Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



June 2026

Village Diary

Friday 5th June 7.30pm	Les Gouts Reunis concert at the Church
Sat 6th June from 6.30pm	Folk & Pizza in the Village Hall
Thurs 11th June 1 – 1.30pm	Library Van at the crossroads
Sun 21st June 10am	Licensing/Confirmation at Bourn Church
First Monday of the month, 10.30-12.00	Kingston Parish Orchard Restoration work
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 4th June	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 11th June	Black bin
Thursday 18th June	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 25th June	Black bin
Thursday 2nd July	Blue and Green bins

Editorial

Going through some past magazines I see that in June 2023 I was writing about the late Queen's Jubilee. Seems ages ago now.

The big event of the past month was the huge crane that lifted an entire floor onto the bungalow near the church. I hope plenty of village children got to see it. We need to encourage future engineers!

Most of you will have paid the village shop in Toft a visit by now. Welcome and good wishes to the new proprietors. By the way, the Post Office hours are up to 1pm daily, but the shop will be open every day with no early closing days.

And finally, the Papworth Team is once again out of an interregnum with the appointment of the Reverend Helene Tame. Notice of her licensing service at Bourn is contained within.

Miki Ellar miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

Vicar's Letter: Encouraging Others

Although the presence of the sun in June often makes life feel a little easier, our diaries can fill up very quickly. There are school events, village gatherings, services, concerts, meetings, end of term activities, and all the usual things that seem to appear at this time of year. Some people are very visible in all of that. Others are quietly working away in the background, setting up chairs, making tea, opening buildings, sending emails, welcoming people, clearing up afterwards, and making sure things happen. And yet, what keeps all of this going is not just good organisation, but encouragement: a kind word, a thank you, a 'keep going' or a 'we're glad you're here'.

In the Church of England, we remember St Barnabas on 11th June. Barnabas was not actually his original name. He was called Joseph, but the apostles gave him the name Barnabas, which means 'son of encouragement'. What an amazing thing to be recognised for! Clearly, Barnabas was the sort of person who noticed what God was doing in others and helped them to grow. When Saul, later known as Paul, was viewed with suspicion because of his past, Barnabas was the one who stood alongside him. When the Church in Antioch was growing, Barnabas went there and encouraged the people to remain faithful.

In many ways, it would be wonderful to have more Barnabases in our churches and communities. People who notice what is good. People who thank others. People who help confidence grow. People who make room for others to flourish. This feels especially important for us this month as we prepare to welcome the Reverend Helene Tame as our new Associate Priest in the Papworth Team. Helene will be licensed at a special service at 10am on Sunday 21st June at St Helena and St Mary, Bourn. It will be a lovely opportunity to gather as a Team, to pray for Helene, and to encourage her as she begins this new ministry among us.

Across our villages, there are so many people whose quiet faithfulness and service make a real difference, in churches, schools, village groups, parish life, and everyday community life. Perhaps June is a good moment to notice them, thank them, and encourage them. Perhaps it is also a good moment to ask how we might become encouragers ourselves, because a community shaped by encouragement is a place where people can flourish.

If you'd like to join in with what's happening across the Papworth Team, you'd be very welcome. You can find details at www.papworth.team, or simply come along and see what you find.

Revd. Matt Phillips
Team Rector, Papworth Team Ministry

Kingston Church Services for June

(Sunday 31st May Holy Communion 9.00am)
Sunday 14th June Family Worship/Morning Prayer 9.00am
Sunday 21st June Team service (HC & Licensing) at Bourn 10.00am

Please note new times of services this year.

The church is open every day.

Papworth Team Services (HC=Holy Communion, MP=Morning Prayer, FW Family Worship)

June 7th 8.30am Said HC at Bourn 10.30am MP at Caxton 9.15am HC at Longstowe
June 14th 3.30pm **Messy Church** at Bourn Village Hall, 10.30am FW at Caxton
June 21st 10am **Team Commitment Service** with HC, Licensing & Confirmation at Bourn
June 28th 10.30am FW at Bourn, 5pm Evensong with Selwyn College at Longstowe

Evening Praise: Sundays weekly at 6pm at Pendrill Court, Papworth

Team Prayer meeting: Monday at 6.30pm: next dates 1 & 22 June at St Peter's Church, Papworth Everard.

The website **www.papworth.team** has up to date service information for all churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the Morning Prayer & Team services. Or phone 01480 776464 to hear a recorded message with all the church services across the team for the next Sunday.

ZOOM Chapel Morning Prayer (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)
Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm (except Bank Holidays)

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

June 7	Monica O'Donnell
June 14	Janet Clear
June 21	Miki Ellar
June 28	Christine Allison
July 5	Annabel Diggle

Papworth Team Big Day Out

Worship, Fellowship, Teaching, Fun, Food
Saturday July 11 10am-4pm at Little Gransden
Find out more & sign up at https://www.papworth.team/BDO

On June 21st, the Papworth Team will be hosting a special Benefice service in St Mary and St Helena Church, Bourn. The service will be led by Bishop Graham Kings and will include the licensing of Reverend Helene Tame as Associate Priest in our Benefice, confirmations and the opportunity for us all to renew our commitment to following Christ in the months ahead.





Forthcoming events

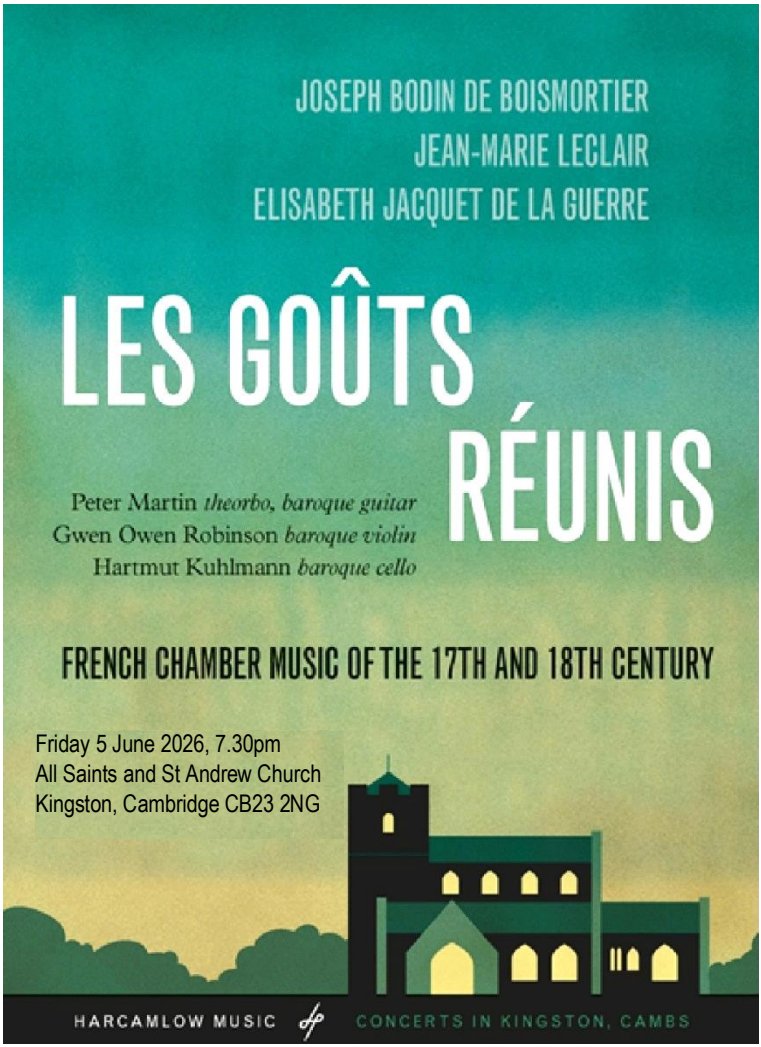
As has been stated previously, regular church income has declined rapidly in the last few years and we are currently running a deficit on our current account of about £6,000: we need to find the best part of this sum by the end of the year to pay our costs and break even. Please support these forthcoming events.

Friday 5th June 7.30 pm Les Gouts Reunis – a concert featuring Crane's Lane's Gwen Owen Robinson (baroque violin) and Hartmut Kuhlmann (baroque cello). From Hartmut: "Our friend, **Peter Martin**, will join us with his theorbo for an exceptional programme of French baroque chamber music. Peter is a regular player with Musica

Antica Rotherhithe. Together, we've embarked on a delightful voyage of discovery: combining the theorbo with the violin and the cello produces a sound that is intimate, harking back to the earlier seventeenth century, and at the same time vibrant and colourful. Just ideal for the music of French composer giants of the likes of Boismortier and Leclair, but also for the incredible imaginative soundscapes of Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre. – In addition to these, Peter will play solos from the 'Manuscrit Vaudry de Saizenay' (1699). Do come and join us – entry is free, with a retiring collection for the church. As usual, there will be refreshments afterwards, and a chance to have a chat. Hope to see you there."

Saturday 11th July 3.00pm Church Gift Day with cream teas and teddy bear parachuting from the church tower.

Sunday 19th July 3.00pm Ermine Street Band – a concert of wind quintet music by Haydn. Arrieu, Bizet and others.



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Church Gift Day

During our St Andrews and All Saints Church gift day, **everyone is invited to attend our village cream tea in church and church yard** (weather permitting) **on 11th July**. Gifting will commence from 2.00pm, free cream teas, funded by your Parish Council, will be served from 3.00pm. There will be the opportunity to see your teddy fly from the church tower from 4.30pm.

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Reframing the World War I Memorial Pictures

Some of you may be aware that I said I would take on the task of reframing the large picture in the village hall, which commemorates the men of Kingston who fought in the First World War.

This began as a relatively straightforward task — until I made it rather more complicated.

The immediate reason for the reframing was the photograph of Frank Algood which Paul Wright recently found. I decided to do a little research into Frank's story and found it both fascinating and very sad. Frank was killed in action on the first day of the Somme, in a battle so well recorded that it is possible to place his death quite precisely in time and place.

That led me to wonder whether I could piece together the histories of the other nineteen men for whom we already had photographs. Then I found four more men who were born in Kingston, served in the First World War, and died, but whose names do not appear to have been recorded in the village memorial. I may also be able to identify one of the unknown photographs. And I may have uncovered one chap who properly belongs with the Eversdens rather than Kingston.

So I began with nineteen men and now have twenty-eight possible names to consider.

The research is proving fascinating, though often moving. It shows the impact of different recruitment drives, including the Pals Battalions, on a small village community. Kingston men were involved in many of the major events on the Western Front between 1914 and 1918. There are brave stories, tragic stories, "how on earth did that happen?" stories, and stories of very young men enlisting. Taken together, they suggest the staggering effect the war must have had on the village.

I would now very much welcome feedback from today's villagers.

In order to have the picture reframed, along with some additional material I am working on, in time for Armistice Day, I need to give the framer a generous lead time. That means I also need to complete the main research in good time and make some decisions about how we wish to commemorate these men.

After the First World War there were no fixed national rules about exactly who should be included on a local memorial. Larger towns, employers and institutions often formed committees to make decisions, but in many places it came down to a local judgement about who was regarded as "one of ours". I think it would be right for this to be a village conversation rather than simply my decision.

The questions I would particularly welcome views on are these:

1. All twenty-eight men I have so far identified were born in Kingston. Most were still living in Kingston before the war, at least according to the 1911 census. Should we include all their names, whether or not we have a photograph?

2. A few of the twenty-eight were born in Kingston but had moved away before the war. They all died during the war. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission search

facility, which allows searches by place of birth, brought these additional names to light. Over the passage of time, they seem to have slipped from the village's collective memory, because of course, they did not return. Should they be included too?

3. So far, I have not found anyone who was born outside Kingston but lived here before, during or after the war. If I do find such a person, should he be considered a man of Kingston who served?

4. If the possible "Eversden" man did have meaningful ties to Kingston, what sort of connection would feel sufficient for inclusion?

5. Finally, there is the question of names. Our forebears had a great fondness for reusing the same first names, which makes research interesting, to put it mildly. Perhaps for this reason, some men appear to have used their middle names, although I cannot always be certain what they were called in everyday life. For the sake of future researchers, I propose using the fullest name I can establish with reasonable confidence. Does that feel sensible?

If you are still reading, and have any interest in this, please do send me your thoughts. You can email me at rachelhooper@hotmail.com, or drop a note through my letterbox at Crossways, opposite the village hall. I will then go with the general consensus when arranging the new framing.

Beyond the reframing itself, I hope to do the following.

First, I plan to write a short series of introductory articles for the parish magazine over the next few months. These will set the context for the research and may cover subjects such as the trials of researching wartime records, how First World War recruitment worked, how Kingston men enlisted, and the regiments in which they served.

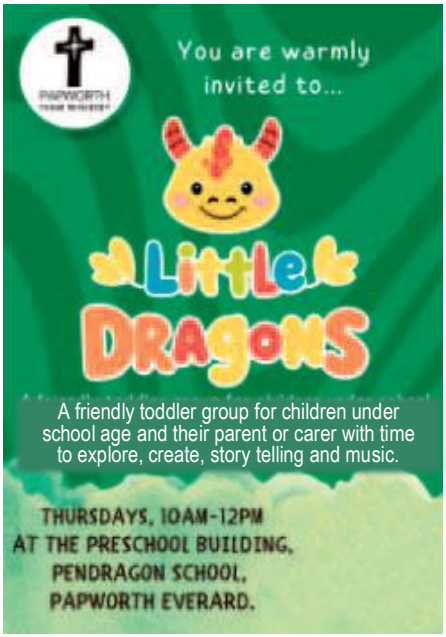
Secondly, I will research each man as far as I am able. The amount of surviving material varies greatly: some men have left long and detailed stories, while others can only be traced briefly.

Thirdly, I will speak to Julie about putting both the articles and the individual histories on the village website.

Finally, I would like to make the material accessible from the village hall itself. My current idea is to create a small index picture, rather like the one used for the Millennium Tapestry, to sit beside the main framed picture. Each man would have a QR code linking to his individual story on the village website. That way, anyone visiting the hall with a smartphone could read more about the men behind the photographs. It would also mean that, if anyone continues this research in future, the website could be updated without needing to alter the framed display.

I hope this all makes sense and feels appropriate. Please do let me know your thoughts through either of the routes above.

Rachel



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We have several experienced organisers and an amazing team who see to the actual barbecue, but there's a lot more to do and we can't leave all the work to just a few people!

In particular we need volunteers for these vital stages:

* Setting up the marquees, tables and chairs the evening before (Friday 11th)
* Making the delicious salads and desserts
* Helping to serve the above, as well as the barbecued meats
* Taking a turn at serving on the bar
* Taking down the marquees etc. on the morning after (Sunday 13th)

As you can see, a lot of extra help is needed to make this a truly successful event which can be enjoyed by all. Please have a think about how you could help and contact me (details below).

We'd also love to see some of our relatively new villagers and young families joining us. Getting involved in helping is a great way to get to know people better. If you can help out in one of the ways mentioned above, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Thank you!

Pat Draper

Kingston Parish Orchard Restoration

The Parish Council are to commence a restoration project on The Orchard. The purpose is to restore the land to the standard that was set when the area was finally established. The activity to be undertaken will include, but not be limited to :

The removal of grass, weeds and ivy around the trees. The pollarding and or pruning of any trees where required.

The plan is for the work to be progressively undertaken, on a monthly basis, when it is not raining, every first Monday morning of the month, between 10:30 and 12:00.

If you have the expertise, time and suitable tools, your contribution would be more than welcome.

The Orchard is a valuable asset and deserves to be maintained to the standard set by the various initial Parish members. Improvements can then follow for the benefit of all that use the facility, and the nearby residents.

News Update from Bourn Primary

It has been a busy few weeks back after the Easter break full of lots of learning and fun at school. I have been continually impressed with the children and their learning journeys – to speak with them about their progress is such a real honour.
Year 4 had a fantastic time at Grafham Water on their residential visit and it was wonderful to hear from the children all about the challenges that they faced and how much support and encouragement they gave each other. Year 3 had an amazing time at Celtic Harmony where they deepened their learning and understanding through interesting and 'hands-on' activities.
On the 1st May this year's Bourn to Run event was launched. The link to the official Bourn to Run page is https://bourntorun.com and you can find more information about this fantastic event in the 'Headteacher's Newsletter' section under the 1st May publication. Giant from Gladiators even made a recording which was shared with the children in Collective Worship on the Friday.

I also wanted to share some great news. For both the Autumn and Spring term Bourn has been awarded the Fischer Family Trust (FFT) National School Attendance Award for being in the top 10% of all FFT Primary Schools in England based on high attendance. My thanks go to all involved in us achieving this award and let us keep our fingers crossed for the Summer term award as well!

Mr J Fraser ***(****Head Teacher, Bourn Primary Academy)*

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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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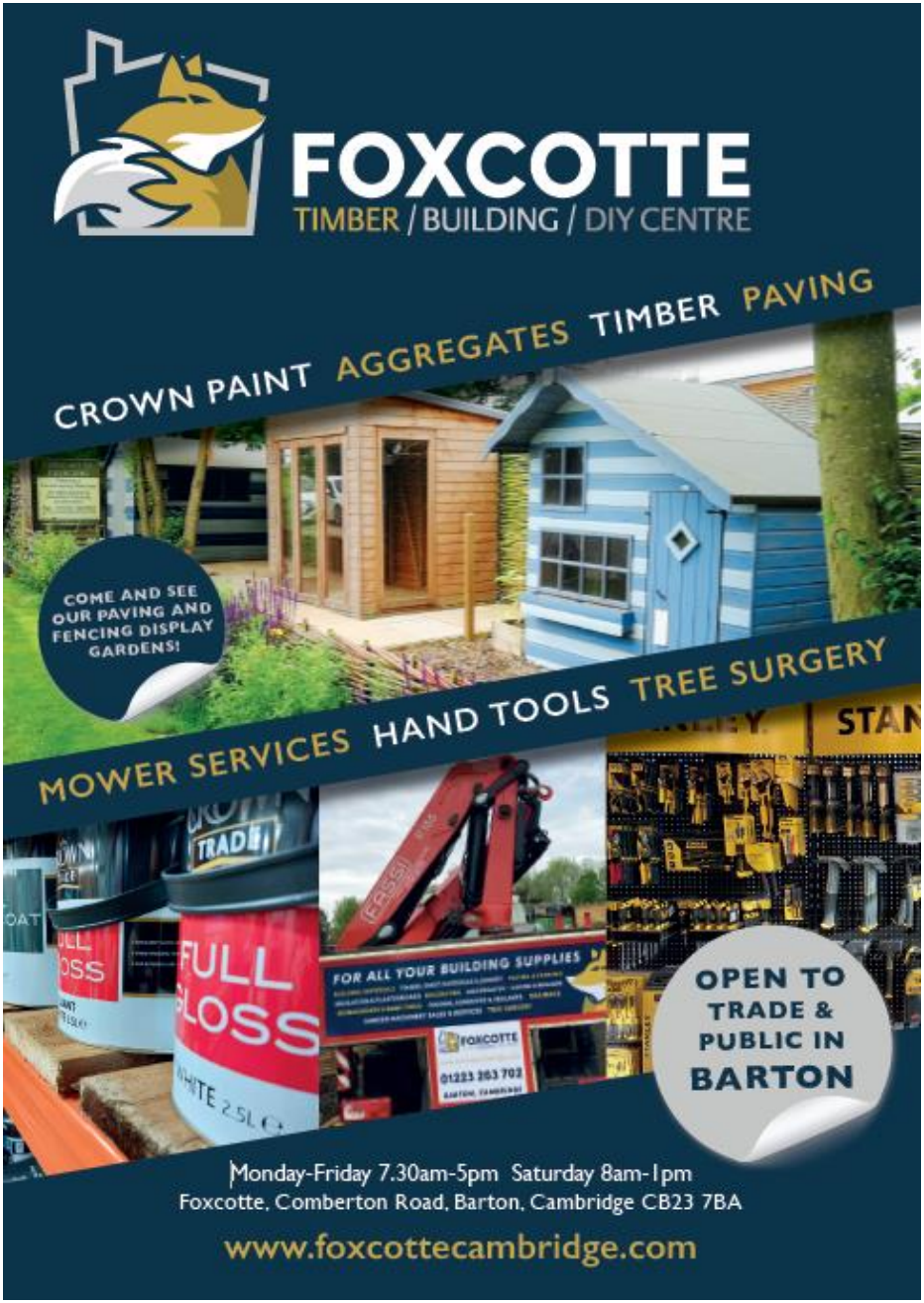
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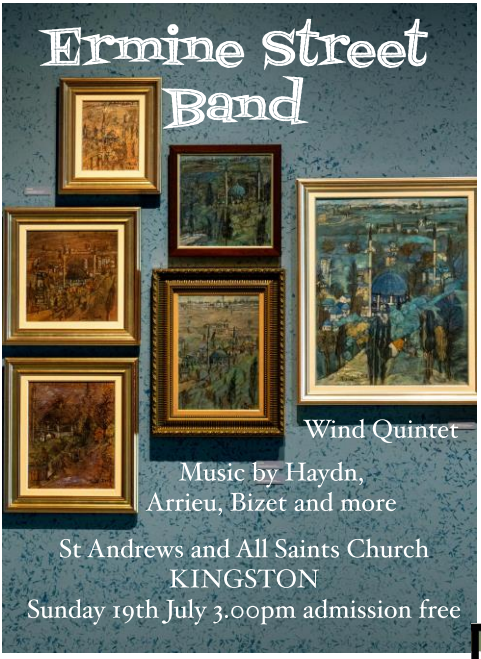

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