

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



January 2023

Village Diary

Saturday 7th January

Sunday 15th January 8.30am

Thursday 12th January 1 - 1:30pm

Saturday 21 January, 7 pm for 7.30 pm

Pub Night

Holy Communion

Library Van at the crossroads

Kingston Village Quiz

Tuesdays at 10-11am

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Fridays at 10-11am

Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Pilates

Wheelie bin collection dates

Friday 6th January

Thursday 12th January

Wednesday 18th January

Wednesday 25th January

Wednesday 1st February

Black bin

Blue and Green bins

Black bin

Blue bin only

Black bin

Editorial

By the time this lands on the mat (or the laptop) all the lovely Christmas festivities will be behind us. December certainly was a busy month for the village and elsewhere in the magazine you will read how much money was raised by the Village Hall Committee Christmas sale and the village carolling.

But for now a new year has rolled around. So best wishes for a good one for all of you, filled with treats and pleasures and all the things you wish for yourselves.

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Vicar's Letter

January is named after the Roman god Janus – the god of beginnings and endings, gateways and transitions. In art, Janus is shown with two faces, looking in opposite directions. So it's easy to see why the Romans named the first month of the year after him.

As we stand at the gateway of a new year, we might not like what we see looking back at 2022: the continuing covid pandemic; the Russian invasion of Ukraine; the cost of living crisis; the Queen's death; political turmoil; increasing signs of climate breakdown; and members of our own families and communities who died.

And there are plenty of people looking ahead to 2023: economists are gloomy; technologists are optimistic, especially the ones who want to sell us things; purple and yellow will be fashionable colours, or possibly florals and stripes. But since a lot of the negative things about 2022 are still here, many people will be looking ahead to 2023 without much optimism.

The Christian faith looks both backward and forward: backwards to the coming of God in human form when Jesus was born; forwards to the coming of God in glory at some unknown future time. Most of the time, though, what the Bible talks about is living in the present, not the past or the future.

Jesus taught us to pray "give us today our daily bread" – not to reminisce about yesterday's bread, nor worry about tomorrow's. He said "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." Without denying that trouble comes, Jesus encourages us not to add to our burdens unnecessarily.

Saint Paul offered some practical advice when he wrote to the Christians in Philippi: he said "whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things ... and the God of peace will be with you."

As we fill our heads and our hearts with good things – past and present – then we will receive God's peace to deal with the not-so-good things in the future.

Let's work and pray for a constructive, peace-filled 2023 for all of us. Happy New Year!

Revd Steve Day

Papworth Team Services

On **Sunday 1st January 2023** there are no services in the Papworth Team.

On **Sunday 29th January** there will be a Team Service (Please check the website for the venue)

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:

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

Team Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm

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

The Church of England offers weekly online worship services from a variety of churches which can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services> and watched at any time.

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

1 st January	Lee Steele
8 th January	Annabel Diggle
15 th January	Christine Stone
22 nd January	Christine Allison
29 th January	Kay Forsythe

Theory Test Pro

As a member of Cambridgeshire Libraries. you can access a highly realistic online simulation of the UK's driving theory tests from home using your Cambridgeshire Libraries card number. Theory Test Pro gives you all the official questions from the DVSA in the same format as the official test. If you are not a member you can join at <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

Kingston Christmas Fair

On Sunday 11 December from 10am to 12pm the phone lines were hot between stallholders and customers as people raced to order items from the Kingston Christmas Fair catalogue.

In the afternoon, customers came to the village hall to collect and pay for their purchases and to avail themselves of mince pies, tea, coffee and mulled wine.

Grateful thanks firstly to the generous villagers who donated home-made produce, bottles of wine and spirits, and other items to sell at the Fair, and secondly to the many customers who between them bought up pretty well everything that was on sale. And lastly, huge thanks to the team of willing volunteers who helped to set up the Fair, man the stalls, and provide refreshments in the hall for shoppers collecting their goods.

I'm delighted to say we raised £1010 for village hall funds. The money we raise helps maintain our existing excellent facilities. The committee are always thinking of ways to improve the village hall as a social hub for our community. If you have any ideas for further improvements, please do let us know!

Suzy Stokes

Village Hall AGM - 18 January at 8.00pm in the hall

The management committee has become a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and we will hold our first AGM under this new constitution on Wednesday 18 January. Last September's AGM was a short one, to wind up the old constitution. Please come along to this meeting, when we will discuss our priorities and plans for 2023 and, hopefully, recruit more committee members and "friends of the VH".

The advantage of CIO status is that committee members (trustees) can no longer be held personally liable in the event of financial losses or legal claims. Concern about individual liability had previously been an impediment to recruitment.

Paul Wright (Chair, Kingston VH management committee)

Opening Times For The County Council's Customer Service Centre

All service lines into the Cambridgeshire County Council's contact centre will now operate from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday only. The recorded messages that customers will hear on the 'phone lines outside these hours will direct them to other ways to get information they need, including emergency out of hours contacts.

‘Folly and Melancholy’: Baroque Trio Sonatas 25th November

Harcamlow Music’s second concert of 2022, on the 25th November, coincided with a rather cold night and a certain football match between England and the USA, which perhaps explains the slightly lower attendance on this occasion. At Toft Post Office, the morning after, I heard the match described variously as ‘watching paint dry’, and ‘having your teeth extracted one by one in a dentist’s chair’.

Clearly the place to be that evening was in Kingston church, not in front of a TV screen. This was an enthralling performance from an ad hoc ensemble comprising Crane’s Lane’s own Hartmut Kuhlmann (cello) and Gwen Owen Robinson (violin), with Cambridge’s Rachel Stroud (violin) and Dan Tidhar (harpsichord).



I was not familiar with this repertoire, but I learnt that the baroque trio sonata consists, slightly confusingly, of four instrumental parts: two violins in this case playing the melodic lines, with cello and harpsichord together providing the basso continuo, continuous bass: it was a dominant form of music

from the early C17 to the mid-C18. An unusual feature is that the harpsichord part is semi-improvised. Baroque stringed instruments use gut strings, with an organic resonance – richer, warmer, less strident – quite distinct from modern steel. The two violins sing together in dialogue over the bass. In the final piece, Telemann’s Quartet, Hartmutt played a five-stringed cello, with a much enhanced role. The

programme demonstrated the range of this small ensemble format which, as the title 'folly and melancholy' suggests, can express a wide range of emotions.

The recital began with an extraordinary jeu d'esprit, Telemann's 'Gulliver's Travels', for two violins. There followed sonatas from Corelli, Purcell, Vivaldi and C P E Bach, and the evening concluded with Telemann's Sixth Quartet from his second set of Paris Quartets. The playing was thrilling and virtuosic throughout.

We were very fortunate to have with us, in Rachel Stroud and Dan Tidhar, two outstanding baroque musicians with international reputations. It must be said that,

to my untrained ears, Hartmut's and Gwen's contributions were equally exemplary, and one had the feeling that this group had been playing together for years. We are very grateful to all the musicians for performing for us gratis. A retiring collection raised £262 for the Church Restoration



Fund. Don't miss the next concert on February 10th. See www.harcamlow-music.org. Thanks to Torrie Smith for the photographs.

Peter Reynolds

Kingston Music Club

The next Music Club meeting has been re-arranged for 7.30 pm, Thursday 12 January, in the Village Hall. The evening's presentation will be on 'Music and a Sense of Place'. I will cover a wide range of musical genre, travelling from Orkney in the north with Tom Anderson's wonderful 'Da Slockit Light', a haunting solo folk melody on violin, and south across Europe with Baroque, opera and orchestral themes. Also included will be the influence of Indian raga on the Beatles songbook, a diversion to Bali, and maybe some roots blues seeping out of the Mississippi mud. As usual the bar will be open, and everyone is welcome.

Simon Draper

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Kingston Quiz 2023

The Kingston Village Quiz will take place on Saturday 21 January 2023, arrive 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Questions to start:

1. Will it be online or in person?
2. Will there be fish & chips with the quiz?
3. Will anyone be able to beat the reigning champions, the Dipsticks?
4. Will anyone be able to wrest the lemons away from the Prosecco Girls? 😊



2022 quiz champions - The Dipsticks

For those who haven't taken part before, the quiz can be as serious or as fun as you like. Groups of 4 – 6 people, hopefully in the village hall after being online for the last two years.

Due to the acoustics in the hall, if we are able with the new WiFi in the hall, we plan to present the quiz in both spoken and written format.

For those with small children, we have a few teenagers willing and able to babysit!

We aim to organise a delivery of food from Fish 'n Chicken in Cambourne, so the price for the event is £5 for the quiz, plus whatever food you order.

Please let Katherine Stalham, kstalham@hotmail.com, know if you would like to book a team for the event. If you don't have a team of 4 - 6, but would still like to take part, please send Katherine a message and she will introduce you to others to make up a team.

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Village Carol Singing

The Village Carol Singing raised an amazing £825 plus Gift Aid.

On behalf of the PCC, I can't thank everyone enough for the wonderful support you have again shown the Church.

Also thank you to all the Carollers who turned out on a cold and frosty night.

We were also joined by past villagers Ben, Eve and Family who were visiting friends in the village.

I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Janet Clear

Save Safely and Stay Warm: Safety Tips from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue

- Check any heating appliances are in good working order and not subject to any alerts or recalls by checking the Office for Product Safety and Standards website.

- Plug electric heaters into a wall socket not an extension lead - they can easily cause fires if overloaded.

- Ensure flammable items such as furniture and drying clothes are placed well away from heaters and fires. The moisture combined with the electricity could easily start a fire and cause significant damage.

- Never leave candles unattended or go to sleep while they are lit. Use a proper candle-holder and fit the candle in firmly. Always use a heat-resistant surface to place the candle holder on - e.g. a ceramic plate, especially for night-light candles. Never place candles directly on televisions or other polished surfaces.

- Keep escape routes clear: don't block them with clutter or portable heaters.

- Use the correct fuel for wood burning stoves and open fires to reduce the risk of toxic fumes, carbon monoxide and chimney fires.



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You can recycle your real Christmas Tree at the Household Recycling Centres, or you can chop it up and add it to your green recycling bin.

The **Arthur Rank Hospice Charity** will collect and recycle your tree for you between 12-15 January in return for a donation. **Register before 11.59pm, Sunday 8 January.** In 2022, we collected just over 3000 trees and raised over £56,000!

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will be distributed to Arthur Rank Hospice and the remaining 10% distributed to a nominated charity in the local community chosen by our volunteers. See <https://www.arhc.org.uk/fundraising/fundraise-your-way/community-initiatives/christmas-tree-recycling/> to register your tree.

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70% of UK food waste comes from our homes, 6 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions could be prevented by saving food from our bins in UK homes and 8 meals could be saved each week if we stopped binning our food at home. Every bit of food we save from going into the bin makes a difference!

Love Food Hate Waste has great suggestions to help reduce food waste throughout the year, with extra special ideas for the days after Christmas that save time and work in the kitchen by making leftovers into special tasty treats and fun meals.

<https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/blog/best-recipes-christmas-leftovers>

has suggestions to help you use up extra Christmas food, including ways to use up spare vegetables and a chocolate fondant that uses up leftover Christmas pudding.



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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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