

*Kingston Parish & Church
Magazine*



May 2014

Village Diary

Saturday 3rd May Pub Night 6-10pm

Saturday 10th May Plant Sale at the Village Hall 10.30am

Saturday 17th May Workday at the playground 10-12 noon

Thursday 22nd May Parish Council and European Parliamentary Elections

Thursday 29th May Annual Parish meeting 8pm at the Village Hall

Saturday 12th July Church Fete, South Sea House.

Wheelie bin collection dates

Friday 2nd May Black bin

Saturday 10th May Blue and green bins

Friday 16th May Black bin

Friday 23rd May Blue and green bins

Saturday 31st May Black bin

Editorial

Thank you to those who gave feedback on last month's edition. My sincere apologies to Dave Heath whose article about his family's war efforts were unattributed. If you have a story to tell or ideas for inclusions, please let me know.

Enjoy the spring sunshine!

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

Vicar's Letter

Bank Holidays

May is a good month because we get two bank holidays! These can be opportunities to re-centre ourselves and change our focus away from the everyday responsibilities and roles that we have. Instead, we can focus on the really important things in life: family, friends and taking time out to refresh ourselves and maybe think about what we really want out of life.

We are blessed with many beautiful places to visit in this part of the world, and we might venture further abroad to see some of the other sights our country has to offer. Or we might be content to spend time at home, maybe doing the garden or attempting some DIY. Whatever we choose to do, we are lucky to have the chance to stop and breathe and relax.

In the words of the famous poem:

WHAT is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?—

No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and cows:

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

So, whatever your bank holidays bring, take the opportunity to step aside, to pause and take it all in, being thankful for this chance to “stand and stare”.

Fiona

Church Services for May

Sunday 4th May Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday 18th May Family Service 10.30am

Sunday 25th May Evening Prayer 6.00pm

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 Peter Reynolds

Church flowers and brasses

4th May Linda Smith

11th May Lee Steele

18th May Christine Stone

25th May Christine Allison

Church Annual Meetings

At the Church Annual Meetings, held on 25th March, *two* churchwardens were elected, as is proper, for the first time since 2006: Jack Diggle now joins Peter Reynolds in this office. Janet Clear remains as Secretary and Linda Rimmer as Treasurer. 2013 was a busy year at All Saints' and St Andrew's, with one baptism, two marriages, and three funerals. The church organ was repaired and overhauled; the electrical system inspected and certified; and the boiler serviced. Attendance at services remained stable with the Carol Service attracting the highest numbers (75) for many years. Thanks to a very successful Gift Day in July, including Teddy Bear parachute jumping, which raised £4,010, income exceeded expenditure for the year, but, once again, we are now budgeting for a deficit in 2014-15. Major works to the tower and roofs are still outstanding. In future the church will be opened every day between approximately 9.00am and 6pm. The PCC is always grateful for the support it receives from its friends in the village and elsewhere.

Church Work Day

At the second Work Day of 2014 on 5th April, ivy was cleared from the northern churchyard wall and the spoil from the new French drain was raked and seeded to grass. Many thanks to James and Janet Clear, Jack Diggle, Mandy Ray, Charlie Richmond, Linda Rimmer and Peter Stokes; and to Suzy Stokes for supplying refreshments.

Church Opening

The PCC has decided to keep the church unlocked during daylight hours in the hope that villagers and visitors alike will have the opportunity to experience the stillness and beauty of the building. The church is adorned with flowers for Easter and looks a picture. If you do pay a visit, please sign our Visitors Book.

Papworth Team Ministry



Team Evening Service

“Issues facing Christians today”

Sunday 18th May 2014
6.00 pm at St Andrew's, Caxton

Praise, Prayer, Teaching

For Information the dates for the rest of the year are:
20 July, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November.

Wave Café Church

Wednesday 7th May
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: 4th June, 2nd July

A short, prayerful service of **Holy Communion**
is 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 Wheelchair access provided

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.

Adrian Snell in Concert with Carla Jae - Fierce Love

Saturday 26th July, time 7.00 pm
at Holy Trinity, Elsworth, CB23 4JN

Tickets £20 including dinner
There will be a bar available.

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Adrian Snell

Adrian is a Composer and Singer-Songwriter. He is also a Music Therapist and Arts Therapy Consultant at Three Ways Special School in Bath.

His website states: "The album Fierce Love has many stories to tell but one particular influence is Adrian's work with children and young people with a variety of special needs. The extraordinary range of instruments that are central to his music therapy work contribute to the unique soundscape of the album".

For more information about Adrian and his work go to:
www.adrian-snell.com

Kingston church fête

The biennial church fête will take place on **Saturday 12 July from 14:30 at South Sea House**. More details in the next issue of the magazine, but now is the time to think about contributions for the various stalls: books, CDs, DVDs, bric-a-brac, toys and games, bottles for the tombola, raffle prizes, cakes and produce and plants. Your support would be much appreciated.

Parish Council News

Annual Parish Meeting: This year's meeting will be on **29 May at 8.00pm** in the village hall. This is a **public meeting** (not a parish council meeting) at which reports are presented on various activities of interest to us all. Come and enjoy a glass of wine, and have the opportunity to ask questions or give your views in the open forum at the end.

Playground Workday: Please spare a couple of hours if you can on **Saturday 17 May at 10.00am** to help carry out some essential maintenance jobs at the playground. Bring any of the following: wheelbarrow, shovel, fork, rake, bramble-clearing tools, gardening gloves.

Parish Council elections: any candidates should please contact me, or the Returning Officer at South Cambs District Council for a set of Nomination papers. Completed forms must be returned by hand (not post) to South Cambs District Council no later than 4pm on 24 April. For more details see the notice on the notice board. There are five vacancies – if there are more than five candidates, an election will be held, otherwise all candidates will be returned unopposed.

Park and Ride: We have been informed by Cambridgeshire County Council that the Park and Ride system is changing. From sometime next month, parking charges will be introduced, in addition to the bus fare. The basic charge is £1 but there are conditions, exceptions and concessions – see the CCC website or local press for more details.

Grass cutting: a reminder that it is the job of CCC to cut verges, in particular around the junction of Church Lane and the B1046 where there can be a visibility problem. They sometimes need a reminder – please let me know promptly if the grass there is in need of a trim.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk

Plant Sale 10 May Kingston Village Hall

There will be a plant, cake and produce sale on the morning of Saturday 10 May from 10.30 onwards, in aid of Village Hall funds. Refreshments will be served.

Please contact

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Month	Sunday	Title	T.E.W	Boxworth	Elsworth	Knapwell	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
May	1	Easter 3		08.30 am HC (2)	10.30 am FS	6.00 pm EP	10.30 am HC(1)	8.30 am HC(2)	8.30 am HC (2)	
	2	Easter 7		10.30 am	6.00 pm		10.30 am WFA + Baptism		10.30 am MP	8.30 am HC(2)
	3		6.00 pm	10.30 am	10.30 am	3.00 pm Songs of Praise	8.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am	
	18/05/2014	Easter 5	Caxton	MP	AAC		HC(1)	FS	FS	
	4	Easter 6		10.30 am	6.00 pm		10.30 am Morning Worship	6.00 pm		10.30 am MP + Baptism
25/05/2014				HC(1)	EP					
29/05/2014	Ascension					7.30 pm Holy Communion at Caxton				
June	1	Easter 7		08.30 am HC (2)	10.30 am FS	6.00 pm EP	10.30 am HC(1)	8.30 am HC(2)	8.30 am HC (2)	
	2	Pentecost					10.30 am			
	3	Trinity	Joining with Elsworth	10.30 am Pet Service	6.00 pm EP	8.30 am HC(2)	8.30 am HC(1)	10.30 am FS	10.30 am FS	
	15/06/2014			10.30 am	6.00 pm		10.30 am	6.00 pm		
	4	Trinity 1		HC (1)	HC (2)		MW	EP		10.30 am Morning Worship
22/06/2014										
5	Trinity 2			6.00 pm EP			10.30 am HC			
29/06/2014										

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Feast days and fairs

May is traditionally a time of feasts and fairs. However, in the early 14th century Kingston's two annual fairs on the village green marked the feast of St Margaret (20 July) and the feast of St Luke (18 October). Later, feast days in Kingston moved to rogation time (17 – 18 May) and now our biennial fête takes place in July.

'Travellers with various side-shows used to set up on the green. There would be coconut shies, hoop-la, swings (sometimes), various confectionery stalls, soft drinks, brandy snaps, rock etc – all home made. One lady used to give rock-making demonstrations and I can well remember seeing her spit on her hands as she pulled the sugary confection into shape. Needless to say, the sweet was commonly called "spit rock". I have heard my father say that the stalls and side shows at the end of the 19th century used to overflow on to the side of the road and triangle of grass opposite The Thatches'

(extract from *Kingston remembered* by Louis Jacklin and others).

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Nigeria comes to Kingston

If, like me, you are a relative newcomer to Kingston, I am sure that you were probably a little taken aback when you first spotted the naïve representation of the African village on the wall inside the Village Hall. The story behind the mural can be found in a fascinating book “An Experiment in Education” by Sybil Marshall. Sybil was the last schoolmistress in Kingston before the school finally closed in 1962 and had radical ideas about teaching through art and music. She encouraged the children to explore their surroundings, both natural and manmade, and respond to them creatively through art, music, poetry and drama. Although the children were positively encouraged to wander all over the village and immediate surroundings, she was aware that their geographical horizons were limited.

The school played host to a student from the School of Oriental and African Studies who had to do a month’s survey of a rural community in England before embarking on a post as an Education Officer in Nigeria. On arriving in the Delta Province, he wrote long letters to the children describing his experiences. The children were very enthused by this contact and wanted to paint African scenes as they imagined them. This was not particularly successful and Mrs Marshall decided that the scale was too small. The children identified with the Nigerian villagers and wanted a representation “big enough to get into”.

“I suggested that we covered the end wall of the schoolroom with an enormous picture of a Nigerian village, painting direct on the whitewashed bricks. In this way we were able to depict trees large enough to stand under, huts large enough to enter, and life-sized black children playing only a few feet from us, it seemed. Looking south, we saw a framed rectangle of English sky...; but looking north, we entered the sunshine and colour of Nigeria. It was as simple as that.”

Mrs Marshall regrets the fact that this happened fairly early on in her experiment when she had “not quite broken the collar of my serfdom to the timetable”. Later on, she would have “shelved everything else while we went out and built ‘Nigerian’ huts on the village green, pounding mealies for our own lunch, dressed in dyed curtains and hung about with beads.”

That really would have been quite a spectacle!

Extracts taken from “An Experiment in Education” by Sybil Marshall
(Cambridge University Press 1963).

Mandy Ray

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At Bourn Primary Academy and Village Shop

Adults:£7.50 Concessions (16 and under/OAP):£3.50

Auditions: 15th & 20th May (7-9pm slots).

Sponsorship gratefully received: £50 to have your business logo on the village and school websites until October and in the event programme, plus free entry for two.

Make a donation: envelopes marked Bourn Proms Donation with your name and contact number gratefully received at Bourn village shop or school - acknowledgement on the village and school websites and in the event programme.

For auditions and sponsorship please contact:

Suzanne (01954 718688) or Mariet.jie (01954 719389).

Celebrate Museums at Night in Cambridge on Friday 16 May and enjoy live music, science buskers, spotlight talks, and creativity - all events are free

The Fitzwilliam Museum **Museums at Night** Open until 9pm - All ages

Kettle's Yard ...at Night Open 5-8pm - All Ages

Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology **Manos Creadoras (Creative Hands):**

Chilean arts and crafts Open 5-9pm - Adults

Museum of Classical Archaeology **After hours at the Museum** Open 6-9pm - Adults

Whipple Museum **Ask the Experts: Researchers' Night** Open 6-8pm - Adults

Gloria May Hitchens 1926 - 2014

Gloria Hitchens was born in Colchester to George and Phyllis Collins; she had an elder brother and a younger sister. Her father was an officer in the Royal Navy and so their early lives were somewhat nomadic. Gloria left school at 16 and did an apprenticeship in hairdressing. During the war she was an air raid warden.

It was a family joke that Gloria met her husband-to-be, David Hitchens, in Borstal (Rochester). They married and had twin boys, Richard and Bill, and then Lori came along. Most of their married life was spent in Gloucestershire, David working in the aviation industry. Gloria decided to study aromatherapy in London and subsequently opened Beaconsfield Beauty Clinic in Painswick, which was a very successful venture.

Gloria was a wonderful homemaker, enjoyed entertaining and always hosted large family Christmases. She loved knitting and sewing and made lace as fine as cobwebs. She made amazing novelty cakes, wedding cakes and modeled sugar paste flowers. She was adventurous and daring. As a young woman she loved fast cars and competed in rallies in her MG midget. Later she enjoyed scuba diving, gliding and wind surfing. She was up for anything.



David and Gloria retired to Summerhill in Kingston in 1989. After David died suddenly in 1995, Gloria worked almost full time in Lori's jewelry shop in Cambridge. She moved in with Lori and her son-in-law, John Abraham, at Sunnyside, Great Eversden in 2011, and was cared for there until the end of her life.

You could not have met a more optimistic, caring, generous person – and with such a quick wit with her to the end. She had boundless energy and enthusiasm. A light has gone out of our lives.

(based on John Abraham's address of the 28th March)

Gloria died on the 18th March 2014. Her funeral service took place at Cambridge Crematorium on the 28th March and was followed by a Service of Celebration at St Mary's, Great Eversden. The Revd Tony Stephens, an old family friend and a parish priest in Cornwall, presided at both. The Revd Charles Fraser, Priest in charge of the Eversdens, read from Revelation, Chapter 21. Gloria had planned the service at least 10 years previously. She was a member of Kingston Church and her faith is illustrated by the poem she had chosen for the occasion, which was read by Pam Stephens:

The day I die will be a glorious day.
 March, April, or perhaps May.
 And birds will sing aloud for joy and life newborn.
 That glorious morn.
 The day I die.
 And I will walk where fairer flower than any earth has seen
 Grow free and wild and undefiled.
 The panorama of my Father's home will stretch before my wondering eyes
 And I will see fairer than all these – my Jesus' face.
 And all the beauty of that place
 Will centre on His glory and His grace.
 And this will be my own, my very own
 For I'll be home the day I die.

R.I.P.

In due course Gloria's ashes will be laid to rest with David's in the churchyard here at All Saints and St Andrew, Kingston.

Peter Reynolds

Paws for a Walk charity walk in aid of hearing dogs for deaf people

Saturday May 17th start at 2pm from the Octagon, Bar Hill
 entry fee £3 for adults £1:50 children

The main walk takes about 80 minutes. A shorter walk using footpaths in Bar Hill is suitable for wheel chairs, buggies and people with limited mobility.

Registration forms and sponsor forms available on request from Diana Reynolds
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