aisle and stage.

The children all dressed up, as did the narrators with full academic gowns and Christmas hats. We watched a wonderful performance, especially incredible as there was no practice beforehand. The backstage crew helped to guide everyone to the right place at the right time and we had piano accompaniment for the carols. The vicar concluded the performance with prayers.

A short while after the performance ended, Father Christmas arrived in his wonderful old car, ringing a bell and honking his car's amazingly noisy horn. He delivered presents to all the children, much to the consternation of one young boy, who told his mum he hadn't actually asked Father Christmas for a book, and why had he arrived in a car and not on a sleigh.

It was a lovely event, one much appreciated by all attendees. Thanks go to the children for making it so special, to our piano player, the backstage crew, the donkey and the two narrators, who stepped in at very short notice, the vicar for the concluding prayers, and Father Christmas for finding time in his busy schedule to make a special visit to Kingston.


Katherine Stalham

Big Garden Birdwatch

28-30 January

Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden or local park for one hour.

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Wildlife Trust West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update: Jan 2022

The West Cambs Hundreds is one of our Living Landscape areas stretching south of the A428 between Gamlingay and Comberton, and encompassing nationally important ancient woodlands as well as the more accessible Cambourne Nature Reserve. Within this area, we don't just manage reserves, we also work with volunteers, residents and landowners like farmers and councils, to make the space in between better for wildlife.

One project we are involved in is toad patrol. Depending on the weather sometime between mid-February and late March, amphibians emerge from hibernation and migrate to their breeding areas. Toads in particular stick to ancestral ponds, and when their habitat is fragmented by roads, they are often run over. Our volunteers patrol known crossing points on warmer wet evenings, collecting toads from one side of the road, and carrying them in buckets to a safer area on the other side. Toads specifically, and amphibians in general, are in serious decline.



*Female toad in a bucket by
Rebecca Neal*

The main known crossing point near Bourn is on Broadway, the road that runs beside the airfield, between the aerial and the haulage road near to Filcris. Please watch out for toads and volunteers in high vis vests in February and March on this stretch of road, when it is above 5 degrees and wet.

How you can help:

- Volunteer on a toad patrol
- Slow down on the roads when amphibians (and volunteers) might be crossing
- Register amphibian crossing points (where you find multiple animals dead on the road) through the Froglife website
- Let us know if you see animals early in the season as this helps us know when we need to start patrolling
- Make your garden better for amphibians by providing water, log piles and compost heaps, and wilder areas where they might hunt.

You can read more about toads and how to help, on our website:

www.wildlifebcn.org/blog/rebecca-neal/why-you-should-love-toads-and-other-amphibians

If you want to help make Cambourne Nature Reserve better for people and wildlife, you can come on our trial work parties. The next ones are Saturday morning 22nd Jan and 12th Feb.

The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, Buff wood plus Cambourne Nature Reserve.

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News Update from Bourn Primary

The Autumn term was just as busy as ever at Bourn Primary. We welcomed our new children into Reception, which is known as Acorn Class. They settled into school life well and even performed in their nativity play, which was filmed for family and friends to watch over Christmas. The children in Acorn have spent time with their 'buddies' in the newly re-named Year 6 Oak Class. The children in Year 6 made the decision to change their class name from Maple to Oak. Now, our children start school as little Acorns, and leave as mighty Oaks!

We have worked hard to keep school as normal as possible for the children, despite the concerns around Covid. We had to revert to having assemblies via Zoom most days, but for the first half term, we were able to have our Friday morning Celebration assembly outside on the playground. This also meant that we could sing loudly together, and I know many local residents enjoyed the sounds of children singing at 9am on a Friday morning. We had such positive feedback that we increased the number of songs we sang! The children have also taken part in school trips, as well as having educational visitors to enhance their learning – most notably, two world renowned opera singers who left the children wide eyed and open mouthed in amazement at the power and beauty of their voices.

We also played host to Pudsey Bear in the run up to Children in Need! We were asked by BBC Cambridgeshire to be part of the Great Fancy Dress Singalong, and so we dressed up and sang our hearts out in front of our Book Bus as we were filmed by the BBC. We even made it onto the national BBC Children in Need programme on the night – only a couple of seconds worth of fame – but we were definitely there! The children (and adults) had a fantastic day, as well as raising money for such a good charity.

Our Book Bus is coming together. It is now complete with electricity and lights, thanks to Paul Church Electrical who donated his time and materials to get it installed. We have also had a large team of people who have been working on it, from painting the interior, carpentry, body work, stabilising the bus so it doesn't wobble and designing the exterior artwork. It now also has smart new doors that are weathertight, thanks to the Cambridge Window Company who also donated their time and materials. We have been blown away by the kindness and generosity of individuals, businesses and other organisations, including the Parish Councils of Bourn and Caxton who have also made donations. The next stage is to finish the carpentry and bookshelves, lay the floor and complete the external bodywork. We will then be able to get to the very exciting stage of filling the bus with books, cosy seating and getting the internal and external artwork completed. Thank you to

everyone who has helped or donated to the project in any way – we really appreciate it, and know we will be able to make this bus an amazing tribute to Lyla. If you live on the roads around the school, you may have noticed our Year 5 road safety monitors on duty every morning with their hi-viz jackets and clipboards. Their job is to monitor the parking, driving and road crossing immediately outside the school. During the Autumn term, we have definitely noticed an improvement in all of these areas. We are very aware of the impact of the school run traffic on residents and thanks to the kind offer of Manor Farm, parents are able to park in the car park there to then walk down to the school, reducing congestion on the roads around school.

As I write, Omicron is threatening to impact us all again. We don't know what the new year will bring, but Bourn Primary, along with all other schools, will deal with whatever comes our way. We will face the new year and its opportunities and challenges with a positive spirit and a determination to succeed in whatever we are required to do.

I wish all of you a happy, and healthy 2022.

Laura Latham

Headteacher, Bourn Primary Academy

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How many churches are visible from Kingston?

Kingston is one of the more elevated parishes of Cambridgeshire, rising from the Bourn Brook at 24 metres to the dizzying height of 75 metres above sea level on the Old Wimpole Road: our highest point on the OS map is just east of New Farm at 78 metres. The highest parish in Cambridgeshire is Great Chishill at 146m; Castle Camps attains 128m; nearer to us, Croydon Hill rises to 83 metres. The Rev'd Edward Conybeare, sometime Rector of Barrington, claimed in his *Rambles Around Cambridge* (1902) that no fewer than 83 churches could be seen from what he called White Hill or Chapel Hill, between Haslingfield and Barrington. We have our own extensive views, particularly from Crane's Lane. I wonder how many churches (including Cambridge college chapels) can be seen from Kingston? Please send me your lists over the next two or three months.

Peter Reynolds



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