

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



December 2012

Village Diary

Sat Dec 1	Pub Night 6-8pm Village Hall Beer with a Bobby
Sun Dec 2	Children's Christmas Party 3.30-5.30 Kingston Village Hall
Fri Dec 7	Blue and Green Bins
Sat Dec 8	Christmas Bring and Buy 10.30 – 12.00 Village Hall
Wed Dec 12	An Evening of Festive Flower Arranging 7.00 Kingston Church
Fri Dec 14	Black Bins
Thur Dec 20	Village Carol Singing 6.30pm South Sea House
Fri Dec 21	Blue and Green Bins
Fri Dec 28	No collection
Mon Dec 31	Black Bin
Fri Jan 4	No collection (Blue & Green Bins)

Beer with a Bobby

PCSO Karen Mahoney from the Cambourne Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at the 'pub' on Saturday 1st December between 6-8pm, and will be able to chat to residents about any policing issues or concerns. Karen has also promised to let any interested children have a look inside her police car! Do come along for a drink and find out more about local policing. If you need any more details, please contact Katherine Reid (reid_ke@tiscali.co.uk)

Vicar's Letter

Rev Dr Alexandra Clarke

There are probably some parents who think that negotiating the run-up to Christmas with young children around is a pretty good training for a posting with an elite NATO Defence Force. The constant cries of 'how many days till Christmas?', the instant desire for every single toy and game that's advertised on TV, no matter how unsuitable, and the (probably too frequent) suggestions that Father Christmas won't come at all if behaviour isn't improved, not to mention the worries about how to afford presents and food and the age-old disputes over which family is coming to visit, mean that by the time we've slogged it through 24 days of December we feel haggard and uncharitable! No wonder the underside of the Christmas season is loneliness, anger, violence, marriage breakdown, debt and depression. Yet churches and Christians keep trying to convince us that Christmas is all about Good News, and that a birth 2000 years ago has a bearing on our stress, finances, relationships and lives today. Do they live in cloud-cuckoo land?

I believe not. And the reason for that is that the birth of Jesus is a supreme symbol of **HOPE**; hope that absolutely nothing is beyond the reach or interest of God; absolutely no one is too insignificant or sinful to be noticed and loved by God. Jesus was born in squalid conditions, from dubious parentage, in a totally insignificant community, during a dangerous period of foreign occupation; yet this is how and where God *chose* to send his human message of love into the world. We don't impress God by what we've achieved or acquired in life; he offers his love to us simply because we're human, warts and all. It's probably true that no matter how many people tell us that Christmas isn't about the tinsel and the price tags, it's about showing love to others, we'll still fret and stress about the superficial things, but the Good News is as true for December 1st-24th as it is for the day itself: God's love *can* (and *does*) change the world, because it begins by warming *individual* human hearts – for life, not just for Christmas.

Parish Council News

Speeding on Bourn Road: the parish council is seeking funding to install a 40mph 'buffer zone' on Bourn Road between Tinkersfield and the start of the 30mph limit, in an attempt to reduce the speed of traffic arriving at the crossroads. To succeed in this it is helpful if we can demonstrate that this has the support of residents. If you agree that this would be a good idea please drop me a quick email (kingstonpc@tiscali.co.uk) indicating your support!

Rectory Lane: Further to the item in last month's magazine, I have now been informed that the Highways Dept have had to defer further resurfacing in Rectory Lane to next year.

Planning

S/1775/12/FL Kingston Pastures Cottage: permission has been granted for a single storey extension.

S/1714/12/LB Kingston Wood Farm House: permission has been granted for internal and external alterations.

S/1814/12/FL Summerhill: permission has been refused two demolish the house and build two new houses.

S/2217/12/FL Kingston Pastures Farmhouse: an application has been submitted for a garden room extension.

S/2193/12/FL The Old Rectory: a retrospective application has been submitted to retain a timber pergola.

S/2289/12/FL Chaundlers: an application has been submitted for a single-storey extension.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk

Mince pies and mulled wine

Come to The Old Post Office for mince pies and mulled wine on Sunday 16 December after the Carol Service. Children welcome.

Peter and Suzie Stokes

Kingston Community Led Plan

Thank you to everybody who responded to our 'Love Hate' questionnaire earlier this year. The ideas and help we had from the responses has enabled a Questionnaire to be produced from which we will be preparing the final report for the Parish Council. We hope you will complete the questionnaire enclosed with this issue of the Kingston Magazine and return it to one of the three houses listed (spaced around the village) or post back. We look forward to all your contributions to the survey. Thank you.

Community Plan Team

November Work Day

On 17th November the first winter work day took place and the team focused on the northern boundary of the churchyard, clearing back decades – possibly centuries of overgrown shrubs and ivy. Many thanks to Christine Allison, Linda Rimmer, Peter Stokes and especially to James and Janet Clear for providing the tractor and trailer and disposing of all the waste. Thanks also to Suzy Stokes for refreshments. There will be further work days in the New Year.

Peter Reynolds

Church News

Church services for December

Sunday 9th December Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday 16th December Carols 6.30pm

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve Holy Communion 9.30pm

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day All Age Holy Communion

10.30am Please note that our Christmas services are slightly different this year with the Carol Service in the evening on 16th. As always, everyone is very warmly welcome to come to any or all of these services

Church cleaning

1st Sunday - Peter and Suzy Stokes

2nd Sunday - Donal and Monica O'Donnell

3rd Sunday - Linda Rimmer

4th Sunday - Janet Clear

5th Sunday - tbd

Flowers and brasses

2nd Dec Christine Allison

9th Dec Janet Clear

16th Dec Miki Ellar

23rd Dec Jean McGinn

30th Dec Joan Reynolds

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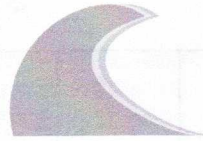
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Month	Sunday	Title	T.E.W	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
December	1 02/12/2012	Advent 1		10.30 am HC(1)		8.30 am HC(1)	3.00 pm Chnstringle
	2 09/12/2012	Advent 2		WFA 10.30 am	8.30 am HC (1)	3.00 pm Chnstringle	
	3 16/12/2012	Advent 3		8.30 am HC(1)	6.00 pm Carols		8.30 am HC(2)
				6.00 pm Carols	10.30 am Baptism		
	4 23/12/2012	Advent 4				10.30 am Carols	10.30am Carols
	24/12/2012	Christmas Eve		3.00 pm Crib Service 11.30 pm HC(1)	9.30 pm HC	11.30 pm HC (1)	
	25/12 /2012	Christmas Day		10.30 am FS	10.30 am All Age HC	10.30 am AAC	9.45 am HC
	5 30/12/2012	Christmas 1		6.00 pm EP			
	1 06/01/2013	Epiphany		10.30 am HC(1)	8.30 am HC(2)	8.30 am HC (2)	
	2 13/01/2013	Baptism of Christ		WFA 10.30 am 6.00 pm EP		10.30 am HC	8.30 am HC(2)
January	3 20/01/2013	Epiphany 3	6.00 pm Caxton	8.30 am HC(1)	10.30 am FS	10.30 am FS	
	4 27/01/2013	Epiphany 4		10.30 am MW	6.00 pm EP		10.30 am HC

Wave Café Church

**Wednesday 5th December
at the 'Abantu' coffee shop in Bourn,
7.45 for 8pm until 9pm**



For those who are interested in exploring Christianity in a relaxed and informal way with live music, mince pies, mulled wine and quiz. Please come and bring a friend.

For more information please contact Fiona Windsor on 01954 267535 or Ruth Terrell on 01954 718575.

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.



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To book please contact: Sarah Wright at
sarahwwright@hotmail.com

Bourne Surgery Opening
Times

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Reception

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(Out of hours for duty doctor's
number ring: 01954 719313)

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Dispensary

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Times

01223 262500

Reception

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number ring: 01223 262500 or
262579)

EMERGENCY 01223 464242

Dispensary

Mon-Fri 8:30-12:30 & 1:30-6:30
01223 262399

Sat (collections only) 8:30-10:30

Please Note change of date

AN EVENING OF FESTIVE FLOWER ARRANGING

in St. Andrews and All Saints Church
Kingston

On Wednesday 12th December 2012
At 7.00pm



A demonstration by Lee Steele in aid of Church Restoration

£5 admission on the night, includes refreshments

Bring your friends for a creative evening.

(Church Flower Arrangers are welcome to leave their
arrangements for Christmas, if they wish)

Comberton Village College Events

1 Dec Christmas Bazaar

9 Dec Jill Bridge School of Dance Showcase

14 Dec Custard Comedy

15 Dec CVC Dance Showcase

18 Dec CVC Christmas Concert

A fuller list of event can be found on websites

www.combertonvc.org or www.combertonleisure.com

Thanks from Joyce and Bill Lovell

We would like to thank the PCC for the beautiful basket of flowers to welcome us into our new house, and to thank Kingston PC for the bottle of whisky (to be enjoyed later).

Also to thank the many people who have wished us well. We have enjoyed our life in Kingston and will miss our many friends there. We are gradually settling in, but it will be sometime before the sun room and utility room are finished when we shall be able to expand into a beautifully appointed home.

With many thanks and best wishes to you all.

Joyce and Bill Lovell

[NB: The bottle of whisky was presented to Bill by the Parish Council in recognition of his many years' work as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator] *(reproduced from an e-mail sent by the Lovells)*

Help for Local Businesses

South Cambridgeshire District Council has decided to provide help for local businesses by creating a Business Support Fund to offer free advice and guidance to businesses operating in South Cambridgeshire for at least 12 months and can demonstrate difficulties due to the recession. Grants of up to £1,000 may also be available for further support. Those looking to start a business can attend also a range of workshops to help them along the way. The free service, being provided by Exemplas on behalf of the Council, will run until March 2013. For further information call 0844 346 0755 or email southcambsbusinesssupport@exemplas.com or go to the website www.cambridge-plus.com/content/business-support.

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Carol Singing in aid of the Church Restoration Fund - note for your Diary.

The Village Carol Singing will take place on Thursday 20th December, starting from South Sea House at 6.30pm. Carol sheets are provided but please bring torches. Refreshments provided afterwards.

Unfortunately we cannot sing at every house, but if you would like us to sing at yours, or if you would like to join in, please contact us

James and Janet Clear

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Church finances

Kingston PCC is very grateful to those who responded to the recent appeal for funds. A significant shortfall in income remains, however, and this is an issue that will need to be revisited in the New Year.

Correction: In last month's magazine it was suggested that the PCC might borrow money from the Church Restoration Fund in order to pay for general running expenses: this was an error. No monies given expressly to the Restoration Fund will be used for any purpose other than for the repair of the church building and fabric.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride 2012

Dear Mrs Reynolds,

On behalf of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for £175.00. The Trustees and the Executive Committee wish to thank all the organizers, helpers, sponsors, walkers and riders for making such a success of this year's Ride and Stride. Could you please convey these wishes to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Ron Dexter, Hon Treasurer

..For those considering cycling next year, do not bypass Kingston – the home-made biscuits are highly recommended!

Tail Corn – The Eversdens' Parish Magazine, Autumn 2012

Can you help a cancer patient keep warm this winter?

Nearly one in five people with cancer turn off the heating, even though they're cold, because they're worried about paying their energy bills.

When you're diagnosed with cancer the last thing you want to worry about is money. That's why Macmillan Cancer Support can be there for cancer patients struggling financially by offering a one off financial grant to help pay for expenses such as energy bills. In 2011 Macmillan gave out £121,573 to 661 cancer patients in Cambridgeshire.

If just 19 people make a £10 donation to Macmillan we will be able to help a person living with cancer heat their home when they really need it.

Simply visit www.macmillan.org.uk/donate or send a cheque to Macmillan Cancer Support, Supporter Services, FREEPOST LON15851, 89 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7UQ, to help keep a cancer patient warm this winter.

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CHRISTMAS BRING AND BUY

It's time once again for the annual Christmas Bring and Buy in the Village Hall. This year's event is on Saturday 8th December from 10:30 – 12:00. There will be lots to buy, including plants, preserves, baked goods, decorations and, of course, a raffle.

This is a great chance to meet and mingle during the festive season over refreshments – there will be coffee, mulled wine and mince pies – so please come and support this village event. All proceeds to the Village Hall.

Please bring any donations of gifts or produce (no jumble or books please) to Miki Ellar or Suzy Stokes. The Village Hall will also be open on Friday 7th December from 4.00 – 5.00pm for your convenience.

Miki and Suzy

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Village Hall Upgrade Report

The Village Hall Management Committee is delighted to announce that we are making good progress in securing the funding that we need for the planned upgrade to the Village Hall. Firstly Kingston Parish Council has most generously agreed to provide £20,000 towards the cost and, in addition, within the last ten days or so, we learnt that South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) have also offered us £38,800 towards the cost from their dedicated Community Facilities Fund. We are most grateful to our local SCDC Councillor, Tumi Hawkins, for her support with this application.

The net result is that with the £15,000 which the Village Hall Committee needs to raise directly (a condition of the SCDC Grant and of other grant aid bodies we are shortly to approach) we already know where some 50 percent of the current estimated project cost of £150,000 is coming from. We will shortly be submitting further grant applications to a range of other potential funding sources.

On the planning front, our pre-planning application to SCDC received a positive and supportive response from the Councils planning department and, as a result, our architect has just submitted a full planning application. For information, the planning application has to be submitted in the name of the Parish Council who, as Custodian Trustee, is the ultimate owner of the Village Hall and holds it 'in trust' for the Village and to be managed by the Village Hall Management Committee.

The two most important tasks now in the coming months are for the Village Hall Management Committee to secure the remainder of the funding needed and for the Villagers as a whole to raise our immediate village contribution of £15,000. A number of initiatives are already being planned including a Buy-a-Brick scheme and, by popular request, an Auction of Promises. We are aware that raising such a sum is a substantial challenge in such a small village and would welcome all support, in whatever form, residents of Kingston are willing to offer - we would particularly like to hear from anyone, not necessarily members of the Village Hall Management Committee, who are able to help with fundraising efforts or who are willing to run fund-raising events of their own.

We continue to be extremely grateful to all those in the Village, particularly on the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management who are supporting this exciting project in so many ways, especially with their time inputs.

Torrie Smith
Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee

Telephone numbers

Addenbrooke's A&E	01223 217118
Addenbrooke's switchboard	01223 245151
Age Concern (Information and Advice line)	01223 568306
Anglian Water (sewage)	08457 145145
Ashcroft Vet Surgery 169 St. Neots Rd, Hardwick	01954 210250
Cambridge Rail Station general inquiries	0845 7484950
Cambridge Water	01223 70605
Camdoc (out of hours)	01223 464242
Chinese, Fish and Chips 2 High St. Toft	01223 263337
Citizens Advice Bureau	01223 222660
Crimestoppers (anonymous crime reporting)	0800 555111
Drs. Parker, Mills, Shepherd, Wheatley and Kent	
58 Green End, Comberton	appointments 01223 262500
	prescriptions 01223 262399
Dr. Tobin & Partners, Bourn Surgery	
	appointments 01954 719469
	emergencies 01954 719313
Electricity (emergency)	0800 783 8838
Health-Child & Family Team (Community Health Office)	
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Indian, The Hoops Gt. Eversden	01223 264443
Italian, The Pergola, Harlton	01223 260005
Jetlink (to Stansted, Heathrow, Luton, Gatwick)	08705 747757
Magazine Editor (Ron Leslie)	01223 264965
National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950
Neighbourhood Watch (Bill Lovell)	01223 262576
NHS 24hr health Advice Line (talk to a nurse/doctor)	0845 4647
Parish Council Chairman (Simon Draper)	01223 262842
Parish Council Clerk (Peter Stokes)	01223 262207
Park and Ride	01223 845561
Police non-emergency (Community Beat Officer: Karen Mahoney)	101
Road repair / Potholes hotline	01223 833717
Rosie Maternity Hospital	01223 217617
Samaritans	01223 364455
SC District Council (Local Councillor Tumi Hawkins)	01954 210840
South Cambridgeshire District Council	08450 450500
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Stansted Airport	0870 0000303
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Papworth Team	Rev Fiona Windsor (Team Rector)	01954 267535
	Dr Rev Alexandra Clarke (1st contact)	01954 710426
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	Rev Stephen Day	01480 831915
	Rev Nigel Pearson	01954 719637
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