

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



January 2018

Village Diary

Wednesday 3 rd January	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Saturday 6 th January	Village Pub Night – Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
Saturday 27 th January	Quiz Night – Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wheelie bin collection dates

Friday 5 th January	Blue bin only
Thursday 11 th January	Black bin
Wednesday 17 th January	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 24 th January	Black bin
Wednesday 31 st January	Blue bin only

Please Note: The use of paper caddies has been discontinued from Monday 11th December. Paper should be placed directly in the blue bin from now on.

Editorial

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2018 and all it has in store for us. And it's the month of January, supposedly named after the Roman god, Janus. Janus was the god of beginnings, gateways, transitions, duality, passages, and endings; he is usually depicted as a head with two faces, one looking forwards and the other looking backwards, one facing the future and the other the past. So it's a good time to reflect on the year just ended and to think about the year in front of us. What were the best things that happened to you in 2017 and what are you looking forward to in 2018? Did last year's plans work out and what are your plans for the new year? Nothing like a bit of planning to get the new year started. With a plan in mind, you can always be flexible in the light of events; without a plan there's nothing to be flexible about!

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Vicar's Letter

If I asked you what's the most common commandment in the Bible, what would you guess? If I told you it began "do not" you probably wouldn't be surprised, but not helped either – even if I told you it appeared often in the readings we've just had in all our Christmas Carol services.

Well, the most common command in the Bible is "do not be afraid". Over and over again in the Old Testament and the New, we are called to trust God, and move beyond our fear.

Unfortunately, at the start of this New Year, there seem to be many things to fear: North Korea's nuclear weapons, the uncertainty over whether and how the UK leaves the EU, climate change – and perhaps personal worries over health, or jobs, or family.

We desperately need to hear God saying to us again "do not be afraid". But how can God say this in the face of all that is fearful about our world?

Jesus tells us that God cares for human beings who can respond to God's love with love of their own. We are of immense value to God, and this is the reason God came to be one of us in Jesus, and can say "do not be afraid".

But "do not be afraid" doesn't mean "do not care": on the contrary, we must care passionately, as Jesus himself did.

And "do not worry" doesn't mean "do nothing" either. Worrying never solved anything, but there's plenty we **can** do to relieve poverty, combat discrimination and injustice, and work for peace at every level of society.

Jesus tells us to "seek first the kingdom of God". In other words, make God's priorities our priorities, and live our lives as God wants us to live.

We will often fail, but we can be equally often forgiven. Jesus' care for humanity took him to his death on the cross so that our failings can be forgiven. His rising from the dead proves that we have nothing to fear because God has our eternal destiny safely in hand.

Next time you find yourself worrying about some need in your life or something in the news, stop, remember God's most frequent commandment: "do not be afraid". Then go out and make a difference in the world.

Rev. Steve Day

Church Services for January

Sunday 7th January (Epiphany)	Holy Communion 8.30am
Sunday 14th January	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Sunday 21st January	Family Service 10.30am

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

7 th January	Christine Stone
14 th January	Christine Allison
21 st January	Janet Clear
28 th January	Miki Ellar

Home Communion

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. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible please contact the team office on 01480 839933 and we will be able to help.

A short, prayerful service of

Holy Communion

is celebrated

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



Graham “Dusty” Coleman

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Dusty Coleman who lived in Kingston for the last several months. Despite his deteriorating health, he joined in community activities, was always willing to talk to neighbours, and kept practising his artistic skills. Last month’s cover picture of this magazine was a copy of one of his local paintings and was much commented upon and complimented by readers. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jill Coleman who has lost a good friend and companion. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Jill asked if she could add her own personal comments:

Graham Coleman (Dusty) – 1948-2017

When Peter rang me in November to ask if he could use Dusty’s picture for the magazine cover I said to go ahead. I didn’t tell Dusty! On the day the magazine was delivered to our house he was the one who picked it up and the complete joy he had on seeing the cover was wonderful. I wanted to thank everyone who has said such lovely things about him and his painting over the last few days.

Arrivals

A warm welcome to Adam Benedicic and Manuela Urbiscek who moved into Shingled Cottage on Church Lane in November. We hope to welcome them to village events in the near future.

Salt Bin in Crane’s Lane

Please let me know if the salt bin is empty and I can arrange to get it refilled. Please note that the salt is provided for community use in Crane’s Lane – it is not intended for spreading on private driveways. Please purchase your own salt for this purpose.

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Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter

As we build up to the big day, I was excited to be invited to Cambourne to switch on their Christmas lights.

This had a rather unexpected twist – as I was sawn in half on stage! I'm pleased to report that both parts of me were put back together in time for me to make it to the Fen Drayton "Call my wine bluff" fundraiser later that evening – well done to the organisers of both events, and a special mention to the surgeon on standby!

Staying with Cambourne, I continue to pay very close attention to the developing proposals for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway and park and ride. The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership's (GCP) consultation on the proposed sites for the park and ride and busway routes is now live. The consultation closes on the 29th January 2018, so please do feed in your views here-

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambourne-to-cambridge/cambourne-to-cambridge-consultation-2017/18/>

As part of my promise to listen to residents, I went along to the GCP's roadshow in Coton, so I could gauge residents' views on the latest options first hand. This is a really important consultation as the outcome will shape how we deal with congestion issues and improve the transport links so desperately missing in Cambourne.



On the 10th/11th/12th November, I joined commemoration services at the Cambridge American Cemetery in Coton, in Sawston and my home village of Elsworth. These services are such an important date in the calendar as we came together to recognise the service of our Armed Forces past and present. We must never forget.

Last month's Budget contained big news for our local area with a number of key measures:

- A new East West Rail company will be set up to deliver a rail link between Oxford and Cambridge.
- Addenbrooke's station - The Government committed £5 million to develop our proposals for a station on the Biomedical campus.
- Construction will begin on key elements of the Oxford to Cambridge road expressway.
- £1.7 billion will go towards improving transport for English cities with our Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority receiving £74 million.

South Cambridgeshire is a great place to live and work and I will continue to keep a very sharp focus on all the local infrastructure improvements needed to ensure we stay that way. I'm also in conversation with Highways England, Network Rail and our local authorities regarding the Foxton crossing and Girton Interchange. I have slowly but surely pushed these long overdue projects up the agenda and will keep you posted. Initial meetings are promising!

It is always such a pleasure to visit local schools and I continue on my mission to get round all sixty six of them!

I have in the last few weeks opened the new library at Bellbird Primary in Sawston and visited Perse Upper School in Cambridge. Students remain a source of the most difficult questions!

I was also pleased to visit Orwell Brownies and Melbourn Rainbows during Parliament week. Two budding bunches of Parliamentarians without a doubt!

On 1st December, I was pleased to be invited to support FareShare and Tesco at their Christmas food collection at the Bar Hill store.

Local people were so generous with their donations of food. Tesco also add an additional 20% *as well* as providing FareShare with food from their distribution centres. To ensure this good food does not go to waste, Fareshare then distribute it to organisations such as hostels, children's breakfast clubs and meals for older people. If you are involved in a group who could benefit from such a donation, or are a food manufacturer looking to donate your "waste", please do get in touch with Michael Barrett, our local contact on 01473 717676 or fseastanglia@fareshare.org.uk

My next surgery will be on 6th January 2018 10am-12noon at the David Rayner Centre, Scotsdales Garden Centre, 120 Cambridge Rd, Great Shelford, CB22 5JT.

These are drop-in surgeries with no appointment necessary. Details of all the upcoming surgeries can be found on my website www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk. You'll also find further information about my work and news stories there. To contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk. You can also phone my Westminster office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830 037 to raise local concerns.

All that remains is to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Cheers!
Heidi

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
Jan 7	Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	
Jan 14	Epiphany 2	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
Jan 21	Epiphany 3	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
Jan 28	Epiphany 4	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
Feb 4	2 nd Sunday before Lent	10.30am FHC	10.30am HC	10.30am W4A	
Feb 11	Sunday next before Lent	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
Feb 18	1 st Sunday of Lent	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
Feb 25	2 nd Sunday of Lent	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

W4A/FS = Family Service

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

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Songbird: Eva Cassidy

Last month when talking about Katie Melua's recording of Sting's song "Fields of Gold" (which at the time of writing is no.2 on the pop charts), I mentioned that Eva Cassidy had previously recorded a similar cover version. This got me thinking about Eva Cassidy and her strange recording career. If you appreciate the music of the likes of Norah Jones, Dido, and Katie Melua, then you'll love Eva Cassidy and her mix of blues, standards, jazz, folk and pop rock. She puts the class in classics. I say this in the present tense, but she tragically died in 1996, cutting short a wonderfully burgeoning career. Moreover, all her hits occurred after her death (mainly in the UK it has to be said) and she remained in relative obscurity when actually recording the tracks that would make her posthumously famous.

An American vocalist and guitarist, she grew up in the Washington D. C. area where she remained unnoticed until her death at the age of thirty-three. In 1998, British audiences were made aware of her music when BBC Radio Two DJs added her recordings of "Fields of Gold" and "Over the Rainbow" to their playlist. As a result, both tracks became hits as did a compilation album titled "Songbird" which rose to no.1 on the UK charts. During the 2002 Winter Olympics, figure skater Michelle Kwan brought her music to a new audience when she skated to Eva's recording of "Fields of Gold", thus bringing Eva's work more into the US limelight.

Several LPs of old material have emerged over the last twenty years and all bear the same hallmarks: impeccable song choice, exquisite accompaniment that includes her own sensitive guitar playing, and, above all, singing of the highest order. Looking down the tracks on her latest album "The Best of Eva Cassidy" released in 2012, there's not a dud in sight. Standout tracks include "What a Wonderful World", "Time After Time", "Autumn Leaves", "Imagine", and "People Get Ready". What she does is take other people's songs and make them hers by moulding them in her own inimitable style. Words like delicate and gentle come to mind but she can also use her brasher, bluesier side as on Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine". After listening to her songs for a length of time, however, I recommend a change of pace and volume. When it comes to rock and roll, you can only have so much perfection. The perfect antidote for her determinedly low key, lulling approach is to put on anything by George Thorogood and the Destroyers (I recommend their 2011 album "2120 South Michigan Avenue") and play it loud and proud. But that's another story.

Peter Holly



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Once In A Blue Moon ...

Well, this year it really could happen!

The name Blue Moon does not refer to the colour of the moon. Nowadays, it has popularly come to mean the second full Moon in the same calendar month."

Most months have one Full Moon, not two. However, since the Moon's period of phases is 29½ days, while months usually have 30 or 31 days, if a full Moon occurs on the first day of any month except February there will be another full moon at the end of the month. Blue Moons actually happen every 30 months on average: that's just two and a half years.

This year the first new moon of the year falls on 1 January so the next Blue Moon (second full moon in one calendar month) is on January 31, 2018.

Black Moon: In contrast to the Blue Moon, the Black Moon refers to a month in which there is no full Moon. It may also refer to a second new Moon occurring within a calendar month.

In Memoriam

This past year, like any other year, a group of rock artists (some famous, others not so famous) has passed away. The fact that this year's group contains some heavy-hitters tends to give the impression that the number of musicians involved is disproportionate (i.e. greater) than other years. Who are some of the fallen?

In terms of the old breed there are some real originals on the list. Despite his chequered career, **Chuck Berry** stands astride of the rock pantheon. Without him, there would have been no Rolling Stones, no Animals and no Beatles. Nobody alive hasn't shaken a leg to one of his songs. His hits were legion and were rich testament to the early days of rock and roll. One track stands out in my mind, "You Never Can Tell", which was used in the movie Pulp Fiction to accompany John Travolta's really cool dance. Another original was **Fats Domino**. An early exponent of the New Orleans r&b sound, he had many hits which included "Ain't That a Shame" and "Blueberry Hill" (my favourite). Rivalled by such white artists as Pat Boone and Frankie Avalon, he became the acceptable face of black music, while opening up all sorts of opportunities for other African-American artists. Indeed, his contribution to the development of black music should not be under-appreciated. Leading country singers **Mel Tillis** and **Glen Campbell** also left the pioneer trail this year. The former had risen to stardom with a string of hits in the 1970s and the latter had hits with songs that we can all sing along to, such as "Galveston" and "Wichita Lineman".

FM stars of the '70s and '80s, **J. Geils**, **Tom Petty**, **Walter Becker** (co-founder and guitarist of Steely Dan) and **Gregg Allman** (co-founder of the Allman Brothers Band) all died this year. Tom Petty probably had the more illustrious career and recorded at least one great album, *Free Fallin'*, with its standout track "I Won't Back Down", superbly covered by Johnny Cash at the end of his life. Petty's other major claim to fame was his long-time association with Bob Dylan which led to his inclusion in the super-group, The Traveling Wilburys, and the creation of two great records under that banner.

More modern groups that lost a member this year included Linkin Park (Chester Bennington), Soundgarden (Chris Cornell) and AC/DC (Malcolm Young). But perhaps the greatest casualty this past year (he actually died on December 25th, 2016) was Britain's own, **George Michael**. Stung by the death of Prince and David Bowie earlier that year, my daughter still hasn't quite adjusted to this trio's deaths. Theirs was the music she grew up with. Despite a somewhat tumultuous private

life, Michael left behind him a rich tapestry of modern rock music, including one great ballad (“Careless Whisper”) and an instant perennial (“Last Christmas”). His was the music that my daughter’s generation danced to and celebrated the milestones of their lives. Oddly, it took several months for his rich legacy to be fully appreciated, but now television is full of tributes to his work.

Other departed artists included jazz singers **Jon Hendricks** and **Al Jarreau**, **Della Reese** (somewhat curiously the only woman on this list), pop-star **David Cassidy**, 1960s one-hit wonder **Peter Sarstedt** (“Where Do You Go to My Lovely?”), **Troy Gentry** (of the country duo Montgomery Gentry), **Clem Curtis** founding member of the late ‘60s band The Foundations, **Robert Knight** (“Everlasting Love”), **Tommy Allsup** of Buddy Holly and the Crickets fame, and finally **Bobby Freeman** (“Do You Want To Dance”) and **Billy Bland** (“Let the Little Girl Dance”), as the titles suggest, both great dance records in the early ‘60s. **Jimmy Beaumont** is probably not a name that gets instant recognition but as lead singer with the doo-wop group the Skyliners he co-wrote and performed on one of the greatest recordings of all-time, “Since I Don’t Have You”. He joined Chicago Bluesman **Lonnie Brooks** on the list of those who departed the scene in 2017.

And another one has joined the list. **Johnny Hallyday**, France’s answer to Elvis, died this week. As rock artists go, he was the real deal, his best work being in the early ‘60s. In 1961, my elder brother and his new wife spent their honeymoon in France and they returned with a gift for me – an EP of Johnny Hallyday’s recent hits. I was tempted to discard it (how can anyone from France be a rock and roll star? I thought) but the more I played it the more I realized that it was the epitome of cool. I’m not sure, however, that my school friends agreed. So I kept it to myself and grooved alone.

If all the tracks mentioned above were collated into a compilation album, it would make one great record and a great epitaph for those that rocked until 2017.

Peter Holly

Hidden Treasures

Some of the University Colleges’ libraries are regularly open to the public: The Old Library at Christ’s **College**, the Parker Library at Corpus Christi, The Pepys Library at Magdalene, **the Library Exhibition Area at St John’s**, and The Wren Library at Trinity. Details of opening times and other temporary exhibitions can be found at <http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/collegeexhibitions>

Did You Know ...?

* Recent research has shown that many chimney related thatch fires are caused by heat transfer through the brickwork of the flue into the adjacent thatch, rather than sparks or burning brands coming out of the chimney and igniting the thatch. A government-backed team of scientists from the National Society of Master Thatchers (NSMT) have shown that the flue gases inside the chimney heat the surrounding brickwork, which heats the thatch around the chimney. Once a critical temperature of approx 200°C was achieved at the thatch chimney interface, charring of the thatch occurred and eventually developed into a roof fire. This process develops over long periods of time.

* Modern enclosed solid fuel appliances are designed to burn efficiently and cleanly. This means that they burn at a much-increased temperature to promote a 'clean burn' and can generate flue gas temperatures in excess of 300°C to 600°C. Modern chimney linings prevent flue leaks, but do not significantly reduce the temperature achieved by heat transfer within the thatch by an appliance in regular use.

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