

*Kingston Parish & Church
Magazine*



August 2015

Village Diary

Sunday 16th August Family Service at 10.30am

Wheelie bin collection dates

Friday 7th August Blue and green bins

Friday 14th August Black bin

Friday 21st August Blue and green bins

Friday 28th August Black bin

Editorial

Kingston really was blessed with good weather for the barbecue, cream tea, tower climb and teddy bear jump. All events were well attended and enjoyed by villagers and guests. I'm planning to have a photo spread on the Gift Day activities in the next magazine so would be grateful for any photos.

August village activities look a bit thin on the ground this year but the Village Hall is due to be completed at the end of the month and then Pub Nights can resume. With the new facilities, it is hoped that the hall will be more widely used and the Village Hall Committee is always open to ideas.

Thanks to Polly Ray for this month's cover photo and whoever made the dessert!

Please send emails and photos to me, Mandy Ray, by the 20th of each month. mja630@yahoo.co.uk

Vicar's Letter

"Here we come!"

We are still getting used to the idea - moving from a major city to a beautiful village in Cambridgeshire. That's what we are doing in mid-August.

On Sunday 6th September I (Nigel) will be launched into a new ministry as Team Rector for the Papworth Team Ministry, making our home in Elsworth Rectory. Currently we live in suburban Birmingham and now we look forward to exercising Christian ministry in the 14 villages that make up the Papworth Team.

Annie and I have been married for 37 years - we were very young when we took the plunge straight from university! We have 4 adult children and to date 5 delightful grandchildren, who are looking forward to exploring the significant Rectory garden!

Annie and I met at university, in Durham. In the years since Annie has been a teacher as well as a Mum whilst playing an active role in the churches we have been privileged to serve. I worked in the housing and finance sectors for 14 years before getting ordained in 1994. Since then we have lived in Tamworth (an old market town) followed by Trentham (at the southern edge of Stoke-on-Trent) in Staffordshire before moving to Birmingham.

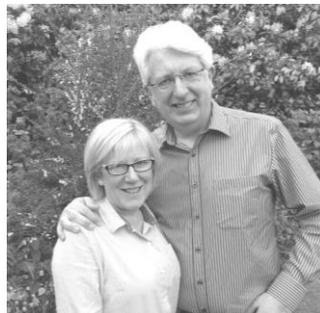
We are still to delve into the riches of Cambridgeshire life. Whilst we made fleeting visits to Cambridge when one of our sons studied there, and have often driven up and down the A14/M11 we realise there are many treasures to unearth.

Although I grew up in Northumberland villages it is going to be a change of life pattern in not having a bustling high street full of banks and brand-name outlets but we have already realised there are a few very nice pubs very close by!

Please say hello and help us settle in. We are looking forward to becoming neighbours and friends in the next few months.

Nigel di Castiglione

PS my surname is Italian but I am thoroughly English - the journey taken by the Italian dna is quite a saga with no shortage of myth and mystery attached; and we are still waiting to find the vineyard with our name and inheritance rights on it!



Church Services for August

Sunday August 16th Family Service (and baptism) 10.30am

Apologies for the short notice cancellation of the Archdeaconry Evensong last month.

Church cleaning

1 st Sunday	Peter & Suzy Stokes
2 nd Sunday	Donal & Monica O'Donnell
3 rd Sunday	Linda Rimmer
4 th Sunday	Janet Clear
5 th Sunday	Peter Reynolds

Church flowers and brasses

2 nd August	Christine Stone
9 th August	Christine Allison
16 th August	Janet Clear
23 rd August	Miki Ellar
30 th August	Mandy Ray

Service of Institution and Induction for
The Revd Nigel di Castiglione
as
Team Rector of the Papworth Team
on
Sunday 6th September at 5.00 pm
in
Holy Trinity, Elsworth
ALL WELCOME

Home Communion

If you are a regular worshipper and become housebound we still want you to be able 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.

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.

Papworth Team Ministry

Team Evening Service



RESTARTS:-

Sunday 20th September 2014
6.00 pm at St Michael, Toseland
(please note change of venue)

Speaker: Revd Nigel di Castiglione

Praise, Prayer, Teaching

For Information the dates for the rest of the year are:
18 October, 15 November.

Kingston Church Gift Day July 2015

Many thanks to all who supported this year's Gift Day event. The weather was perfect and many people took the opportunity to climb the church tower and enjoy the superb views over the surrounding countryside. Children flocked to the church in the morning and afternoon and made parachutes for their intrepid teddies. There were two tower jumps and at least 30 jumps were made without mishap! It was a wonderful spectacle and much fun was had by all.

We raised a magnificent £ 4352.18 including Gift Aid. If you were unable to make a contribution on Gift Day, Linda Rimmer at 1, Field Row would be very happy to receive donations.

The church is open every day and there are always books and cards on sale. Donations of books are always welcome and can be left in the church or collected, contact Mandy Ray on C.262961

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

Restarts: Wednesday 9th September

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will be led by the new Team Rector, Revd Nigel di Castiglione

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Please contact Stuart, on 07801525217 or 01763248969 (day) or stuart@barleyproperties.com

A buzzing idea for the summer holidays

'Bee Scene' is a simple and effective way to encourage children and their families into their local parks or countryside - to enjoy them together away from the television screen, computer games and other pressures of modern life. By using a simple flower key, they are able to count different flower shapes and colours and look out for bumblebees, so helping children understand how valuable their local green spaces are for wildlife.

Families can discover whether their local area is good for bumblebees by looking for bee-friendly wild flowers such as foxgloves, dandelions and clovers in their local green spaces. The results are then uploaded onto a virtual meadow map of the UK.

Full details and bee scene resources are available online at www.plantlife.org.uk/beescene

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Aug 2	Trinity 9		10.30am HC		8.30am HC	
Aug 9	Trinity 10				10.30am MP	
Aug 16	Trinity 11		8.30am HC(1)	10.30am FS+Baptism		
Aug 23	Trinity 12		10.30am MW			10.30am MP
Aug 30	Trinity 13		10.30 am Team HC at Bourn + Baptism 6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Flower Festival) at Yelling			
Sept 6	Trinity 14		10.30am HC(1) + Baptism			
			5.00pm Licensing of New Team Rector at Elsworth			
Sept 13	Trinity 15		10.30am Worship for All 6.00pm, EP		10.30am HC(1)+Baptism	10.30am Pet Service
Sept 20	Trinity 16	6.00pm at Toseland	8.30am HC(1)	10.30am HARVEST	10.30am All-age Service	
Sept 27	Trinity 17			6.00pm EP		10.30am HC

HC Holy Communion MP Morning Prayer MW Morning Worship FS Family Service EP Evening Prayer

Summer at the Museums

23 July - 2 September Museums across Cambridgeshire

Pack more into your holidays this summer and join museums in Cambridge and beyond for some family fun and adventure. 23 venues across the county will be presenting a jam-packed programme of drop-in and bookable creative activities, events and trails - all part of the annual Summer at the Museums line-up. Whether it's something to do on a rainy day, a day out close to home, or a bit of hands-on creativity, we have loads of activities and events for you to choose from.

Pick up a What's On booklet and Museum Passport from any participating venue, or visit the Summer at the Museums website: <http://www.cam.ac.uk/museums-and-collections/>



'Rendezvous Holiday Week 2015'

Tues 18 - Fri 21
August
in Papworth.

(4 days of activities
for the over 65s).

To book your place
please call Anne
on 01480 880672.

Everyone Welcome!

Summer Barbecue

The Kingston BBQ and pub night, in aid of Village Hall funds, was a great evening. The weather was the best for years and around a hundred villagers and their guests enjoyed great company, food and music.

These events don't organise themselves so thank you: to the cooks and the bar staff, those who generously donated salads and puddings, the people who put up the marquees, Mandy for running the raffle, the superb Kingston Blues Band, the stalwart group who organised and served the food, Laura and the two petting guinea pigs, and last but not least to James and Janet for hosting us and for all the hard work that they put in.

Let's hope that we can repeat it next year!



Kingston Village Hall renovation update

Bad news this month, I'm afraid. One week ago, following an enquiry by me to our architect managing the Kingston Village Hall renovation, we found out that the builders now have extended their completion date to 28th August, another 5 weeks after the revised deadline that I mentioned in the last newsletter. This time, the builders have not declared a reason for the delay. I am very disappointed in the limited amount of work completed internally since the roof was finished but the financial penalties of slippage seem to be of limited incentive to the builders.

Our planned publicity and social events planned for August on completion will now probably have to take place in September but I have yet to confirm the availability of our local planned celebrity who originally agreed to host the opening. I will provide an update in next month's newsletter with more positive news I hope!

Mark Stalham

Chairman, Kingston Village Hall Management Committee



Comberton Church Fete

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Broadband in Kingston: following representations by KPC to Cambridgeshire County Council, we have been informed that BT, which has the contract to provide faster broadband across the county, has been asked by CCC to prioritise the provision of additional infrastructure to extend faster broadband to villages such as Kingston which are not currently covered. BT has outlined an indicative solution, but needs to conduct a more detailed design and feasibility study. Early indications suggest that this could be operational early next year, but we are trying to obtain more detailed information on the timescale.

Audit of 2014/15 accounts: the external audit is complete, and the auditors have found no matters of concern.

Village Hall cleaning: we have again found cleaners for the village hall. As they are fully insured, they are being employed directly by the Village Hall Management Committee.

No 18 bus service: villages have been annoyed at recent suspensions of the bus to Kingston due to roadworks, etc with little or no notice. We have been in touch with both CCC and Stagecoach on this matter and found two areas of concern which have been contributing to the problem:

- In normal circumstances the Highways Dept at CCC informs Stagecoach of road closures or restrictions so the Stagecoach can plan and publicise any required changes to the bus timetable. Stagecoach informed us that there have been recent internal communication problems within their organisation which have prevented this process from working as it should. They have assured us that they have taken corrective action.
- Stagecoach has also informed us that if there are to be service changes, they routinely publicise this by information on their website, by a posting on Twitter, by notices at bus stops, and by informing drivers so that they can inform passengers. Comprehensive as this may sound, it is unsatisfactory as not everyone looks at Twitter or the Stagecoach website, and the other two lines of communication are of little value to the occasional bus user. We have asked Stagecoach if they can inform parish councils directly so that they can spread the word, but they say they are unable to do this.

This leaves Kingston residents potentially poorly informed. We can only suggest that those of you who don't subscribe to Twitter and have a planned journey

coming up should check the Stagecoach website for information – look under the tab 'Service Updates'. Also keep an eye out for notices in the bus shelter. If any of you should come across information affecting the no 18 service, if you would be kind enough to pass it on to me I can circulate it more widely.

Planning:

• **S/1113/15/LB Rebuilding of retaining wall, fencing, gates etc at The Old Rectory:** permission has been sought, and granted, for this work, which includes rebuilding the collapsed wall between the churchyard and Church Cottage.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk

Wave Café Church

**Wednesday 2nd September “Science and Faith”
at the 'Abantu' coffee shop in Bourn,
7.45 for 8pm until 9pm**

An informal evening with coffee & cake followed by a quiz, a short talk and discussion.

Everyone very welcome.

For more information please contact Ruth Terrell on 01954 718575.

Future dates: 7th October - Vocation and Faith, 4th November - Art & Faith



Comberton WI Report for July

Our July speaker was David Palmer, the auctioneer known to TV viewers for his colourful waistcoats. David is a very entertaining speaker and a bit of a showman and he regaled us with stories about auction houses and the television programmes in which he has participated. He is a freelance auctioneer and has contracts with a number of auctioneers around the country. He also does many charity auctions. David is quick to build a rapport with his audience and knows how to work a salesroom having honed his technique by watching the street performers at Covent Garden.

Comberton WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in Comberton Village Hall and always welcomes new members and visitors.

Mandy Ray,

Organ Concert At Elsworth Church

On Saturday 11th July, Keith Hearnshaw, International Organist entertained an audience in Elsworth Church with his mastery of the organ. Showing off his sublime dexterity with the aid of a large, video projection screen, he captivated the audience both visually and musically in a programme featuring works by Bach, Handel, Vierne and Horner, to name just a few. The audience was further treated with wine and canapés during the interval. We are pleased to announce that a total of £385 was raised for the Papworth Team Ministry Outreach Fund.

We are indebted to our many sponsors for supporting this event who are listed below.

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The first few months of any Parliament are always busy for MPs, but for South Cambridgeshire's new MP Heidi Allen, they have been particularly busy and eventful!

On June 4th, Heidi was successful in a Private Members ballot, which has given her the opportunity to put forward new legislation. Her chosen bill, requesting transparency of University fees, is particularly apt for Cambridgeshire as one of the leading academic centres of the world. In the autumn, Heidi's "Higher Education Information" Bill, will have its second reading and will be debated by MPs – watch this space.



In addition Heidi was recently elected to serve on the House of Commons' Work and Pensions Select Committee which will enable her to scrutinise and influence areas such as welfare, employment and pensions. As one of six new Conservative MPs elected on to the committee Heidi said: "I'm delighted to have been chosen

to serve on the Work and Pensions Committee which plays a very important role in influencing policy. I want to use my position to ensure our social safety net is there to support the people who need it and that government policy does not inadvertently allow the vulnerable to fall through the cracks. I'm acutely aware that there are real people, not statistics behind every policy decision."

Ahead of the Chancellor's Summer Budget, Heidi was contacted by many constituents with queries as to what it might contain. Key features included a continued freeze on fuel duty which is especially important to so many living in a rural constituency. There was also the introduction of a new National Living Wage and increases in the Personal Tax Allowance thresholds; good news for hundreds of thousands of families. Heidi said, "As a new back bencher, I was as in the dark as many of my constituents as to what would be in the budget. So I was absolutely delighted by these unexpected features, which in my opinion will continue helping people on low incomes."

If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue, book a surgery appointment or find out what else she has been up to, visit her website

www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk , email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 01954 212707.

Update on "Bourn Free" - rediscovering the Bourn Brook

Slipping through the countryside almost unnoticed, except for brief appearances at bridges and short sections of footpath, the Bourn Brook is a hidden treasure. It has many natural features other streams have lost, such as meandering bends and gravel shoals. The brook is home to numerous small fish, kingfisher, otter and water vole as well as forming part of barn owls' territories.

The Bourn Free project aims to tackle the various non-native invasive species which threaten the brook, particularly American mink, Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed, and to allow the brook and its native ecology to function naturally.

In particular we rely on volunteers to help control Himalayan balsam. This plant forms dense stands where no other plants can grow, and dies back in winter leaving banks vulnerable to erosion. This year will be the 4th year of balsam control on the brook, and we are certainly having an impact. There's a lot to do though, and we will attempt to tackle the whole length of the brook (around 20km).

If you are interested in helping with control of Himalayan balsam, we would love to have your help. There are various events over the summer. Most involve wading the brook (waders can be provided) so volunteers need to be physically able to get up and down the banks, but some work can be done from the bank. It would be helpful to know if you plan to come, so we will be sure to wait for you and make sure we bring waders in the right size.

Date	Location	Meeting point	Contact
Sun 2 Aug	Kingston Old Railway	Layby opposite nature reserve, 10am	Ruth Hawksley
Wed 5 Aug	Bourn Golf Course	Golf club car park, 10am	Ruth Hawksley
Sat 8 Aug	Barton	Birds Farm, 9.30am	Vince Lea
Sun 9 Aug	Toft Golf Course	Meridian car park, 10am	Vince Lea

Contact details:

Ruth Hawksley: 01954 713533; 07545 423854; ruth.hawksley@wildlifebcn.org

Vince Lea: 01223 262999; 07716 826972; vincelea@btinternet.com

Yelling Church Flower Festival

Our Theme: Gardens and Gatherings

Sunday 30 August - 10.00am-6.00pm Service: 6.00pm

Monday 31 August - 10.00am-5.00pm

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