# Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



#### Village Diary

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm Pub Night in the Village Hall Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Coronation Celebration Service in

Kingston Church

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 10.30am Family Service at Kingston Church Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1 – 1.30pm Library Van at the crossroads

Tuesdays at 10-11am Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall

Wednesdays at 10.30am Village Hall Coffee Morning

Fridays at 10-11am Pilates

#### Wheelie bin collection dates

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May Blue and Green bins

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May Black bin

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May Black bin

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June Blue and Green bins

#### **Editorial**

I've been wondering recently how many village residents there are for whom this May 6 will be their second coronation. Anyone over 70 obviously, like myself. I was a little girl for the last one and I remember, as a child, receiving lots of picture books about the great event. I can still remember aspects of the ceremony and the feeling I had then of an immense historic occasion. I imagine that today's children may also carry memories of May 6 throughout their lives.

In 1953 many people gathered together to watch the ceremony on television. As you are all no doubt aware, TVs were scarce. So joining together in households lucky enough to have one was a good solution. And just to remind you, this time round, the village hall committee will be televising the day's events in the hall. Just bring your picnic if you'd like to re-create that communal experience.

May also brings three bank holidays and the promise of a summer of events locally which I hope we can all participate in. Our gardens are all beginning to put on a show which must also raise spirits.

It only remains to say, God Save the King..

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#### Vicar's Letter

In 1950, computer pioneer Alan Turing proposed something he called The Imitation Game in which a person is communicating (via typed responses) with two partners and has to decide which one is a computer and which a human being. It became known as the Turing Test: if a computer's responses can't be distinguished from a human's then shouldn't we call that computer "intelligent"?

So if I ask the question "Did Jesus like chocolate?" and get this answer:

"There is no direct evidence to suggest whether or not Jesus liked chocolate, as chocolate was not widely available in the region where he lived during his lifetime. Chocolate was first introduced to Europe after the Spanish conquest of the Americas in the 16th century, long after Jesus had lived. Therefore, it is not possible to say for sure whether Jesus liked chocolate or not."

What should I think? It's easily an answer that a person could have come up with, but actually it was produced by something called ChatGPT. This is a computer programme which takes a huge database of example texts, and uses a complicated set of rules to produce 'answers' to questions. It's free to use and quite fun to play with, but is it intelligent? Is it thinking?

For now, no: however good ChatGPT's answers might be, we know that it's just a big database and a set of rules – there is no self-awareness, no feelings, no 'interior life'.

I know that I am self-aware, and that I have thoughts and feelings. I have an interior life, some of which I express to others, and some of which I don't.

This is part of what it means when the Bible describes humans as 'in the image of God'. Christians believe that God is Trinity, with an immeasurably complex inner life as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For this reason, I also believe that all other humans have the kind of inner life I experience, and that they are therefore worth all the care and respect that I want others to show to me.

Perhaps one day some new version of ChatGPT could be built with the equivalent of feelings and an interior life. When that happens we can revisit the question, but for now let's concentrate on looking after the intelligences we do know about – each other!

#### **Revd Steve Day**

#### **Church Services in Kingston**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May Service in CELEBRATION of the CORONATION 10.30am

Sunday 21st May Family Service 10.30am

#### **Papworth Team**

The website <u>papworthteamchurches.org</u> 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 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am

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 (not 8 or 29 May)

For further information, see papworthteamchurches.org

#### **Church cleaning**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Peter and Suzy Stokes

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Donal and Monica O'Donnell

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Peter Reynolds 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Janet Clear 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Linda Rimmer

#### **Church flowers and brasses**

7<sup>th</sup> May Linda Smith 14<sup>th</sup> May Miki Ellar

21<sup>st</sup> May Christine Allison 28<sup>th</sup> May Annabel Diggle

#### Valerie Osborne 1938 – 2023

With regret we record the death of Valerie Osborne on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St Andrew's, Toft, on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. An obituary will appear next month. Sincere condolences to Nicola and the family.



#### **Coronation Service 7<sup>th</sup> May**

All are warmly invited to attend the special service to celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. The service will be lead by the Rev'd Nigel Pearson. Refreshments will be provided afterwards and there will be a Loyal Toast to the health of His Majesty.

#### Ring for the King, Saturday 6th May

There will be a half hour peal of bells from 5.30 to 6.00pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Kingston's contribution to the national 'Ring for the King'. Everyone, of all ages, is invited to come along and take a turn on the bells – no experience is needed. Our treble and tenor bells are both C18, but the second, middle bell, is medieval, one of the oldest in the



county, dating to about 1360. It was made by the royal bell founder John Rufford of Toddington in Bedfordshire. Ale and wine will be served.

#### **Annual Church Meetings**

Following the Emergency Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March it was encouraging to have a good number attending the Annual Church Meetings on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. But, for the first time in centuries, perhaps the first time ever, no churchwardens were elected by the people of Kingston. The PCC does survive, however, albeit much reduced to only four in number: Lee Steele, Kay Forsythe (Treasurer), and Peter Reynolds (Secretary) were re-elected; the Rev'd Steve Day as our Team Vicar is a member ex officio. Most parishioners will know that Kay is moving to Cambridge but she is kindly staying in office for the time being. The PCC desperately needs more members: please consider coming forward for co-option.

Two longstanding members of the PCC did not stand for re-election and sincere and grateful thanks were minuted for both: Torrie Smith, who served for 32 years, including two terms as Churchwarden and one as Treasurer; and Christine Allison, who served at least 20 years and was also Kingston church's nominated Governor of Bourn School.

#### Church Repairs to commence 1st August

It is just as well that Kingston still has a PCC as it is the PCC which is legally responsible for the repairs to the church. As we go to press we are about to sign a contract with our contractors, Bakers of Danbury, to replace the nave ceiling, re-roof the south aisle and repair the south clerestory windows. Works are due to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> August and will continue for three months: this represents the biggest programme of repairs to the church in a hundred years. We are very pleased to record the receipt of a grant of £3,000 from the Jack Patson Charitable Trust last month. This brings the total raised over the last three years (from donations and grants) to £137,738, a remarkable sum. The total price of the works is £141,081, so we need an additional £3,343. As in any project of this scale there may be additional unforeseen costs and so fund raising continues. There will be a Gift Day on July 15<sup>th</sup> when we would hope to at least raise the balance. We are also thinking ahead to providing WC and kitchen facilities within the church. Once again, the PCC thanks all those in Kingston and elsewhere who have made donations in support of this project.

# Bourn School Bag Drop Tuesday 20th June

Please bring unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, jewellery or perfumes in a tied dustbin bag to the fron vard of 2 Short Street, Bourn, or the morning of Tuesday 20th June by 9am, or at drop off at the school gate by 9am if you have a child at Bourn School. Everything will be sent to Happy School Bag for re-use or recycling, avoiding landfill and raising much needed money for Bourn Primary School. Please note, we cannot accept dirty, damaged or wet items, or items not listed above. Thank you for your support! Bourn School Association

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#### Kingston Annual Parish Meeting

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TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL 7,30PM

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The Annual Parish Meeting will be held this year on Tuesday 16 May at 7.30pm 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 raise for discussion any matter of common interest.

All welcome - refreshments provided.

#### **Honey Bees**

Mark and Lee Steele are looking to collect/acquire a swarm of Honey Bees within a 15 to 20 mile radius of Kingston.

Should you see or hear of any Honey Bees swarming, (normally hanging in a tree while searching for a new home) please contact Mark on 07831 550189 or Lee on 01223 264710 and we will collect them. Many thanks for your help.

# Why not come down to the woods today? You're sure of a nice surprise



Pyramidal orchid, 2021

... that is if you like wildflowers, butterflies, trees and birds!

In 2017 I became acquainted with a very unassuming strip of oft forgotten old railway siding land off the B1046 between Toft and Bourn, known on Google as the Kingston Cutting Nature Reserve. At this time of year, it is a true delight especially in hot sunny weather when large numbers of different butterflies and wildflowers can be seen, so this seemed like the ideal time for an article to share the site's pleasures. The site's full name is Kingston and Bourn Old Railway Local Nature Reserve, and it is a Cambridgeshire County Council owned site, maintained for the benefit

of people and nature. Despite my attempt to adapt a common nursery rhyme for the title of this article, with the Bourn Brook forming part of the site boundary, wildflower meadows, a woodland path and a pond in need of a bit of restoration, there is a real variety of habitats on offer within this relatively small site (1.97 hectares).

In previous Julys my husband has enjoyed attempting to photograph marbled whites, green veined whites, peacock and purple hairstreak butterflies and cinnabar moths, while I have been trying to learn about the various wildflowers that grow here! My favourites are the pink pyramidal orchids. The site's importance for nature is recognised in its designation as a County Wildlife Site (CWS) due to the neutral/calcareous



Marbled white, 2022

grassland wildflowers found there, including cowslip, wild carrot and knapweed.

The county council owns eight local nature reserves (LNRs) and works with volunteer groups to keep an eye on them, but Kingston LNR, falling between a number of villages tends to get overlooked. It does, however, benefit greatly from the Cambridgeshire Conservation Volunteers who kindly help out each year. From 2020 I was cleverly persuaded by friends to volunteer my services to check-in on and

promote this site and since then the reserve has experienced a number of positive changes. All three benches have been replaced, significant amounts of development waste and golf balls have been removed from the brook and the overgrown pond area has been opened up. A couple of large ash and beech have also unfortunately had to be removed by the bridge as their angle was contributing to the collapse of the riverbank and they were at risk of falling onto the footbridge.

Further improvement works are set to take place this year and next so watch this space for further updates, but in the meantime, I hope you can pop down to visit the reserve and see what it has to offer. There are only a small number of informal places to park, so walking or cycling down is obviously encouraged; a cycle rack is next on my list of requests to the council!

A couple of events have been planned for the summer, including; a Wildflower Walk on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 2pm and a Butterfly Walk on Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 2pm. No need to book, just turn up.

Further information is available at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/kingston-and-bourn-old-railway-local-nature-reserve



#### 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



# Kingston Coronation Celebrations



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Village Flag raising** followed by refreshments Village Green – 6pm

Saturday 6th May

Coronation Screening at the Village Hall

(Time announced once television schedules published)

The Village Hall will be screening the Coronation, and the bar will be open for drinks, coffee and tea. Pizza Facile will be serving pizzas at lunchtime people are also welcome to bring their own food.

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Bell Ringing in Kingston Church - 5.30pm

Kingston Parish Church will be taking part in the national festival of bell ringing to celebrate the Coronation. Everyone is welcome to come along and take part ringing our three bells for a half hour peel from 5.30 to 6.00pm. Refreshments will also be served.

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Village Pub Night in the Village Hall from 6.30pm



# Kingston Coronation Celebrations



#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

## **Coronation Celebration Service** in Kingston Church 10.30am

The Rev Nigel Pearson will lead a special service of Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III. Refreshments will be available after the service to provide an opportunity to socialise following the service.

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#### **Coronation Evening Concert**

(Time announced once television schedules published)

The village hall will be screening the Coronation Evening Concert.

The bar will be open and you are welcome to bring your own food.

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The **Village Well** will also be decorated to celebrate the Coronation by Jill and Tony





#### **Chimney Sweep in Kingston**

#### Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st June 2023

The chimney sweep will be in Kingston on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st June. As usual Mark will give us a discount for our village block-booking.

If you would like to have your chimney(s) swept on one of these dates please let me know.

Pat Draper. Rose Hide House, Church Lane.



The new No 18 bus timetable that came into effect in March can be found at

https://bustimes.org/services/ 18-cambridge-st-neots



13 Caxton End, Bourn (with refreshments).

#### **Open Days**

Sat 13 May 2pm - 4.30pm Sun 14 May 11am - 4.30pm 2pm - 4.30pm Sun 25 Jun Sun 30 Jul 2pm - 4.30pm Sun 20 Aug

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Sun 17 Sep 2pm - 4.30pm Last Tours 4pm

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#### Harcamlow Music – next concert: 26 May, 7.30pm

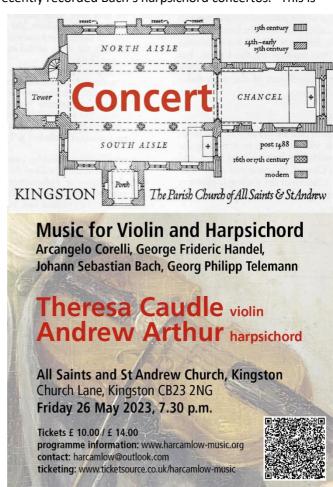
Dear friends and neighbours,

For our next concert, we are very happy to welcome two of Britain's finest musicians in the field of Baroque Music. Theresa Caudle leads the Hanover Band and several other ensembles, and is a member of such eminent groups as the Monteverdi String Band and the London Handel Orchestra. Andrew Arthur is Director of Music at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Associate Director of the Hanover Band, and Founder and Director of Orpheus Britannicus. With Andrew as director and soloist, and Theresa as leader, the Hanover Band recently recorded Bach's harpsichord concertos. "This is

the best we are likely to get", was the verdict of The Early Music Review.

They are both, also, outstanding chamber musicians, which is why we were thrilled when they very kindly accepted our invitation and put together a programme of violin sonatas and solos for us. The concert will be true to the now wellestablished Kingston style: the musicians will be happy to speak about the music they are playing, and Theresa promised to give us a little insight into the secret world of violin bows: why are there so many different kinds, and what difference do they make to the music?

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