

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



January 2014

Village Diary

Saturday 4 Jan	Village Pub Night, village hall, 6:00 – 10:00pm
Saturday 25 Jan	Quiz and chips

Wheelie bin collection dates

Monday 6 January	Blue and green bins
Saturday 11 January	Black bin
Friday 17 January	Blue and green bins
Friday 24 January	Black bin
Friday 31 January	Blue and green bin

Vicar's Letter

As the leftover Christmas cake hangs about, and the decorations go back in the loft, the house always looks a bit empty and bare. We've eaten, drunk and partied well, as the Christmas profits of the indigestion tablet makers show! Now we might be regretting those extra mince pies and the splashing out in the sales and feel like we want to put our lives in order. There's no better time for this than a new year! There are as many ways to start something new as there are people and circumstances. Maybe you'd like to take up a new hobby, get fit, spend less time at the office, find a new job, meet new people or spend more time with the people you already love. You might even want to take time to find out what you really like doing and who you really are.

As we do this we can remember that Jesus is all about new starts – and as many new starts as we need or want. Every day can be another chance to be more loving, help someone else, do something better, realign our priorities, rejoice in the good things in our lives, laugh, enjoy ourselves and remember that we are loved and cared for by God.

Many people are afraid of change because what we know is more comfortable, even if it's not good. We might also feel that any change we make is just a drop in the ocean. But as Mother Theresa said about her work:

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.

Fiona

Magazine Editor needed

We are still looking for a new Editor for our magazine. The role involves receiving, editing and formatting material - most of which is sent in by e-mail, each month – and then forwarding it on to our printer. Help is available for learning the ropes. Relief is available for holiday periods. Please contact Peter Reynolds, Linda Rimmer or Janet Clear if you are interested, or for further information.

Home Visiting

As the weather worsens it may become difficult for you to attend worship but if you would still like to be able to share in the life of your Christian community the Ministry Team would be delighted to visit you in your home. If you would like a cup of tea and chat then we would be pleased to meet with you in your home and we are always happy to offer home communion to anyone who would like it.

If you are able to leave your house but are having difficulty getting to church, and a lift would make that possible please contact either your churchwardens or member of the Ministry Team (numbers can be found on the back of the pew sheet) and we will try to help.



If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit please let the Ministry Team know.

Papworth Team Ministry



Team Evening Service

Sunday 19th January 6.00 pm at Caxton

*Jan, Feb and March will have a focus of Prayer
- looking at the future together as a Team*

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Wave Café Church |

Wednesday 8th January
at the 'Abantu' coffee shop in Bourn,
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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.

A short, prayerful service of Holy Communion

is celebrated
Wednesday
at midday
in Bourn Church



restarting on 8th January

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

Wheelchair access provided

Church Services for January

Sunday 5 January
Sunday 19 January
Sunday 26 January

Holy Communion 8.30 am
Family Service 10.30am
Evening Prayer 6.30 pm

Church Cleaning

1st Sunday
2nd Sunday
3rd Sunday
4th Sunday
5th Sunday

Peter and Suzy Stokes
Donal and Monica O'Donnell
Linda Rimmer
Janet Clear
Peter Reynolds

Church flowers and brasses

5 January
12 January
19 January

Christine Stone
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Month	Sunday	Title	T.E.W	Boxworth	Elsworth	Knapwell	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
January	1 05/01/2014	Epiphany		08.30 am HC (2)	10.30 am FS	3.00 pm EP	10.30 am HC(1)	8.30 am HC(2)	8.30 am HC (2)	
	2 12/01/2014	Baptism of Christ		10.30 am FS	3.00 pm HC(2)		10.30 am WFA 6.00 pm EP		10.30 am HC	8.30 am HC(2)
	3 19/01/2014	Epiphany 2	6.00 pm Caxton	10.30 am MP	10.30 am AAC		8.30 am HC(1)	10.30 am FS	10.30 am FS	
	4 26/01/2014	Epiphany 3		10.30 am HC(1)	3.00 pm EP		10.30 am MW	6.00 pm EP		10.30 am HC
February	1 02/02/2014	Candlemas		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 09/02/2014	Fourth Sunday before Lent		10.30 am FS	3.00 pm HC (2)		10.30 am WFA 6.00 pm EP		10.30 am MP	8.30 am HC(2)
	3 16/02/2014	Third Sunday before Lent	6.00 pm	10.30 am MP	10.30 am AAC		8.30 am HC(1)	10.30 am FS	10.30 am FS + Baptism	
	4 23/02/2014	Second Sunday before Lent		10.30 am HC (1)	3.00 pm EP		10.30 am MW + Baptism	6.00 pm EP		10.30 am MP

NHS 111 Service

The medical telephone service - NHS 111 - is now live in Cambridgeshire, connecting callers to a team of advisers who are supported by experienced nurses and paramedics.

Callers should use the new service if they need medical help or advice urgently, but it is not a life-threatening situation.

The phone team will ask the caller questions to assess symptoms, then give healthcare advice or direct callers to the most appropriate and available local service.

Callers should use 111 if it is not a 999 emergency, they think they need to go to a hospital accident and emergency department, and if they cannot wait for a GP appointment or do not know who to call for medical help.

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Kingston Village Hall Cookbook

At our International Evening we enjoyed some very special dishes and during the evening it was suggested that a "cookbook" be put together and sold to raise fund for the Kingston Village Hall renovation fund. We have some very talented cooks/bakers/chef in this village; we only have to think about the contributions which appear at our barbeques, fetes and similar events!

My first step is to ask for your own recipes to be included in the cookbook. If you can also include a note about why you chose this dish, cake, etc that would be great.

It will take a while to put all this together but my aim is to have the Cookbook ready for sale by the Village Hall Barbeque next year. Thank you, in advance, for any help you can give.

Jill Coleman,

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Poppy Appeal 2013

Thank you to all those who contributed to the door-to-door collection on behalf of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The total for Kingston this year was £74.19.

Jill Coleman

Fundraising events for the Village Hall

Bring and Buy: This event was a great success and we made a profit of £328—the best yet! Trade was brisk and people were also able to catch up with village friends whilst enjoying a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. It was good to see some new faces as well.

This year there was an added attraction for both children and adults: 'Make your own Christmas decorations'!

Many thanks to all those who made cakes or provided other items to sell, and all those who came along.

BBC visit: Seven of us visited the BBC Cambridge studios in November and saw the inner workings of Radio Cambridgeshire and BBC Look East.

Katherine Stalham was lucky enough to be offered a position with the TV news team, and it is believed she will shortly replace Janine Machin to present the 'Look East' news.

£70 was raised for Village Hall funds.



The last post

A reminder to come along to the village hall on Saturday 4 January to bid farewell to your postman. Charlie Richmond has been delivering mail in Kingston since the 1980s and on 4 January he will be hanging up his bags, pensioning off his bicycle and enjoying a well-earned rest. The village pub will be open from 18:00 – 22:00 with snacks available during the evening and a toast to Charlie at around 20:00. Hope to see you there.

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Village Hall Improvements

The Village Hall Management Committee are delighted to announce that WREN have awarded us a grant of up to £49,500 towards the costs of Phase 1 of the proposed improvements. With the funds already committed by the Parish Council, South Cambs District Council, The Arthur Rank Foundation and raised by villagers we now have some £120,000 of secured funding.

Provisional estimates for Phase 1 of the project are of the order of £130,000 which would still mean we have a £10,000 shortfall. While we have further external sources of funding that we can potentially tap to make up any shortfall, we should not rely on this and now that we are so near the level of funding needed for the project, we would ask that the village re-doubles its efforts to raise additional funds.

Phase 1 of the project will included re-roofing and upgrading all of the existing small hall, constructing a fully equipped kitchen, levelling floor heights throughout the building to provide disabled

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access to all, providing disabled toilets, a proper indoor storage room and storage cupboards and a disabled access ramp. At the same time the whole ambience of the small hall will be improved with a raised ceiling, much improved lighting, insulation and heating. Also that whole end of the building will be redecorated and have new flooring. Phase two is the refurbishment of the Main Hall and we intend to seek to make progress on this, which will require additional funds, just as soon as Phase 1 is underway.

Please all consider what you might be able to do to raise further funds for the Village Hall project. These could be modest, such as offering a car wash outside the Hall on a Saturday morning, to much more ambitious, perhaps organising a major fundraising event in your own home or in the Hall. Please do not leave everything to the Village Hall Management Committee - it is your hall and from the surveys you have completed for us, virtually everyone in the village is very keen that this upgrade to the hall should be completed.

We are now proceeding to obtain contractors' quotations for undertaking Phase 1 of the work but will not be able to commence work until all funding is secured to complete the whole of the work in this phase.

The Village Hall Management Committee

More from the Old Fellow

I was watching the Poppy day service on the Television on Remembrance Sunday, thinking of my father who was killed in 1941 in Greece (more information in 'Memoirs of a Kingston resident' under the 'History' tab of the Kingston website). I had an Uncle who was killed at sea. I should find out more about him, it is so easy with the computer. Must do that now that winter has come.

I have often (as you do) wondered what my life would have been if he had survived the war and came home like my three uncles did. It is like another pathway in life – we must all have wondered: 'What if I had done this or that, where would I be now?'

I would not have come to Toft or Kingston to live, but I suppose I would have lived in Bermondsey for a while and then what?

Terry Osborne

The Dumfries Detail

The war had been over for a year but service personnel were still streaming home from abroad. I was looking forward to demob but during my final R.A.F. service days I was detailed, among other jobs, for medical escort duties. This involved visits to Southampton and other ports to collect parties of men who had been invalided back, mainly from the Far East, suffering from various forms of mental illness. They were brought to the Grange at Littleport near Ely which was then being used as an R.A.F. mental hospital. I was based there at that period.

Came the day when I was instructed to accompany a certain Squadron Leader, who insisted on being addressed as Percy, up to a mental institution for officer patients situated at Dumfries in Scotland. I was told that he had been diagnosed as a manic depressive and needed to be taken by ambulance rather than by train. My assistant was to be an orderly I will just name as Bob, who was known at the hospital as being slightly eccentric himself.

Percy, just invalided out of Burma, was no youngster and had gained his wings in the 1914 — 1918 war. He wore an impressive string of decoration ribbons and sported a huge handlebar moustache. A portly, pompous individual, but affable most of the time and he never stopped talking of his past glories, which included taking part in a Round Britain Air Race in the twenties. To me it was more than a little sad that such a heroic figure had apparently been brought down by the horrors of the Burma campaign, but he seemed cheerful in spite of his condition.

We set off at first light for we had a long, slow journey ahead. Our driver, on his own in the cab, who was soon quietly heading north up the A1 had no inkling of the chaotic conditions we were beginning to endure at the rear. Within a couple of hours most of the contents of Percy's battered suitcases and cardboard boxes tied with string were scattered everywhere. They seemed to consist of old photographs, newspaper cuttings and other memorabilia relating to his early flying and Air Race exploits, plus an extraordinary number of assorted socks! Bob happily joined in the process and my attempts to restore order were in vain. I eventually gave up and reclined on one of the stretcher bunks to

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try to read my paperback.

I left my companions to it until I heard Bob say, "Do you like my moustache Percy?" After a pregnant pause the reply came, "Wizard, old boy, but it just needs a little more cultivation!"

I could not resist taking a look to see Percy peering into a large magnifying glass which was thrust within six inches of Bob's beaming visage. From that moment my morale began to slip a little.



Wizard, old boy! Just needs a little more cultivation!

Our limited view of the outside world was through two small windows in the rear doors and the claustrophobic journey seemed just a blur of endless highways and town after town. There were few bypasses in those days. Percy prattled endlessly, alternatively cheerful or full of gloom, a symptom of his condition. At one stage we got stuck in own traffic whereupon our patient started banging on the doors and successfully attracted a passing policeman. Percy shouted that he had been kidnapped and I had some tricky explaining to do before we were allowed to move on. We covered a few more miles and Percy became convinced that we were nearing his home town. He demanded that I should take him to his house and when his wife opened the door I was to say very loudly "Here is your husband madam — he is as sane as I am!"

I remember a short but welcome break in the scenic Trough of Bowland and then onwards, ever onwards, over Shap Fell in the Lake District to Penrith and Carlisle. Gretna Green and its famous smithy, understandably, had no attraction for our little party but it did signal the proximity of our destination. The frantic task of re-packing Percy's worldly goods and creating a semblance of order occupied the remaining miles. As we stumbled finally into the institution I muttered wearily to the reception sergeant, "I suggest the best course of action is to detain me here indefinitely and send these two back to Littleport!"

Dave Heath

Arrivals and departures

A warm welcome to the Robertson family who are moving into Wychwood (Cranes Lane). Farewell to the Brewis family who moved on from Old Mead House on Church Lane in November.

Bourn Brook Open Meeting

The Bourn Brook rises to the east of Eltisley, and flows into the River Rhee (or Upper Cam) at Byron's Pool. This watercourse has been the subject of interest of the Bourn Free project, whose partners include the Wildlife Trust, the Countryside Restoration Trust, the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, the Cam Valley Forum, the Environment Agency, Cambridgeshire Mammal Group and local landowners.

Please come to an open meeting about the brook, which will be held at the Bourn Golf Course on Wednesday 5th February 2014, 7pm-9.30pm. Refreshments available. We plan to discuss wildlife and invasive species, pollution and flooding.

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Peter Stokes, 262207, kingstonpc@tiscali.co.uk

Volunteer Recruitment Morning at Wimpole

Wimpole Estate is holding a recruitment day for Volunteers on Saturday 11 January 2014 in the Old Rectory Restaurant. There are two sessions: 10.00am to 12 noon for Room Guides, Flower Arrangers, Bookshop, Catering and other Volunteers who are based inside; and 1.00pm to 3.00pm for Garden Volunteers, Garden Guides, Farm Guides, Tractor Drivers and other Volunteers who work mostly outside.

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