

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



November 2024

Village Diary

Sat 2 nd November from 6.30pm	Pub Night in the Village Hall
Thurs 7 th November 1 – 1.30pm	Library Van at the crossroads
Thurs 7 th November 7.30pm	Fen Song at the Village Hall
Wed 13 th November 7.15pm	Kingston Music Club at the Village Hall
Tuesdays at 10-11am	Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall
Wednesdays at 10.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning
Fridays at 10.00am	Pilates at the Village Hall

Wheelie bin collection dates

Thursday 7 th November	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 14 th November	Black bin
Thursday 21 st November	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 28 th November	Black bin

Editorial

Suddenly most trees have turned yellow. It almost happened overnight. We may not have much red among our tree cover but red berries are everywhere and the contrast is lovely.

Lots of news in this issue of upcoming events with Bonfire night, Remembrance Sunday and then Christmas on the horizon. Some villagers with dogs have asked me to mention that they would very much appreciate prior notice if you plan to set off fireworks in your own gardens. This can be frightening for animals as you can imagine. And of course villagers with thatched roofs also need to take precautions!

Several people have remarked how sorry they were that the harvest supper had to be cancelled. But there are plenty of other regular events to which all villagers, including any newcomers, are welcome, like the pub and music nights and the weekly coffee mornings. See you soon and let's make good use of our lovely village hall!

Miki Ellar miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

Cover photo: Northern Lights in Kingston! Heather Ginn

Vicar's Letter: Nothing is new yet much keeps changing!

Having just dismantled some fitted furniture items I am struck by how 'dated' it seemed – in terms of design, materials used and the finished look. At the same time, I am conscious of how some ways and means used by my parents' generation are now very much in vogue again! A big difference over the past half century is that whereas former generations would save up until they could buy a new item (or sometimes use Hire Purchase for the occasional one-off expected to last a lifetime), the advent of credit cards and associated debt management has made things much more accessible readily and immediately. On the one hand there is 'nothing new under the sun' and in the same breath the human race is achieving so much more than we imagined possible even just a few years ago. Alongside so much change and reinventing of old ways is the proper push to recycle as much of what we discard as possible in the interests of safeguarding the planet and the needs of future generations.

These things are replicated in spiritual matters. Attendance at cathedrals is on the up, many more people are happy to identify as 'spiritual' even if they are not followers of any particular denomination or creed; whilst locally we are working hard to see if our old buildings can be altered sensitively and affordably - to meet the expectations for old familiar forms of Christian worship to flourish, encouraging the new and, where we can, provide a greater and more comfortable use of the spaces we have in our care.

One matter that struck me recently is the way society views the place and importance of children. I was looking at a passage in the Bible where adults wanted to prevent children from getting close to Jesus; because culturally, in first century Israel, children were without power and status generally and thus were to be "seen but (preferably) not heard". Jesus rebukes those holding back the children and in so doing seems much closer to our western 21st century worldview. This is a positive outcome, I believe, and also helps us to project the relevance of Jesus today.

The deep-seated hostility and widespread bloodshed in both the Middle East as well as in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, with rising tensions in the Far East over Taiwan ... to name a few ... is surely a reminder that where battles in one generation are ended without forgiveness and reconciliation they will, inevitably, ignite again and again – so that nothing is new except the nature of the weapons deployed and the speed with which news reaches the watching world.

On this point the church needs to look at itself. Within living memory there have been bitterly fought debates about the role of women, divorce and remarriage and currently proposals to allow same-sex marriages to be celebrated in church. What is unchanged is how the divisions arise from the way people read and interpret the place of the Bible in these matters. Until that is resolved, allied to much forgiveness and whole-hearted reconciliation, we must expect divisions and fallouts to be an ongoing and unchanged feature of our landscape

Nigel di Castiglione, (Team Rector)

Kingston Church Services for November

Sunday 10th November Act of Remembrance 12.30pm

Sunday 17th November Family Service 10.30am

The church is open every day.

Papworth Team Services (FS=Family Service, HC=Holy Communion, MP=Morning Prayer)

Nov 3rd 10.30am MP at Bourn

Nov 10th Remembrance: 10.50am at Bourn, 10.45am at Caxton, 9.30am at Longstowe

Nov 17th 10.30am MP at Caxton

Nov 24th 10.30am HC at Bourn, 9.00am HC at Caxton, 10.30am HC at Longstowe

The website papworthteamchurches.org has up to date service information for all churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the Morning Prayer.

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

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm (except Bank Holidays)

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

3 rd November	Kay Forsythe
10 th November	Janet Clear
17 th November	Linda Smith
24 th November	Miki Ellar

Harvest Festival 12th October

Unfortunately, there was not enough support for the Harvest Supper – not so long ago one of the highlights of the Kingston year – and so this was cancelled. The Harvest Festival service was, however, well attended. Many thanks to all those who once again decorated the church so beautifully, and to John Easy who baked a splendid harvest loaf.

Carol Service 6.00pm Sunday 15th December

Save the date for the Carol Service which this year will take place on Sunday 15th December at 6.00pm. The new Papworth Team choir have kindly agreed to come and sing with us; the Revd Nigel Pearson will preside, with Patrick Dailly on the piano.

Christmas Eve 10.30pm 24th December

Our Archdeacon, the Venerable Alex Hughes, will be taking our Christmas Eve Service at 10.30 pm. Although this is a service which includes the celebration of Holy Communion, nobody is obliged to take the consecrated bread and wine and, as ever, all are very welcome to attend, of all ages and of any faith (or of none).

Church opening and closing

As most of you probably know, the church is open every day with a rota for opening and closing run by a small group of five families who have been committed to the task for many years. One of the group will shortly be moving away from the village and we are therefore looking for someone to take on the role in their place. The duties are light, and involve opening the church by 9:00am and locking up around 5:00pm every fifth week for a week. We also have two standby villagers who can usually open and close if you are ill or away.

Please consider whether you might be able to help us with this task which takes just a few minutes and which allows villagers, as well as visitors to the church, to spend time in this special place whenever they wish.

With many thanks

(lfrimmer@yahoo.co.uk)

New arrivals

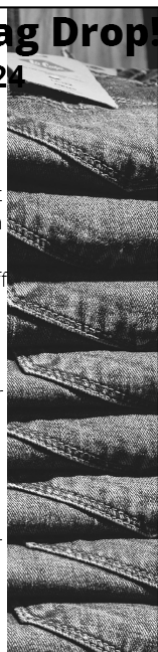
Antonietta (Nita) and Alan Baldwin will be moving into The Dovecote (Church Lane) as soon as their renovations are completed. It was a pleasure to meet them at a recent coffee morning and we hope that they will continue to take part in village activities as soon as they take up residence.

Bourn School Bag Drop

12th November 2024

Please bring unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, jewellery or perfumes in a tied dustbin bag to the front yard of 2 Short Street, Bourn, on the morning of Tuesday 12th November 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



Kingston Music Club: Rescheduled for Wednesday 13 November

Presenter: Peter Holly

Peter will play tracks from his current playlist titled "Misty Blue" which focuses on various strands of world music and covers such artists as Joni Mitchell, Bob Marley, the Fugees, Playing for Change, Joss Stone, and Christine and the Queens. As always, the bar will be open and all are welcome.

Simon Draper

TIGER PASS

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The Combined Authority has launched a new bus pass aimed at those under 25 which offers bus fares for £1.00 across the network.

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A Christmas Carol in Kingston

"Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol has been a hugely popular seasonal tale ever since it was first published in 1843. A tale of redemption and Christmas cheer it is funny, tragic, scary and achingly sentimental in varying degrees that continue to delight nearly two hundred years since it first appeared. It has been made into musicals, plays and even a Muppet movie!

In The church of All Saints and St Andrew Kingston a spellbinding version for narrator and string quartet will be performed by the Bingham String Quartet with Jeremy Harmer reading Dickens' words. Beautiful music, yes, incredible words, yes and bells but also chains and chimes and who knows what else. A veritable Christmas feast!

Commissioned by Steve Bingham and Brenda Stewart, two founder members of the quartet, to raise money for the Great Ormond Street Children's hospital which successfully treated their little baby son many years ago, A Christmas Carol by Richard and Thomas Allain enchants with its ingenuity and pathos.

The evening starts with Mendelssohn's Quartet in D opus 44 no 1 and a lovely carols fantasy by John Halsey.

All Saints and St Andrew Church Kingston CB23 2NG

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& narrator

*Jeremy
Harmer*





John and Corinne Easy made this traditional harvest loaf for the church service on 12 October. A beautiful addition which was enjoyed by the congregation after the service.

Quiz and Chips

Mark and Katherine Stalham have kindly agreed to present the annual quiz on Saturday 25 January. As usual we want a maximum of nine table captains to organise teams of six, take food orders and pay the treasurer. Entry tickets are £6 per competitor and food will come from Fish'n Chicken in Cambourne. Currently, party order meals are the same price as last January (eg £9.95 for cod and chips), and they anticipate only small increases, if any, by the time of the quiz.

Will table captains please email me on paulwright8@btinternet.com

Nearer the date, if you are not yet on a table but would like to come to the quiz I will ask the table captains whether they have spare seats.

Paul Wright

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With huge thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers, and over 350 runners, we're delighted to share that Bourn to Run 2024 has raised just over £11,500 to support our village primary school and wider community.

The race simply wouldn't be possible without the support of the whole village, thank you. We'll be back next year so time to get those running shoes out and book your place!

Register to take part in 2025 at www.bourntorun.com

FEN SONG IN THE VILLAGE HALL 7 NOVEMBER 7.30

Kingston – the perfect setting for a celebration of the Fens in all their mythic wonder.

The village hall in Kingston – where novelist and social reformer Sybil Marshall (author of *The Fenland Chronicles*) once taught primary children - is the perfect setting for a magical celebration of the beauty and mystery of the Fen landscape and life. *Fen Song*, created by Penni McLaren Walker – songwriter – and Clare Crossman – poet - blends words and music in an enchanting sequence to evoke the strange magic of this East Anglian world.

Sadly, Clare Crossman is no longer with us so her poetry will be read by Jeremy Harmer. Penni (voice and guitar) is joined by husband Bryan Causton (mandolin) Cam Armer (bass) and Fran Broady (violin) to bring *Fen Song* gloriously back to life.

Complementing this wonderful event the evocative Fen photographs of Torrie Smith together with the art of Simon Draper will be on display in the hall.

Thursday November 7 at 7.30pm

Kingston Village Hall CB23 2NN

Tickets (£10) are on sale at jeremyharmer.bandcamp.com/merch or on the door.

Jeremy Harmer



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> The Revd Nigel di Castiglione, Team Rector – 07770 697240 - 01954 267241

Fen song

A magical exploration in poetry and music

by *Clare Crossman & Penni McLaren Walker*

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Update from Bourn Primary: New School Year

Coming back to school after a long summer break is a period of new starts on many levels for everybody. Just as the season begins to change from a mostly glorious summer, to the fresh and often very changeable Autumn weather, we all look forward to the new school year with a mixture of feelings but mostly excitement about the possibilities and changes that will unfold.

As a Staff, we look forward to meeting and working with our new classes, building relationships, nurturing learning and hopefully bringing enjoyment to learning. We also welcome new colleagues into the Bourn Primary fold including new teachers in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 and a new sports coach.

For the children, this is a time when they enter a new phase of their education. Every year we welcome the newest members of Bourn into Acorn, as they start at the very beginning of their educational journey, full of hope, trepidation and courage. Most importantly, we welcome the parents for the new year ahead with our Welcome Evening at the beginning of the term.

All the children will be looking forward to learning about new topics, experiencing new activities and many of them will take on new responsibilities and make their mark as role models for the younger children. The children have voted in new House Captains for the Hawking, Seacole, Pankhurst and Shackleton Houses and each class has elected their school council representatives. We are currently in the process of setting up an Eco Council too.

The Autumn term is a very busy one, with children settling in, new routines being established and clubs starting over. Our lovely volunteers have started the new season of Gardening Club, tidying the beds and harvesting some of the produce with the children. Our new sports coach has organised some after school clubs as well as some lunch time activities including running lunch time activities with KS2 and organising new playground equipment for all of the children.

We like to ensure that the children are inspired by people and events that take place outside in the community throughout the year and so far we have been pretty busy. The children were very excited to be visited by a 2024 silver medallist Olympian, Samantha Redgrave, and enjoyed asking her questions and looking at her medal. The Year 5 visited a Careers Fair held in the Barn at Manor Farm, where they met lots of interesting people working in very different fields. In the last week of this half term we are holding a celebration of music in Music Week, where we will be welcoming visitors who will inspire the children with music, dance and singing across the week.

Our strongest link within our community is the church, and it was so wonderful to see it absolutely packed with parents who joined us on our walk up to it, to give thanks in our

Harvest service and enjoy their children's presentations. It is the support and commitment that we give one another that characterises our school and helps everyone to make Bourn Primary Academy the exceptional school it is.

Sarah Wheatman, Deputy Head Teacher

'All Day' Concessionary Bus Pass Travel Gets Green Light

The Combined Authority Board has approved plans to make all-day travel free for those who hold a Concessionary Bus Pass, set to take effect in May 2025. Currently, concessionary bus pass holders in the region are only permitted free travel during off-peak hours, starting at 9.30am on weekdays. With these new plans, pass holders will be able to use their passes for free travel at all hours, providing them with greater flexibility.

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- Hawthorn: there are two types of hawthorn. The less common midland hawthorn, found in some of our woods has berries that look the same but have 2 seeds per fruit.
- Rose: large, deep red, ovoid berries, on thorny stems
- Black bryony: large, shiny, bright red, spherical berries on a climber
- Sloes: single purple/blue berries often with a matt coating
- Ivy: its clusters of green berries ripening to black are important as a food source in the winter.

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London Haydn Quartet Concert

On Friday, September 27, an appreciative audience was treated to the final concert in the 2023-2024 series presented by Harcamlow Music in the All Saints and St Andrews Church, Kingston. As always, this concert did not disappoint. The London Haydn Quartet; comprised of Catherine Manson on violin (and leader of the group), Michael Gurevich also on violin, John Crockatt on viola, and Alice Neary on cello; brought a masterfully performed and thoughtfully selected trio of musical pieces. The first composed by Johann Jakob Froberger and arranged by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was Phantasia supra Ut, Re, mi fa sol la. The second Joseph Haydn's String Quartet op 33 no. 5 G major. The final Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's own String Quartet no.16 K 428 E flat major. If you know this music, you know how special this was; if not, you don't know what you missed as the lovely blend of sound floated and wrapped those in attendance. As those who have experienced these events in our church have learned, the gift shared by these talented musicians is always enhanced by the acoustical gift of our lovely Kingston Parish Church.

We, in Kingston, are lucky to have Harcamlow Music based in our community and the Kingston PCC wishes to thank them for bringing their concerts to our church. If you have not attended, we encourage you to consider it at the next opportunity. We hope there will be another series for us all to enjoy next year. Watch this space!

Our local bus services – public consultation

Local bus services in Cambridgeshire are struggling.

As a representative of Kingston Parish Council I recently attended a meeting organised by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) to discuss the way forward. The blunt message was: the current way of doing things cannot continue. (The current way is for public transport to be run by private operators, with subsidies from the County Council to support services that are not commercially viable. Much of the money to pay for this comes from a 'mayoral precept' added to our council tax bills, as well as a 'transport levy' paid by local authorities.) It is felt that this framework is not conducive to creating an integrated transport network, and that currently the CPCA has no control, and very little influence, over the routes the bus operators choose to run.

There are two options currently being evaluated. A comparison of the 'strategic case', 'economic case', 'commercial case', 'financial case' and 'managerial case' for each option has been carried out by the CPCA and independently audited. These options are:

- Extended partnership (similar to the present system, but with negotiation for more input/influence from the CPCA)
- Franchising (the CPCA would control all services, and determine routes, frequencies, fares and service standards)

I was very encouraged to see that the Managing Director of Stagecoach East was in the audience for the meeting I attended. Clearly he recognises that changes need to be made and it is in his company's interests to be part of the process. He is working closely with the CPCA to put together a viable framework for future operations.

"Rural connectivity" was the buzz phrase at this meeting, and there were many parish councillors present, all like me pushing to get improved services for our villages. This is a lot harder to put in place than to look after services in the cities, so it is important that we keep this front and centre in the minds of the transport planners as they work on strategy for the future.

The impression I got from the meeting was that the CPCA would prefer the franchising model, as this gives more local control over transport services. But it is financially riskier, so they need to be sure they have support from the local community before committing to this.

A public consultation is underway to elicit views from interested organisations like parish councils and businesses, as well as individual members of the public. The deadline for responses is 20th November 2024. More explanation about the consultation, and background information on the options under consideration, can be found online here <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/> where a copy of the consultation document can be downloaded in pdf format. The consultation is focussed on the choices to be made rather than the state of the bus services in general, so most of the questions refer back to the consultation document for a response. However, there is no need to answer all of the questions, and there is scope in question 1 and question 10 to remind the CPCA of what we need locally *"Q1 Do you have any comments generally on how well bus services are currently performing in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?"* and *"Q10 Do you have any further comments?"*

I encourage everyone to have their say. Please do contact me if you want to discuss this further or need more information. I am also pleased at any time to gather details of your experiences with our local bus, separately from the consultation exercise.

Julie Conder, Kingston Parish Councillor
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