

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



April 2023

Village Diary

Saturday 1st April

Sunday 2nd April 8.30am

Sunday 9th April 10.30am

Thursday 13th April 1 - 1:30pm

Thursday 20th April 7.30 pm

Tuesdays at 10-11am

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Fridays at 10-11am

Pub Night

Palm Sunday Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion

Library Van at the crossroads

Kingston Music Club

Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Pilates

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 5th April

Friday 14th April

Thursday 20th April

Wednesday 26th April

Thursday 4th May

Blue and Green bins

Black bin

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Black bin

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Editorial

Wow, March certainly gave us plenty of weather challenges, plus all the rain we missed in February it would seem. Wind, rain, snow, sleet, and even flooding for the first time in a while between here and Toft. Despite all this, the colour has finally returned to our gardens and public spaces, and daffodils, snowdrops, crocuses and all the rest are reappearing.

Easter should also be colourful as the flower committee decorates the church and we are all welcome to services for the Easter period.

Villagers might like to take note that the Parish Council is once again up to full strength with the appointment of two new councillors. Thanks to Mark Nicholls and Paul Wheeler for agreeing to serve. Please contact any Parish Councillor if you have concerns about village matters you would like to discuss.

And now our thoughts turn to the May coronation. Ideas are being considered and anyone who has anything they would like to contribute is very welcome to contact the Parish Council. Some ways to celebrate are already under discussion and will be in the next magazine.

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Vicar's Letter

Potholes. You can't have failed to notice them getting worse and worse over the past few months. They've reached a point where many of the local roads are an obstacle course for drivers – and positively dangerous for cyclists.

Rain water gets into the tiniest cracks, widening them when it freezes. It dissolves away anything vaguely soluble, loosening the bindings between the stones of the road surface. And its sheer flow washes away the resulting debris, exposing new areas to its effects.

Then the pounding of traffic, especially buses and lorries compounds all these effects.

Patching a pothole brings temporary respite, but also leaves new weaknesses, which fail surprisingly quickly. What's really needed is not patching, but resurfacing – the taking away of the old, damaged material, and its replacement from the bottom up with a new, resilient surface.

For many of us, life is feeling a bit like our roads at the moment – full of potholes, and difficult, painful, or even dangerous to navigate.

Like a rush of water, the everyday burdens of life – the cost of living, bad news and divisiveness in the media, the continuing effects of covid, and much more – all wear away at our solidity and integrity.

The thud of specific events – an illness, a bereavement, a job loss, a relationship breakdown – destabilises an already fragile structure.

The temptation is to patch the holes – a new job, or a new relationship, or some other form of self-gratification. This might bring some temporary relief, but it won't last: what we need is a thorough restoration. We need the old, broken stuff taking away and something new put in its place. We need renewal, not just repair, and for that we need help.

The 23rd Psalm begins "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul." And Jesus promised "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

If your life feels full of potholes right now, there is help and renewal to be found – just ask.

Revd Steve Day

Good Friday in the Papworth Team

9.30am Family Service
at Bourn

10.30am Hot Cross Buns
at Eltisley & optional walk to
Caxton for the noon service

12 noon Stations of the
Cross at Caxton

Holy Saturday

8.30pm Service of Light
at Conington

Papworth Team Services

Sunday 2nd April **PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion 8.30am**

Sunday 9th April **EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion 10.30am**

The website papworthteamchurches.org has up to date service information for all churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the monthly Team Service and Bible Study and Morning Prayer.

ZOOM Chapel: Sunday 2nd April at 10.00am

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

Team Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm (not 12 April)

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm (not 10 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

2 nd April	Annabel Diggle (* brasses only)
9 th April	Christine Stone (Easter Sunday)
16 th April	Lee Steele
23 rd April	Kay Forsyth
30 th April	Janet Clear

Easter 2023

For those unable to attend worship on Palm Sunday palms will be available for collection from the church. Our Easter service will be taken this year by the Revd Dr Keith Eyeons, Chaplain of Downing College, Cambridge. Keith lives in our area and is a keen amateur astronomer and musician. (See <https://eyeons.uk>). Please note that *everyone* – of any faith or none – is warmly invited to attend and there is no obligation to receive the bread and wine of communion.

Easter Lilies

Donations for Easter lilies would be gratefully received by Monday 3rd April. All are welcome to decorate the Church on Easter Saturday 8th. Thank you for your continued support.

Linda Smith

Holy Baptism 19th February

Isobel Janet Scott Charles, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Charles, was baptised by the Revd Nigel Pearson at the Family Service on the 19th February. Isobel is the granddaughter of Torrie and Linda Smith.

New Church Electoral Roll

Contrary to the announcement in last month's magazine, the church electoral roll is not in fact due for revision until 2025. But new names may be added to the roll at any time: if anybody would like to 'sign up' please contact me.

Peter Reynolds

Papworth Team *Increasing Generosity*

The churches of the Papworth Team have almost raised the target amount of £8,000 towards a new Mission Research Centre for the Leprosy Mission England and Wales in Anandaban, Nepal. The Team has also responded to the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal for aid for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria (www.dec.org.uk). See www.papworthteamchurches.org/charities. The Papworth Team publishes a weekly on-line newsletter which anyone can sign up to receive.

Church Emergency Meeting

The Emergency Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 2nd March was reasonably well attended and there was a wide ranging discussion of the various issues concerning the future viability of the parish church. The critical question remains unresolved, however, and that is the lack of people in the village able and willing to join the Parochial Church Council. In the long term a parish church cannot function legally without a PCC. The earliest mention of a church in Kingston dates from 1092, but it is almost certain that continuous Christian worship in this place goes back more than a thousand years to the pre-Conquest Anglo-Saxon era. Kingston church is currently not only solvent but over the last three years has managed to raise the enormous sum of £135,000, almost enough to fund the extensive repairs which are due to commence later this year. If the church is to have a future in Kingston it needs people to get involved. That future is in your hands.

KINGSTON MUSIC CLUB

The next meeting of the Kingston Music Club will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20 April. Miki Ellar will take a provocative look at 'Protest Songs', drawing examples from the USA and elsewhere, with an account of the background and the context within which these songs came to the fore. Expect to hear words and melodies that transport you back to key moments in popular culture and history. As usual the bar will be open, and everyone is welcome.

Simon Draper

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News update from Bourn Primary

The school year sometimes seems so long, yet also feels as though it passes in a flash! Our new Acorn children now confidently move around the school, sing happily in Collective Worship and are well on the way to reading and writing. Our Year 6s have taken on their roles of responsibility with great pride and they especially love being a Buddy to their younger friends in Acorn Class.

We are now able again to hold performances with a 'live' audience. Acorn Class performed the Nativity story with great confidence and children in year 1 & 2 also put on a wonderful Christmas themed play. It will soon be the turn of year 3 & 4 children to perform songs from the musicals, and year 5 have performed at the O2 as part of the Young Voices performance with thousands of children from schools around the country. Finally, Year 6 will perform their Leavers' Play at the end of the year (although there is a lot for them to do between now and then!)

We celebrated World Book Day with a focus on books that have characters and storylines which represent diverse characters and settings, and of course, children dressed up as their favourite book characters.

We have had support in renovating and developing our garden areas from wonderful members of the Bourn Allotment Association and the Bourn Gardening Club. We are very grateful for the time they have given to getting it all back under control again! Under Julie's guidance, the children in Gardening Club have learned how to plant seeds and chit potatoes and we will soon be growing our own produce!

The children at Bourn Primary continue to be happy, creative and curious about the world around them. They love to learn and ask questions - some of which we even have to look up the answers to! Before we know it, the children will be starting swimming lessons again and spending time again on our field making daisy chains!

Laura Latham

Headteacher, Bourn Primary Academy
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Coronation of H M King Charles III 6th May

Plans for the celebration of the coronation in Kingston are still evolving. A programme will be produced in due course.

Ring for the King: peal of church bells Saturday 6th May, 5.30 – 6.00pm

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has launched an initiative called **Ring for the King**, a national festival of bell ringing for the Coronation on May 6th, with the aim of including all the church bells in the kingdom. Kingston will be taking part, as we did for the celebration of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June last year. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go at ringing our three bells for a half hour peal from 5.30 to 6.00 on Saturday 6th May. Refreshments will be served to drink the health of our new monarch.



Special Coronation Service Sunday 7th May at 10.30am

The Rev Nigel Pearson will lead a special service of Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III.

This special service will be publicised through the Papworth Team and we very much hope it will be well supported by Kingston Villagers and the wider team.

Suitable refreshments, including a glass of fizz, will be available after the service providing an opportunity to socialise and to drink the health of The King.

Torrie Smith, Churchwarden

Peter Reynolds, PCC Secretary



CORONATION DAY SATURDAY 6 MAY



The Village Hall will be open for you to watch the day's events on our new big screen. The bar will be open serving drinks and coffee. Bring your own food, grab a table and relax with friends.

Village Hall BBQ

The date for our BBQ is Saturday 24 June at South Sea House. We will be forming a sub-committee to organise food, ticket sales etc., so please contact me if you would like to assist.

Paul Wright

07803 237751

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual Parish Meeting will be held on 16th May in the village hall. All welcome to attend.

Cost of Living - financial support

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AD6 is described further at

<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/PublicProposalArea?plD=51>



Papworth Team Ministry (C of E)

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Our Team Administrator, Revd. 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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> The Revd Stephen Day, Team Vicar - 01954 264226

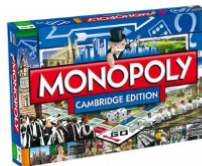
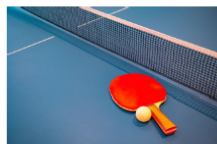
Games Club at Village Hall, Sunday 23rd April, 3-5 p.m.

The Village Hall will be open and board and table games (e.g. table tennis and pool) will be available for use. Please bring along any board games that you might wish to play. Responsible adults and teenagers will be present at the pilot event to help engage with and encourage younger children, but everyone is welcome to come without booking. Depending on the response, this may become a regular event. Hot and cold drinks will be available, but snacks can be brought along.

Contacts: Isabelle Nett

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Come Worship With Us!

This Easter @

Kingston Church

Palm Sunday, 2nd April, 8.30am ~ Holy Communion

(Church open for collection of Palm Crosses)

Easter Day, 9th April, 10.30am ~ Holy Communion



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