

# *Kingston Parish & Church Magazine*



**November 2012**

## Village Diary

Fri Nov 2	Black Bins
Sat Nov 3	Pub Night
Fri Nov 9	Blue and Green Bins
Frin Nov 16	Black Bins
Fri Nov 23	Blue and Green Bins
Fri Nov 30	Black Bins

### **International Evening**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00 pm, Kingston Village Hall**

Tickets £5 per person

Or just £1 if you bring along a main course or dessert  
With an international theme (around 6 portions, please)

The bar will be open all evening with a range of wines and specialty beers.  
For tickets or more information contact Pat Draper

### **Kingston Quiz and Chips**

**Coming on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm**

As usual, teams will be made up of 6 people. Tickets are £8.50 per person (£51 per table, as last year). Fish and chips are included in the price of the ticket and we will have a licenced bar. Please phone Sarah Wright or e-mail the Village Hall ([kingstonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonvillagehall@gmail.com)) to reserve a seat or whole table. We can help individuals find spare seats in tables as bookings come in.

**Please book early as this event sells out quickly**

## Vicar's Letter

### *Rev Fiona Windsor*

Telling stories so that we don't forget important events has always been important to people. We tell stories in families about the things that have happened to us. Sometimes these are funny or embarrassing or sometimes serious but they all help us know who we are and where we've come from. Stories give us a sense of belonging to each other as we remember the experiences we've shared.

This isn't just in families either. Stories teach us what our shared heritage is and help us feel a sense of community within our towns and villages and in our country as a whole as well. In November we remember amazing acts of courage and gallantry carried out while people have fought to defend their country and way of life. We tell these stories not to glorify war or because we think war is a good but because these are ordinary people doing extraordinary things for the sake of others and at the cost of their own lives, they deserve to be remembered and their stories deserve to be told. These things are special to us because they remind us of things that are important to us, not only in the past but also in the present.

We don't only remember past wars but people who are fighting today around the world to defend our way of life. All that we hold dear: democracy, justice, mercy, equality and freedom of speech and thought. At the time of writing Malala Yousafzai, a 15 year-old girl, is fighting for her life in Pakistan having been shot in the head by the Taliban for stating her views on the education of girls. This is the kind of oppression and tyranny our troops are fighting to defend us from. Even though we do not all have friends or relatives who have died in wars we wear our poppies with great pride in November to remember the many men, women and even children who have given and are still giving their lives in conflicts around the world. And as we do so we hope and pray that one day our struggles will be over and we can live in a more peaceful world where no-one has to die in war. In the words of Charles Henrywood's hymn for Remembrance Sunday:

Grant peace, O Lord, across our strife-torn world,  
where war divides and greed and dogma drive.  
Help us learn the lessons from the past,  
that all are human and all pay the price.  
All life is dear and should be treated so;  
joined, not divided, is the way to go.

**Fiona**

## Parish Council News

**Transport survey:** Cambridgeshire County Council are carrying out a county-wide survey to find out how people use public transport and what their needs are. This is another one of those opportunities to make your voice heard! Questionnaires are being delivered with this magazine and we would encourage all people in your household, young or old, who have a view, to complete one of the questionnaires. The more responses from Kingston, the more we will be listened to. If you didn't get any, or need more, please let me know.

**Winter Volunteers:** Cambridgeshire County Council's winter gritting programme currently covers the main roads through the village (Eversden Road, Church Lane and Bourn Road) but not pavements and not side roads. They are now offering to provide free training, equipment and insurance for parishes to run volunteer schemes to grit footpaths and cycleways not covered by the County Council's gritters. There is more information about the scheme on the County Council website:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/winter/](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/winter/)

[Volunteerforwintergritting.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/winter/Volunteerforwintergritting.htm). If you are interested in joining this scheme, please contact me soon. I have details of the training sessions for volunteers. Unfortunately time is a little tight: the remaining options for training are in early November.

**Rectory Lane:** You probably noticed that the road surface in Rectory Lane – already in poor condition – suffered badly from the procession of heavy vehicles to and from The Old Rectory over the last few months. As the daily heavy vehicle traffic was more or less finished, some weeks ago I requested my contact at the Highways Department to repair the damage and they responded with a two-stage plan:

1. Carry out some emergency patching immediately to reduce potential damage to vehicles.
2. Full-width re-surfacing in three areas, to be carried out over a longer timescale.

The patching was carried out a week or so later, and during September, the first of the three areas was re-surfaced. This happened to be outside my house, but I would like to assure everyone that I did not specifically request this! (although it was one of the worst parts of the damage).

I am in the process of chasing the Highways Department to complete the work on the other two areas.

Please let me know of any other specific problems with road surface condition, potholes etc, or you can report them directly on line yourself at:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm>

**Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk**

A short, prayerful service of  
**Holy Communion**

will be celebrated every  
**Wednesday**  
at **midday**  
in **Bourn Church**



Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.

If you have particular prayer requests, please contact:  
Revd Dr Alexandra Clarke (01954 710426)  
[alexandra.clarke@ely.anglican.org](mailto:alexandra.clarke@ely.anglican.org)  
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*Confirmation Courses – starting September*

If you are interested, or know someone who is, in attending confirmation classes please contact a member of clergy. We hope to hold courses for both adults and young people.  
Thanks.

**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.

### Church services for November

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November Holy Communion 8.30am  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance 10.30am  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November Family service 10.30am

### 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

1st Sunday - Lee Steele  
2nd Sunday - Christine Stone  
3rd Sunday - tbd  
4th Sunday - Christine Allison  
5th Sunday - Janet Clear

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Month	Sunday	Title	T.E.W	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
November	02/11/2012	All Souls			6.30 pm All Souls at Caxton		
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fourth Sunday before Advent	6.00 pm Caxton	10.30 am HC(1)	8.30 am HC (2)	8.30 am HC (2)	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Remembrance Sunday		10.15 am Cenotaph	10.30 am Remembrance	10.30 am Remembrance	10.30 am Remembrance
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Second Sunday before Advent	6.00 pm Caxton	8.30 am HC(1)	10.30 am FS	10.30 am FS	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Christ the King		10.30 am Deanery Service at Comberton Leisure	6.00 pm Bread of Life at Ellisley (with HC)		
December	02/12/2012	Advent 1		10.30 am HC(1)		8.30 am HC(1)	3.00 pm Christingle
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent 2		10.30 am WVA	8.30 am HC(1)	3.00 pm Christingle	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Advent 3		8.30 am HC(1)	6.00 pm Carols		8.30 am HC(2)
	16/12/2012	Advent 4		6.00 pm Carols			
	23/12/2012	Advent 4				10.30 am Carols	10.30 am Carols
	24/12/2012	Christmas Eve		3.00 pm Crib Service	9.30 pm HC		
				11.30 pm HC(1)		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
	30/12/2012	Christmas 1		8.30 am HC(1) at Yelling	10.30 am All Age HC(1) at Bowers		6.00 pm EP at Bourn



Papworth Team Ministry

## Team Evening Worship

at 6 pm - Caxton Parish  
Church

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Dates for the new year until Easter are:

6<sup>th</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 3 February, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**ALL WELCOME**

Praise, Prayer, Teaching

### Wave Café Church

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

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 DVDs, quizzes and discussions over coffee, tea and cake.

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

*Next few dates are: 5<sup>th</sup> December*





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262579)

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

AN EVENING OF FESTIVE FLOWER ARRANGING

in St. Andrews and All Saints Church  
Kingston

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NOTICE**

**Kingston Church Cash Flow Crisis**

**\*\*\* Please read the leaflet included with this month's magazine which will explain how we can all help to keep our church open for the use of our community \*\*\***

**Thanks from Oxfam and Wood Green**

Oxfam and Wood Green Animal Shelter have expressed their gratitude for the bric-a-brac and clothing, which was given to them after the church fête. ***(Submitted by Joan Reynolds)***

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**Carol Singing in aid of the Church  
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The Village Carol Singing will take place on Thursday  
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6.30pm

*Janet and James Clear*

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## **My Father**

**Regimental Number  
6848139**

**9<sup>th</sup> Battalion KRRC  
Rifleman**

never knew my father. He died in 1941. Killed in the Second World War. I was always lead to believe he was killed on Crete. This was not quite true as I was to find out later.

It all started on the 50th anniversary of VE day. It was held in an old barn on Payne's Farm along with a BBQ. Tables were laid out for memorabilia from the WW2. I put out my father's medals (which my mother gave me many years earlier) along with other people's items. A gentleman by the name of Mr. Alfred Gotts, who hadn't lived in the village many years, asked me whose medals they were. I said they were mine, or rather my father's, who was killed in the war.

Alfred (as I will call him from now) told me he came from London and said my father must have been a Londoner and was in the Rangers part of the Kings Royal Rifles. He said he might have been killed in Greece or Crete. Some of this I knew and wondered how did he know.

Alfred, who was about 70 years old, was in the Artillery along with his brother and they served together through WW2. At the beginning of the war Alfred was stationed in a village a few miles from here called Hardwick - part of the defence of Bourn Airfield. Alfred and his brother were then sent to North Africa, then to Greece.

My father's battalion, the 9th, was sent to Egypt in November 1940. In March

way. He told me soldiers from his unit were shouting there was a retreat on and to join them. But they were told by the Rangers that the guns were to be protected at all costs and they were to hold up the Germans' advance as long as possible. It was in this battle my father was killed.

Ironically, when the artillery guns reached Athens, they were destroyed as there was no means of getting them back to North Africa

After being told this story I wrote to the war graves commission who put me in touch with somebody in the Regimental records office who gave me some more details. An extract from the book *Swift and Bold*, the WW2 History of the KRRC, was sent to me relating what happened on the day he was killed. I do not think he has a known grave. His name is on the War Memorial in Phaeleron, Athens.

Valerie and I went to Crete and met Alfred and Doreen Gotts who showed us around parts of Crete where Alfred fought the Germans in the battle for Crete. We also visited the military cemetery in Souder Bay. Many young men, no more than boys really, 19 and 20 years old, were buried there along with soldiers from New Zealand and Australia. Beautifully kept - but what a waste of life. I laid a bunch of flowers on the grave of a young soldier from the same regiment as my father.

I know very little of my father because when I come to write this story most people who knew him are dead. I often wonder if my father and Alfred passed each other in that far off country. I hope so as it might have been another link with my father.

Alfred also died while I was writing this so I never learnt any more of the war in Crete and North Africa. It was a sad loss. He had a lot of stories to tell but as far as I know they never got written down. I never asked my mother enough about my father when she was alive as it was before I started this story and you always think there is plenty of time, but I am afraid there is not as much as we think there is.

***Terry Osborne***

## Arrivals and Departures

### **A warm welcome to those who have moved into the village during the last few months:**

The Brewis family (Old Mead House, Rectory Lane)  
The Bell family (Paynes Farm, Field Road)  
The Tan family (Field House, Field Road)  
Tom Allen and Lina Orsino (2 Field Row)  
Stuart and Penny Findlay (Kingston Pastures Cottage, Old Wimpole Road - to be renamed Kipling Cottage)  
Mandy Ray (Shingled Cottage, Church Lane)

New arrivals inevitably means departures of good friends and neighbours:

The Brown / Frankland family (still close by in Caldecote),  
Andy and Leslie Struthers, Ed and Rosie Zanders, Bill and Joyce Lovell

### **Joyce and Bill Lovell**

Bill and Joyce Lovell came to Kingston in 1967 via Knapwell and Coton. They transformed Tinkersfield from a small C19 cottage into a modern home. Both country people, Joyce enjoyed her garden and cooking, Bill his shooting, fishing and training his trademark black Labradors. Throughout their time here they have been pillars of the community, supporting the Neighbours' Group, the Village Hall, and the Church. Bill, of course, was co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and the first contact for the village with the police. Bill's skills as engineer, builder, carpenter, electrician and his vast store of tools of all kinds have always been at the service of the village. With Jim Burnell, for example, Bill rebuilt the southern churchyard wall and, more recently, he made and donated the new churchyard gate in English oak, a replica of the original. Joyce did the church flowers and brasses for more than 40 years. But more than this they have both been true friends and good neighbours giving generously of their time and gifts, always willing to help, often acting behind the scenes. We record our sincere thanks to Joyce and Bill and send every good wish for their future in Fairford in the Cotswolds.

### **David Wade returns to Kingston to catch up with old friends**

David Wade (98) had to sell up and leave the village a year ago to join his daughters in their homes for more assistance. A photo was taken recently when Joan Reynolds kindly invited David to join his old neighbour Susan Gell (94) for coffee and cake. All three were delighted to be together once again. David knew Susan in her youth and visited her on archaeological sites in France. David was also a fellow student with Philip Gell at Cambridge. Agnes and David bought "Throckenholt" thirty five years ago and it was an extra bonus that the house next door belonged to their old friends, Susan and Philip.

David misses all his good neighbours from Kingston. He appreciates their kindness towards him, especially over the last few years when living independently at "Throckenholt" became increasingly difficult.

***Submitted by Janet Clear, Peter Reynolds and Sue Wade***





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