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Happy New Year

The 12 days of Christmas end on the feast of the Epiphany on 6th January. In medieval times, Twelfth Night was a time for feasting and fun, a night of mischief and carnival on which life was turned upside down and masters and servants exchanged roles. It was the last Christmas party before the cold reality hit of the long weeks of winter still to come. For many today, Epiphany has lost any significance. By 6th January most people have returned to work after the holidays and the school term is often beginning, but the Epiphany is actually a major festival in the life of the church.

Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi, the Three Wise Men, to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. Epiphany means 'showing' or 'manifestation'; the feast marks the time when Jesus was first shown or revealed to the Gentiles (ie people who didn't belong to the house of Israel). In the cold light of day, the magnificence of Jesus was revealed. It's a very encouraging feast for us to take note of; in the flat, depressing weeks after the excitement of Christmas when decorations are looking limp and our spirits are low, the recollection that these three foreigners had glimpsed the hope of the future in a most unexpected place, should stir our anticipation for what's to come.

They came bearing their three famous gifts: gold (for a king), frankincense (for a priest) and myrrh (for anointing – looking forward to his death). These Magi had travelled from far in the East, they were strangers who didn't really know what it was they were seeking, but they recognised it when they saw it: Jesus. In our own lives, discernment and guidance don't always come from the most obvious places: it can be through unexpected people and situations that we discover more about ourselves and the course our lives will take. Perhaps one message of the Epiphany is to encourage us to take the risk, to follow the hints and promptings which come from unexpected quarters, to step out into the New Year with the faith that the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

May you know the blessing of God in the year to come!

Fiona

Editor's Note

It always seems strange to be writing this note for January when December still has so long to run. Christmas is still a week or so away and New Year parties are in the planning stage!

The one thing to be said for 2010 is that we certainly had some weather – lots of it! Recently we seem to have had even more going from heavy hawfrost one day to mild and almost balmy a couple or so days later. Between us we must have several pictures of the hawfrost so if you would like to send some in for publication in the magazine, do please do so.

December has been a busy month for everyone so I hope that you will be able to sit back and relax a bit once the Christmas festivities have passed. The monthly 'pub' in the village hall continues to provide a meeting place, the Christmas Bring and Buy raised most welcome funds and was followed by the Church Carol Service. The annual strolling carollers have still to make their rounds at the time of writing but I know this will also be a very happy, festive event. The additional hospitality following the Carol Service and Carolling generously provided by Peter and Suzy Stokes and James and Janet Clear are extremely welcome and we all thank them for their kindness.

Once again can I remind everyone to let Bill Lovell have an email address so that you can receive his regular updates on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch. This is also a good opportunity for me to thank Bill, on behalf of all villagers, for the work he does for us through the NW. Bill's email address is lvfld@tiscali.co.uk.

One question which has been raised recently is whether there is anywhere within the village vicinity where we could burn excess garden refuse. At several times during the year our green bins are nowhere near large enough to accommodate shrubs and logs which cannot be used on fires or in compost (and some of us are not able to compost either because of space restrictions) and it would be great if someone could offer a suitable place for a communal burn! If you are able to do so, please contact Peter Stokes, Clerk of the Parish Council, who would be able to set things up.

Finally, for the first time in several years we had a house-to-house collection for the Poppy Appeal which raised a very generous £82.90.

Thank you very much to all who contributed – and particular thanks to Irene Heyman who kindly help me with the collection.

Please don't forget to fill in the questionnaires sent out with the magazine last month. We really need your input on how the magazine should grow in the future.

Have a really happy time at Christmas and enjoy all the New Year festivities. May you all have a happy and prosperous 2011.

Jill

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday 2nd January Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday 16th January Family Service 10.30am

Sunday 23rd January Evening Prayer 6.00pm

FAMILY SERVICE COFFEE ROTA

January: Mrs Bingley and Mrs Ellar

CHURCH CLEANING

1st Sunday Mr and Mrs Stokes
2nd Sunday Dr and Mrs O'Donnell
3rd Sunday Mrs Rimmer
4th Sunday Mrs Clear
5th Sunday Mrs Struthers and family

THANKS

Many, many thanks to all those who cleaned and decorated the church, read lessons, or played music for our Christmas services last month.

CHURCH FLOWERS and BRASSES

02 January Mrs Stone
09 January Mrs Struthers
16 January Mrs Wheeler
23 January Mrs Allison
30 January Mrs Clear

Kingston Village Hall

Pub Night Saturday 8 January - from 6.00 - 10.30 pm – **Katherine and Mark Stalham**

Annual Quiz 'n' Chips Evening - Saturday 22 January at 7.30 pm. In the past this event has been extremely well supported and has also been great fun. Do come along! Teams will be made up of 6 people and tickets will be £8.50 per person (£51 per table). The Fish and Chips will as usual be included in the price of the ticket and we will have a licensed bar to provide drinks.

Please arrange your team and then contact Sarah or Paul Wright to confirm your tickets.

International Evening

On Saturday 27 November an International Evening was held in the Village Hall.

Similar occasions have taken place in past years and always proved most enjoyable: this was no exception. Participants contributed their own dish with a suitably international flavour, thus providing a wonderful selection of mouth-watering main courses and desserts to be shared by all.

It was a bitterly cold night outside, but the hall was warm, welcoming and lit by candlelight. A long table was set down the middle, the food was plentiful and conversation flowed, as did the wine and beer!

Thanks are due in particular to Sarah and Paul Wright and Janet Clear whose planning and hard work ensured the success of the event, but also to all those who supported it and helped to make it such fun.

Pat Draper

Christmas Bring and Buy

On Saturday 11 December the annual Christmas Bring and Buy was held at the Village Hall. Thanks to the efforts of Miki Ellar, Suzy Stokes, Paul and Sarah Wright the event raised the useful sum of £196.50 this year. As always there were some delicious items on the produce table and a few interesting gift ideas on the other table. Many thanks to those who supported the event.

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Services for Jan/Feb 2011

TEAM EAST

Month	Sunday	Title	T.E.W	Boxworth	Elsworth	Knapwell	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
January	1 02/01/2011	Christmas 2		8.30 am HC (2) at Caxton & Kingston		10.30 am Holy Communion at Papworth		3.00 pm Evening Prayer at Knapwell		
	2 09/01/2011	Baptism of Christ		10.30 am FS	3.00 pm HC(2)		10.30 am WfA		10.30 am HC	8.30 am HC(2)
							6.00 pm EP			
	3 16/01/2011	Epiphany 2		10.30 am MP	10.30 am AAC	8.30 am HC(2)	8.30 am HC(1)	10.30 am FS	10.30 am FS	
4 23/01/2011	Epiphany 3		10.30 am HC(1)	3.00 pm EP		10.30 am Morning Worship	6.00 pm EP		10.30 am HC	
5 30/01/2011	Epiphany 4		10.30 am Full Team Service at Papworth							
February	1 06/02/2011	Fifth Sunday before Lent	6.00 pm Caxton	08.30 am HC (2)	10.30 am FS+BAPTISM	3.00 pm EP	10.30 am HC(1)	8.30 am HC(2)	8.30 am HC (2)	
	2 13/02/2011	Fourth Sunday before Lent		10.30 am FS	3.00 pm HC (2)		10.30 am WfA		10.30 am MP	8.30 am HC(2)
							6.00 pm EP			
	3 20/02/2011	Third Sunday before Lent	6.00 pm Caxton	10.30 am MP	10.30 am AAC	8.30 am HC(2)	8.30 am HC(1)	10.30 am FS	10.30 am FS	
	4 27/02/2011	Second Sunday before Lent		10.30 am HC (1)	3.00 pm EP		10.30 am MWorship	6.00 pm EP		10.30 am MP

Kingston village hall

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£9 per hour after 7.00 pm

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To book please contact Sarah Wright sarahwwright@hotmail.com
or Jill Coleman 01223 263919 coleman117@btinternet.com

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Friday 4 th February	No Competition – local bands’ rock night	More details after Christmas – see website.	£3
Friday 18 th February	Custard Comedy	Doors open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door

Papworth Team Ministry



Team Evening Worship

Sunday 16th January, 6.00 pm at Caxton
 Sunday 6th February, 6.00 pm at Caxton
 Sunday 20th February, 6.00 pm at Caxton

Praise, Prayer, Teaching

Home Communion

If you are a regular worshipper and become housebound we still want to share in the life of your Christian community. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible please contact the team office on 01954 719718 and we will be able to help. If you cannot get out and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let the office know and we will arrange for the sacrament to be brought to you on a regular basis. This also applies to those who are seriously ill and bed bound.

Kingston Parish Council

Simon Draper (Chairman)

Tim Fitzjohn (Vice Chairman, Footpaths, and Conservation officer)

Julie Conder (Finance Officer, Playground User Group
representative, and webmaster)

Katherine Stalham (Village Hall Management Committee
Representative)

James Clear

Peter Stokes (Clerk to the Kingston Parish Council)

Kingston Village Hall Management Committee

Torrie Smith (Chairman)

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Sarah Wright (Secretary)

Committee members:- Christine Allison, Janet Clear, Pat
Draper, Linda Rimmer, Katherine Stalham, Peter
Stokes, Susie Stokes and Paul Wright.

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		prescriptions	01223 262399
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