Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



September 2026

Village Diary

Sat 5th Sept from 6.30pm	Pub night in the Village Hall
Thurs 10th Sept 1 – 1.30pm	Library Van at the crossroads
Sat 12th Sept from 12.30pm	Village BBQ at South Sea House
Sat 19th am & Sun 20th Sept from 4pm	Harvest Celebration at Church/Village Hall
From Sat 26th Sept – Sat 3rd Oct	Scarecrow Competition
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 3rd September	Black bin
Thursday 10th September	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 17th September	Black bin
Thursday 24th September	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 1st October	Black bin

Editorial

Kingston children have been doing us proud with their fund-raising this summer. Ella's cake sale was a big success and we're all looking forward to Hudson Pirie's scarecrow competition this month. So now it's the adults turn, and I propose a competition for the brownest lawn. Or maybe the saddest-looking shrub or bush. Trouble is picking a winner would be very hard.

Good news for Cranes Lane residents as it looks like a drain clearance team has been at work. It will be good to have this perennial problem addressed (call me cynical, but see how I avoided using the word solved!).

Enough arm-chair criticism; let's all look forward to a cool, wet autumn. Just not on BBQ day.

Miki Ellar miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

Cover picture – Back to school!

Correction

Joan Brennan was born on the 6th July 1930, not the 6th April, as stated last month. She died on the 5th April 2026 and her ashes were interred at Barton Mills on her birthday, the 6th July.

Vicar's Letter:



Hello! Thanks so much for stopping to read this month's village news. I wonder how September is in your heart and household? For some, school will be beginning for the very first time (can you remember your own first day at school – I suspect most of us can, however long ago it happened!) – for others there's a different school transition to navigate with a move to secondary school: a bus ride instead of a walk to navigate and a myriad of new teachers and subjects and corridors to manage, all whilst feeling rather small.

Some of you might be anticipating an empty nest as a child moves to university and you juggle feelings of anxiety, pride, relief, loss, uncertainty, as you face the different challenges that come with supporting adult children.

Maybe your household isn't affected at all by school or university transitions – maybe because that happened ages ago, or never happened at all, despite your wishing that they had…

Some of us fare better with change than others – change often involves both losses and gains; nearly all change feels easier when there's someone else around to walk and talk it through. I think the Church is especially good at marking transitions, both celebrating the bits that can be celebrated and mourning the bits that leave us feeling disoriented and at a loss. It was wonderful to have the Bourn school at St Helena and St Mary's at the end of last term to do both: to celebrate the year that had passed and say goodbye to Year 6.

Although Kingston doesn't have its own school the village children will all be in the throes of the new term by the time you read this. Could I encourage you, even as you read this, to pause and pray – no special phrases, posture or place are needed – a simple 'God, please bless and be close to our village children today' – will more than do! With my own children – now all long grown of course, I would often pray for them as they travelled to school that they would be a good friend to the children in their class and know God's peace and presence throughout their day. Whatever words we use I guess the invitation is to cultivate a habit that connects God with whatever our day holds and with all those we hold most dear.

God bless and be close to you today.

Revd. Helene Tame
Papworth Team Ministry

Kingston Church Services for September

Sunday 6th September Holy Communion (Said) 9.00am

Sunday 20th September Harvest Festival 6.00pm

Please note new times of services. The church is open every day.

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

Sept 6th 10.30am Come & See at Bourn, 9 am HC at Caxton, 3 pm Pet Service at Longstowe
Sept 13th 8.30am Said HC & 3.30pm Messy Church at Bourn, 10.30am HC at Caxton,
Sept 20th 10.30am FW at Bourn, 10.30am MP at Caxton
Sept 27th ***10.30am West Cambridge Joint Service at Comberton Village College***

Evening Praise: Sundays weekly at 6pm at Pendrill Court, Papworth (Not 27 Sept)

Team Prayer meeting: Monday at 6.30pm: next date 14 September 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

Sept 6	Lee Steele
Sept 13	Monica O'Donnell
Sept 20	Janet Clear (Harvest)
Sept 27	Miki Ellar
Oct 4	Christine Allison

Harvest 2026

The Harvest Festival at 6.00pm on the 20th September will be preceded by a Harvest Tea at 4.00pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to this traditional annual celebration.

Holy Baptism

Rosie Jayne Alexander, the daughter of Melissa and David Alexander, was baptised by the Rev'd Helene Tame on Sunday 9th of August.



Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Ride + Stride 2026

The annual 'Ride + Stride' takes place on Saturday 12th September. If anyone is able and willing to visit churches (by bicycle, on foot or any other means) in return for sponsorship, please contact Peter Reynolds for further information. Half the money raised would go to the Trust and the other half to Kingston church.

Sale of cakes

The sale of cakes which took place in the Village Hall on the 8th August raised £127.50 and the proceeds were divided between the Church and the Village Hall. Many thanks to everyone who took part and especially to Ella Alexander for organising this event.



Church Decorating for Harvest

Sat 19 Sept
10.30am-12.00pm


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Kingston Village Barbecue, South Sea House

Saturday 12th September

Bar open at 12.30 pm. Food served from 1.30 pm.

Buy your ticket(s) using the QR code which is on the full-page poster in this month's magazine. Remember to tell Femke about any dietary requirements at this stage.

There will be generous portions of 3 different meats. Vegetarian/vegan options will be available if pre-ordered. We'll also have a choice of delicious home-made salads and desserts.

If you can offer to provide a salad or dessert you'll be rewarded with 2 free bar tokens!

We'd still welcome some help with these other vital jobs:

* Setting up the marquees, tables and chairs beforehand

* Helping to serve food

* Taking a turn at serving on the bar

* Taking down the marquees etc. on the morning after

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
tel: 07990 602435

The Wonder of Wood **Sat 12 & Sun 13 September 10.00am-5.00pm**

at Burwash Manor, New Rd, Barton, CB23 7EY.

Traditional woodworking, craftsmanship & outdoor adventure with live music, hands-on activities, crafts to try, demos, tree climbing, den building, survival skills, storytelling, circus skills & a bale assault course. Refreshments.
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Longstowe Hall Gardens are open on Sun 6 & Sun 20 September, 11am to 4.00pm. Café opens from 11am to 4pm. £9.50/£4.50, entrance by pre-booked tickets only. Book at https://longstowehall.co.uk/gardens/

Chimney Sweep in Kingston

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September 2026

The chimney sweep will be in Kingston on **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September this year**. As usual Mark will give us a discount for our village block-booking.

Please contact me if you would like to have your chimney(s) swept on one of these dates or for more details.

***Pat Draper**, Rose Hide House, Church Lane.*

tel. 07990 602435

Grants for School Leavers from the Kingston Parish Charity

Any school leavers in Kingston who are starting further education this autumn are invited to apply to the trustees of the Kingston Parish Charity for grants. This includes those beginning vocational training or apprenticeships as well as university studies.

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Our Team Administrator, Revd. Chris Westgarth, works in the office normally on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 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.

The Revd Matt Phillips	matt@papworth.team	01954 604889
The Revd Helene Tame	helene@papworth.team	07938 803501



A big well done and a thank you to Ella for her cake competition. She raised £127.50 split between the Church and the Village Hall and gave many villagers a great morning of socialising and cake eating (after the prize giving of course).

Ella Alexander with cakes

Bourn to Run Road Closure Sun 27 Sept

Alms Hill and Caxton End in Bourn will be closed from 10.00am-12.00noon





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Enquiries: Sarah Wright (secretary)
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0787 999 1068

Longstowe VILLAGE HALL

CAR BOOT & TABLE-TOP SALE

Sunday, 4th October
11.00 till 3.00

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Vans £15 (cash/card on the day)
Indoor tables £12 (cash/card on the day)

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Open Cambridge: 11–20 September
A celebration of our community, the heritage and history, highlighting stories of Cambridge and the surrounding area. Events book up fast! For the full programme and booking visit: www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk

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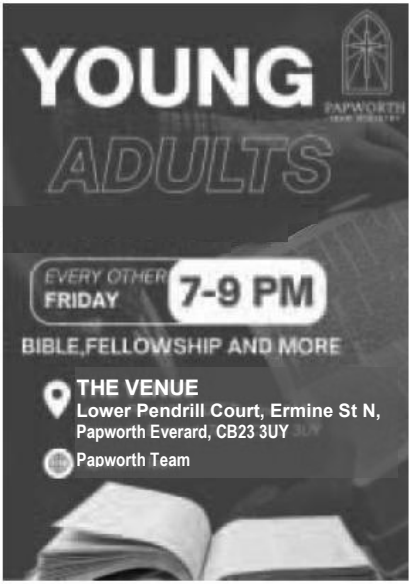

LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY

12,000 years of (modern) humans in Britain



What science and archaeology can tell us about the changes in our heritage, pets and farm animals, and recurrent plagues that occurred since modern humans came to Britain 12,000 years ago.

an illustrated talk
by Chris Thomas
(Norris Museum, St Ives)

Tuesday 29th Sept 2026, 7.30 for 8pm

LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

Admission: £3 (members free) refreshments included.
Everyone Welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND AFTERNOON TEA



Wood engraving by Gwen Raverat

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Church decoration 10.30-12.00 pm

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

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Harvest Festival in the church 6.00 pm

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Help shape the future of adult social care

People are being encouraged to have their say on the future of adult social care as part of a national public engagement programme launched by Baroness Louise Casey.

The Big Conversation on Care aims to give people across England a direct opportunity to influence the future development of a National Care Service and help shape how care and support will be provided for years to come.

The commission is seeking views from the public on a range of important issues, including who should be eligible for support, what role families should play in caring for loved ones, and how care should be funded in a fair and sustainable way.

The engagement will run until April 2027 and will take place in two phases. The first phase, running until November, focuses on the values and principles people expect from the care system and who should receive support. The second phase will look at funding, delivery and long-term reform of adult social care.

Take part and find out more at www.caseycommission.co.uk/bigconversation

Recycling Coffee Pods

Over 35 tonnes of coffee pods have been recycled at the county's nine household recycling centres in the last year, which, if placed end to end, would be enough to nearly cross the width of the county twice.

The County Council is partnered with Podback which recycles coffee pods in the UK, to reduce waste, saving on new materials. Collected pods are shredded and cleaned of coffee. The shredded pods can be made into new products, while the coffee grounds are used to help create renewable energy and soil improver.

Please bring pods to any of the household waste recycling centres and tip them loose into the dedicated containers: there are containers at Milton, St Neots and Thriplow. For more about what can be recycled at the sites, go to https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/what-can-i-take-to-a-household-recycling-centre

'Bridge the Gap' Charity Walk with Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Romsey Mill is on Sunday 13th September, with a new route starting from Parkers Piece in Cambridge to visit Jesus, St Johns, Trinity, Gonville and Caius, Queens and Downing colleges. Tourist Guides will be around to answer your questions, with fascinating facts and stories. Book at arhc.org.uk/btg or telephone 01223 676888. Up to three U16's free with every paying adult.

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