Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



October 2026

Village Diary

Sat 3rd Oct from 6.30pm	Pub night in the Village Hall
Thurs 8th Oct 1 – 1.30pm	Library Van at the crossroads
Thurs 8th Oct from 7.15pm	Kingston Music Club in 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 1st October	Black bin
Thursday 8th October	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 15th October	Black bin
Thursday 22nd October	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 29th October	Black bin
Thursday 5th November	Blue and Green Bin

Editorial

The fund-raising efforts of local children continue this month with the award of the scarecrow competition prizes at the monthly pub in the village hall on 3rd Oct. Well done to Hudson (and his parents) for once again organising this event. Do come along and congratulate him and applaud the winners.

September was a busy month here in Kingston with the BBQ and the Harvest Tea. Many thanks to all who attended and all who put their time and effort into either event. Proceeds from the BBQ went to the village hall and from the harvest tea to the church.

I read frequently that socialising, as well as exercise, are good for our mental health and we have plenty of opportunities for both here in Kingston. So join in and feel the benefits.

Another recent endeavour that I hope you have all heard about is the community orchard project. Details are in this month's magazine, so contact Rachel Hooper if you can spare the time and want to be involved. Exercise and socialising all at the same time!

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Cover picture – Harvest

Vicar's Letter:



Hello! What a relief it was to see some rain recently – and how quickly, our lawns at least, recovered from the summer drought. However, I was chatting to Peter Reynolds a month or so ago about a couple of the conifers in the church grounds that seem to have really suffered over recent years from low rainfall. Another local gardener was telling me that conifers across our area are really struggling from the recent sustained low rainfall.

In so many ways I feel on quite a sharp learning curve as I learn to live and serve in rural, village communities like Kingston, Bourn and beyond. As I engage in conversation with both gardeners and farmers I'm coming to better understand the enormous pressures that the latter especially, manage as they navigate the changing climate and the need to raise sufficient crops to make a living. These are testing times for sure…

But I heard something recently that's also had me thinking – it was a suggestion that we do better to think of ourselves as gardens, not machines. The person went on to explain that over a period of 24 hours he'd listened for phrases that indicated the inverse, things like: I need a reboot – I haven't got the bandwidth to manage that – my hard drive's full – my battery's run down and so on. Some of those phrases may resonate with things others say to you, or you hear yourself say. But, if we view our lives as gardens then we recognise the invitation to think more organically and seasonally and to consider the role of the gardener…

If my life is like a garden, then how is the soil of my heart restored or replenished? Where do I need some 'water' or 'sunlight' or 'shelter' – and what do they all represent? Where have weeds – i.e. the worries and 'extra' things I fill my day with, crowded out the things I want to give more space to? What things in my life need a bit of support in order to help them to grow and become established. Are there things that need the care, security and warmth provided by a 'cold frame' or 'greenhouse'? What adds beauty to my life, what provides for, and shelters others, and so on…

The bible is full of such imagery and often casts God as a gardener or farmer, faithfully tending the soil, substance and roots of our hearts and lives, sowing, weeding, pruning and tending us, that we might be both fruitful and fulfilled.

Whether we count ourselves as gardens and gardeners, or not, we all of us appreciate the beauty, balance and peace of a well-cared for garden, and the skill of a gardener that loves and knows it…God seeks to be that in our lives.

May you know God's blessing as the season of summer draws to a close and as you ponder the ways in which your life really is like a garden. If there's any particular way I could pray for you, or if there's anything I could do to listen and support you, please do get in touch.

Warmly, ***Revd. Helene Tame*** *Papworth Team Ministry*

Kingston Church Services for October

Sunday 4th October **Family Service/Morning Prayer 10.30am**

Sunday 18th October **Holy Communion (Said) 9.00am**

Sunday 1st November **Family Service/Morning Prayer 10.30am**

Please note that Holy Communion is now scheduled for the third Sunday each month, with Family Worship on the first Sunday.
The church is open every day.

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

Oct 4th 10.30am Come & See at Bourn, 9 am HC at Caxton
Oct 11th 9am Said HC & 3.30pm Messy Church at Bourn, 10.30am Harvest at Caxton, 9am MP at Longstowe
Oct 18th 10.30am FW at Bourn, 10.30am MP at Caxton
Oct 25th10.30am HC at Bourn, 10.30am Harvest HC at Longstowe
Nov 1st 10.30am Come & See at Bourn, 9 am HC at Caxton, 3pm All Souls at Longstowe

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

Team Prayer meeting: Monday at 6.30pm: next dates 5 & 26 October at St Peter's Church, Papworth Everard.

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

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. Or phone 01480 776464 to hear a recorded message with all the church services across the team for the next Sunday.

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

Oct 4	Christine Allison
Oct 11	Annabel Diggle
Oct 18	Lee Steele
Oct 25	Lee Steele
Nov 1	Monica O'Donnell

Harvest 2026

The Harvest Tea on the 20th September raised £100, with a further £110 taken at the Harvest Festival which followed. Many thanks to all those who decorated the church, made cakes or helped in any other way on this occasion.

Kingston Music Club

The Music Club is starting again after a summer break, meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 8 October. The bar will open at 7.15 and the music will start at 7.30pm. The title is 'Recorded Music from Vinyl to AI - how has technology changed the way we listen to, and make, music?' Do we like where we are with digital music and Spotify? What is happening with AI for music composition? The evening will, as usual, be dedicated to listening to good music in company, but in this case set against a backdrop of change. We will cover a wide range of music, starting with vinyl on a portable record player (bring your records along!) and ending with AI music - some of the tracks made right here in Kingston! Everyone in Kingston is welcome as are friends.

The November meeting will be on 26 November, when Miki Ellar will present a programme of piano music - more details to follow.

Simon Draper

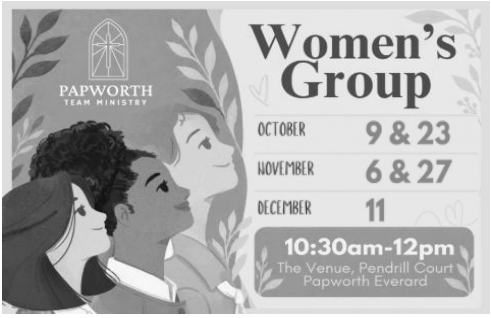
Car Parking on The Green

The Parish Council has been advised that there has been an increase in the time period of, and number of, cars parking along the length of The Green. This is now causing significant issues for the residents along this stretch of the road.

Consequently, we are requesting that residents and visitors, at all times, make use of the Village Hall Car Park when spaces are available.

You are reminded that The Green is an overflow site when there are no spaces remaining in the Village Hall Car Park

Paul Wheeler
Clerk to Kingston Parish Council





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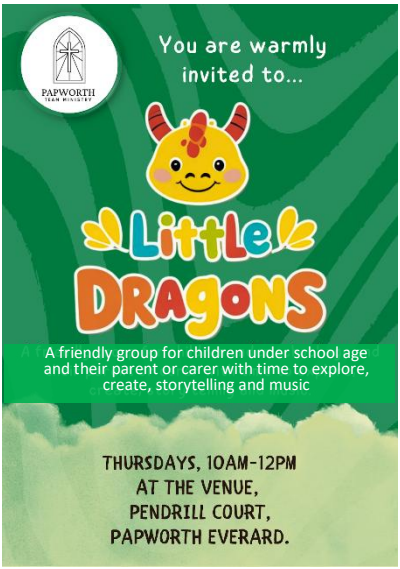



Our Community Orchard

A shared village space for fruit, wildlife, learning and enjoyment
The Parish Council and a group of villagers have begun shaping a practical plan for the orchard.
The aim is to care for it together, help nature thrive, keep the fruit trees healthy and make the orchard an inviting place for everyone to explore and enjoy.

WHAT are we proposing?	**WHY this approach?**
• Mown paths and small sitting/ picnic areas, with meadow and long-grass areas left for wildlife. • Healthy fruit trees, cared for at the right time of year, with fruit shared and enjoyed. • Hedges managed as living boundaries, with more blossom, berries and shelter for wildlife. • Bird and bat boxes, hedgehog friendly habitat, deadwood poles and other small wildlife features. • Simple signs and QR codes so we can discover the orchard's trees, wildlife, history and seasonal changes. • Volunteer working parties where villagers can help with suitable jobs, learn skills and share knowledge.	• Because the orchard is first and foremost a community, biodiversity and heritage space. • Because long grass, berries, ivy, brambles and deadwood can all be valuable homes and food sources. • Because seasonal care helps protect nesting birds, insects and other wildlife while keeping trees and boundaries healthy. • Because the orchard can be a place to sit, pick fruit, spot species, learn about nature and enjoy being outdoors together. • Because a wildlife-friendly orchard does not have to look manicured to be well cared for. • And because the more people who join in, the more the orchard can become something the whole village feels part of.

WHEN will things happen? A simple seasonal rhythm

WINTER Nov-Feb	SPRING Mar-Jun	SUMMER Jul-Aug	AUTUMN Sept-Oct
Hedges, winter pruning, hazel coppicing, tree checks, bird/bat boxes and habitat piles.	Paths start to be mown, blossom, flowers, insects and birds can be watched and recorded. Heavy hedge work pauses for nesting.	Paths stay open, fruit develops, stone fruit can be pruned if needed, and meadow cutting may begin once seed has set.	Fruit harvest, main meadow cut, some long grass left for winter, signs and habitat features added, and the year reviewed.

This is a starting plan: it will grow and change as we learn more about the orchard and more villagers get involved

Come and be part if it!

You do not need to be an expert. There will be ways to help with practical jobs, wildlife spotting, fruit picking, recording what we find and sharing ideas. Children are especially welcome to get involved in suitable, supervised activities – the orchard is a wonderful place to learn what changes through the seasons.
Watch the parish magazine and village WhatsApp for working-party dates, fruit updates and ways to join in.

Questions about the plans - contact Rachel Hooper, Crossways Cottage. rachelhooper@hotmail.com

Benjamin Britten A Ceremony of Carols 22nd November

Patrick Dailly is organising a production of Britten's Ceremony of Carols here in Kingston church on the evening of 22nd November; there will be a second performance in Caxton on the 29th. This is one of Britten's most popular works, conceived as he travelled back by ship to the UK from the USA in 1942. It is a setting of Middle English and Latin carols scored for a small chorus, solo voices and harp, often performed in churches by candlelight at Advent: it promises to be a very special event. No charge for entry, but there will be a retiring collection for church funds. Further details next month.

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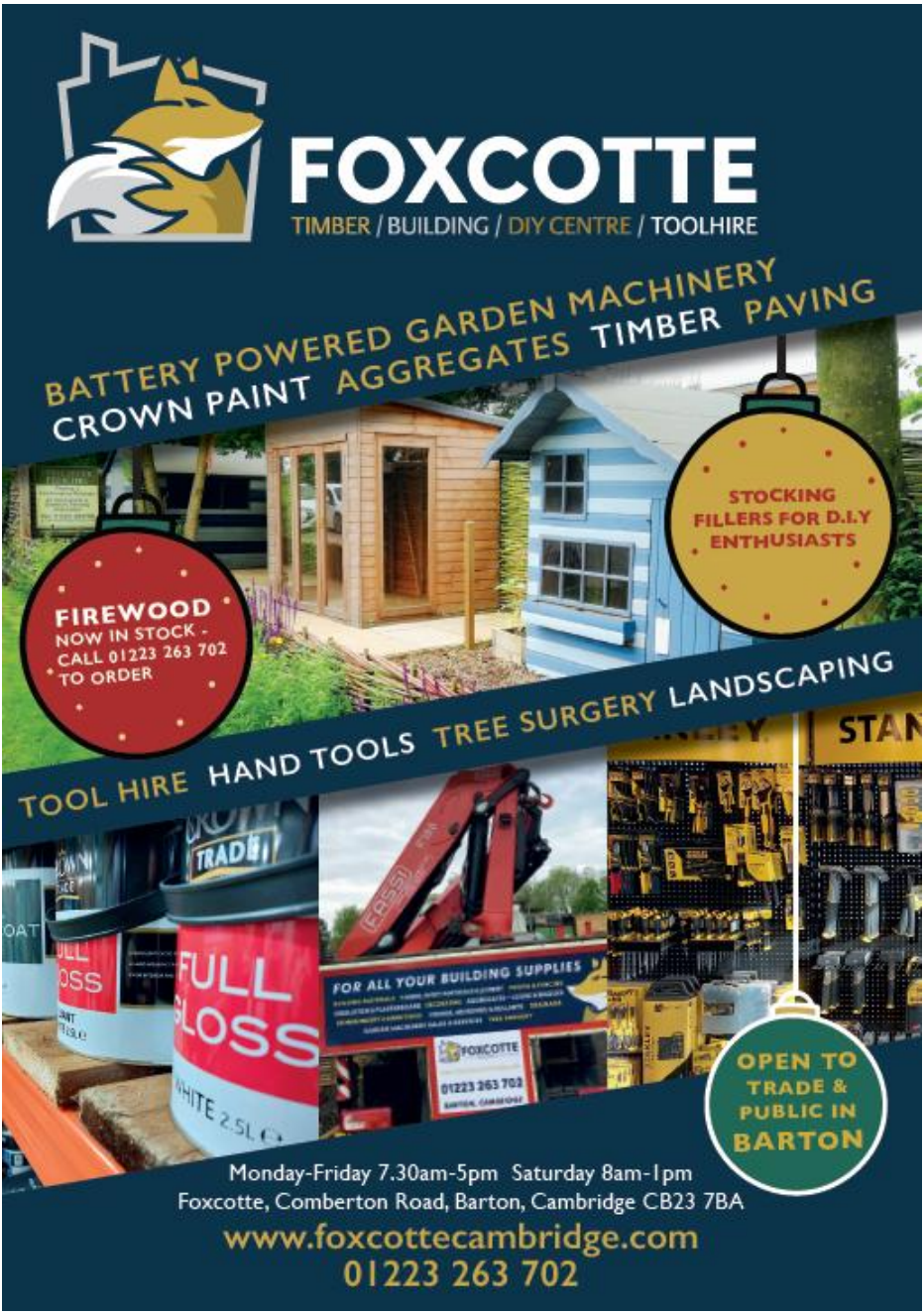
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Cambridge Water plans to reopen its Kingston borehole site

Cambridge Water is planning to reopen its borehole site at Kingston and bring it back into supply.

Currently, nearly all of the water supplied to customers across the company's operating area comes from the underground aquifers that feed the chalk streams that are a feature of the Cambridgeshire landscape. These unique water habitats are very susceptible to climate change. So, Cambridge Water is carrying out an ongoing programme of work to reduce the volume of water it takes (or 'abstracts') from the chalk aquifers.

The company is developing new sources, which will bring in water from outside its operating area. This includes a transfer of water from Anglian Water's Grafham reservoir and the construction of a brand new reservoir in the Cambridgeshire Fens, again with Anglian Water. As these significant projects will take time to deliver, the company is exploring other opportunities across its operating area to help reduce the volume of water it takes from the chalk aquifers.

Historically, Cambridge Water took water from a borehole in Kingston, which is not part of a chalk aquifer. It mothballed the site more than 20 years ago because of challenges with the water quality. Since then, innovation in water treatment technology has progressed significantly. This means the company is now able to treat this water to meet the stringent drinking water quality standards required by the Drinking Water Inspectorate.

It is planning to completely refurbish the Kingston site, with the aim of bringing water back into supply in early 2027. Once it has reopened, the borehole will provide the company with an additional 1.2 million litres of water a day during peak times. This will also help it to meet the predicted growth in the area as outlined in the Cambridge Local Plan.

In carrying out this work, Cambridge Water is taking forward lessons learned from other projects. This includes building the modular water treatment units off-site to reduce construction timeframes to around six months and mitigate potential environmental impacts – for example, by reducing the number of vehicles on site at any one time.

Taking this approach will help the company to ensure the solution is the most cost-effective one, as will making use of existing water abstraction licences, company-owned land and an established operational knowledge of the site. Cambridge Water considers this will deliver the best long-term outcomes for its customers and the environment.

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