

# *Kingston Parish & Church Magazine*



**August 2023**

## Village Diary

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August from 6.30pm	Pub Night in the Village Hall
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 1 – 1.30pm	Library Van at the crossroads
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm	Live Music and Art in Kingston Village Hall
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm	Last Night of the Proms at the Village Hall
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm	Kingston Music Club at the Village Hall
Tuesdays at 10-11am	Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall
Wednesdays at 10.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning
Fridays at 10-11am	Pilates

## Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Black bin
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Black bin
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Black bin

## Editorial

With the school holidays here, I think we can now consider ourselves to be in mid-summer. As I write I haven't yet seen any evidence of harvesting, unlike last year at this time. But it should start in earnest in the next few weeks. Fingers crossed for good weather and a good yield.

The church is now officially closed so the necessary repairs to the roof can start. With any luck the work should finish by November and we can look forward to Christmas services there as usual.

You will no doubt have noticed that both the phone box (which now belongs to the village) and the postbox (which doesn't!) have been spruced up by a fresh coat of paint. Grateful thanks to Kathryn Stalham and her team for the former.

Some village events, like the music evenings, will be taking a summer break. But not the Wednesday coffee mornings or the monthly pub night, so do come and join with neighbours for a cuppa or a pint if you're free.

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*Cover photo: Harvest 2020*

## Vicar's Letter

"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye". So sang the von Trapp children as they somewhat reluctantly left their father's dinner party.

As you will know, during August I will be saying 'goodbye' to the Papworth Team of churches where I've lived and ministered now for just over 14 years.

Goodbye is a tough word: it's the same word we say to those we shall meet again tomorrow, and those we shall never meet again in this life. Every goodbye in this life is in some ways a practice for our ultimate goodbye at the end of this life. So it's understandable when someone says "I don't like goodbyes".

But every goodbye is also a hello. I will be moving to a new set of congregations, communities, schools, joys, and challenges. I will be taking with me all that I've learned in the Papworth Team: good things that I will try again, and mistakes I most definitely won't! For the Three Rivers Group this goodbye will be their hello as we embark together on a new season in their church life.

The word 'goodbye' originated from the phrase "God be with you" – condensing over centuries, as commonly used phrases often do, into its present form.

It recalls for me the words of Psalm 139: "O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You search out my path, and are acquainted with all my ways." And again "If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast."

I'm only moving to the farthest limits of Cambridgeshire, but it's still true that wherever I go, whatever I do, I know that God – the same unchanging, loving God – is there ahead of me.

Every goodbye is also a hello, and that applies to the very last one as well: Psalm 139 envisages waking from the last sleep and finding oneself still in God's presence. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has transformed every 'goodbye' into the possibility of an endless 'hello'.

In that knowledge, I can look back with gratitude on the last 14 years, and look ahead with confidence to the years ahead. In the words of Dag Hammarskjöld, former UN Secretary General: "For all that has been, Thank you. For all that is to come, Yes!"

***Revd Steve Day***

## Church Services in August

**There will be no church services in Kingston for the next four months.**

For services elsewhere in the Papworth Team, see [www.papworthteamchurches.org](http://www.papworthteamchurches.org).

### Papworth Team Services

**Holy Communion** at Bourn on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am  
(Revd Steve Day's last service here)

**Holy Communion** at Caxton on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am

**Holy Communion** at Bourn on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30am

**Outdoor Team Service** on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am at Yelling to tie in with the Yelling Flower Festival

The website [papworthteamchurches.org](http://papworthteamchurches.org) has up to date service information for all churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the monthly Team Service and Morning Prayer.

**ZOOM Chapel:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am

**Morning Prayer** (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)

**Telephone service** on Mondays at 5.00pm

For further information, see [papworthteamchurches.org](http://papworthteamchurches.org)

## Church closure to mid-November

The repair work on the church has now started and the church will be closed until at least the second week of November. The car parking area by the church gate in Rectory Lane will be in constant use during weekdays by the building contractors. The PCC apologises for any inconvenience caused to residents in the vicinity.

## Church Gift Day: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

The Gift Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> July has raised about £2,400 as we go to press. Once again, we are very grateful to all those who so generously supported our appeal for the church fabric repairs: thank you all so much! Many thanks to Miki Ellar, Kay Forsythe, Charlie Richmond, Linda Rimmer, and Lee Steele for supplying and/or serving the delicious cream teas. If you missed the day you may still make donations to the PCC Secretary, Peter Reynolds, or to Kay Forsythe, PCC Treasurer.

## The Revd Stephen Day

After 14 years with the Papworth Team Ministry, the Revd Stephen Day is moving on to become Rector of The Three Rivers Group, which comprises five rural parishes near Newmarket: Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennet and Snailwell. Steve has acted as Chair of Kingston PCC, and has faithfully ministered at our monthly services of Holy Communion. He has also worked closely with Bourn C of E Primary Academy school. His sermons and contributions to our magazine have been consistently well written and thoughtful, always based on scripture, but always finding relevance to our lives today. Steve's former career was in IT and he has been very much involved with the Papworth Team's digital offering, particularly its Zoom ministry. He produces and sends out by email daily Bible Reflections based on the church's Lectionary. Steve tweets @therevsteve and blogs at *quodidiancleric.wordpress.com*. Remarkably, Steve speaks Finnish, having lived in Finland for a couple of years. One of his main interests is photographing stained glass windows, and he published *A Field Guide to the Stained Glass of Huntingdonshire* in 2017. We give Steve and his wife Janice all blessings for the future.

Steve's last service will be at St Helena and St Mary's, Bourn on August 13<sup>th</sup>, with refreshments afterwards in Bourn Village Hall: all are very welcome to attend. The Revd Nigel di Castiglione remains our Team Rector, and the Revd Nigel Pearson has kindly agreed to become Chair of Kingston PCC. See the back cover of the magazine for their contact details.

## Kingston Music Club at 7.30 on Monday 11 September

### One Word

It's possible to trace the history of rock and roll by following one word. From the blues, to early rock and roll, to '60s rock, to r&b, to Taylor Swift, this one word has been ever-present. What's this one word? Come to Music Night and find out!

*Peter Holly*

## Last Night of the Proms

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm the BBC will be televising the Last Night of the Proms from the Royal Albert Hall. This performance will be shown in Kingston Village Hall on the big screen. The bar will also be open. Exact timings will be confirmed.

Everyone is welcome to come along! Bring friends as well!

Any questions, please contact Jill Coleman  
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## Kingston Music Club – Summer Break – Live Music and Art in Kingston

With the summer holidays and a number of competing dates, we have decided that the Kingston Music Club should take a break in August.

But for anyone keen to hear some live music in Kingston, on Wednesday 16 August, the Village Hall will host a joint Art Exhibition and Folk Evening. Jeremy Harmer, a well-known singer-songwriter with an international reputation as far afield as Mexico, will provide the music.

Jeremy writes and sings folk songs which are by turns whimsical, energetic, driven, and melodic. With his ability to create rapport with his audiences he was described in one folk magazine as ‘a

twenty-first century troubadour, accompanying himself with intricate and beautiful guitar playing.’

The art exhibition will be arranged ‘atelier style’ with paintings on the walls, sketch books on tables, and working paintings on easels. We also plan to use the new overhead projector to run video artwork. Work will be offered for sale at a wide range of prices.

All Kingston residents, family, friends, and others who are interested, are invited to this free event. Doors open at 7 pm: music is at 8 pm. The bar will be open and bar proceeds and commission from the sale of paintings will go to support the Village Hall.

*Simon Draper*



# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches 2023

**Across Cambridgeshire and the country on 9 September 2023.**

Ride and Stride traditionally involves people being sponsored to walk or cycle to as many churches as possible in one day. But there are other ways you can take part, from travelling on horse or by canoe, to holding an event or spending an afternoon exploring the wildlife in a churchyard and donating money.

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## New Pollinator garden

Wandlebury Country Park has just opened a new pollinator garden designed by one of the volunteers who work there. The flower bed is framed by an 18<sup>th</sup> century wall which is being used to display butterfly plaques designed by Eleanor Chaney.

People can get involved and help support Cambridge Past, Present and Future's work by dedicating a butterfly plaque to celebrate a special person or event.

There is more information at [www.cambridgeppf.org/appeal/butterfly-plaques](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/appeal/butterfly-plaques)



## Papworth Team Ministry (C of E)

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

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An imitation firearm was also recovered and one vulnerable adult safeguarded and referred through the National Referral Mechanism.

Four men aged 21, 31, 36 and 37 from Peterborough, were arrested and have since been charged with offences including production of cannabis, criminal damage, possess/ control identity documents with intent and possession of an offensive weapon in a private place.

Five further men were arrested for offences including production of cannabis and possession of an offensive weapon. They have been bailed and released under investigation while investigations continue.

You can read more and watch a video of the action on our website.

### How you can help:

There are some key signs to spot a property that could be being used as a cannabis factory:

- Frequent visitors to a property at unsocial hours throughout the day and night
- Blacked out windows or condensation on the windows, even when it is not cold outside
- Bright lights in rooms throughout the night
- Electricity meters being tampered with/altered and new cabling, sometimes leading to street lighting. High electricity bills can also be an indicator
- A powerful, distinctive, sweet, sickly aroma and noise from fans
- Lots of work or deliveries of equipment to an address, particularly those associated with growing plants indoors without soil such as heaters and lighting
- An excessive amount of plant pots, chemicals, fertilisers and compost

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**Detective Superintendent Ian Middleton** (Operation Mille lead)

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Reading 89% (national 73%)  
 Writing 78% (national 71%)  
 Maths 81% (national 73%)  
 Spelling, punctuation and grammar 81% (national 72%)  
 Combined Reading, Writing and Maths 74% (national 59%)

Children from the school also did well in inter-school Spelling Bee and Chess events.



*Flower Festival*

Our Theme: Hats and Holidays

**Yelling Holy Cross Church, PE19 6SD**

August Bank Holiday Weekend

Sunday 29th August - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm  
 Open Air Service at 10.00 am

Monday 30th August - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm  
 Stalls from 1.00 pm

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## Discover Archaeology Home Learning Pack

MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology), who have been working on the archaeological investigations for the A428, have developed a new home learning pack for kids (and big kids!), inspired by fascinating discoveries on the A428. Travel back in time and find out what it was like to live in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire 2000 years ago. From clothing to food, and the Roman invasion, the learning pack brings archaeology to life through a series of exciting and engaging activities designed for children aged 5 to 10 with adult supervision.

See <https://www.mola.org.uk/a428-black-cat-caxton-gibbet/discover-archaeology-home-learning-pack>

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