

# *Kingston Parish & Church Magazine*



**December 2022**

## Village Diary

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Pub Night
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 8.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 1 - 1:30pm	Library Van at the crossroads
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December - 6.30pm start	Village Carol Singing (meet at the village hall, refreshments will be served in the hall after the singing)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December - 6.30pm	Carol Service in the church
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December - 4pm	Nativity Play in the church, followed by a visit from Father Christmas
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)- 3pm	Family Service in the church
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 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Black bin
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Black bin
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Blue bin only

## Editorial

Ding dong, ding dong. Christmas will soon be here whether or not we're ready for it. So why not give in and get into the spirit? The magazine this month is full of all the events in Kingston in the run up to the big day, from flower arranging to several carol services to a nativity play. Also the Christmas Sale and the Platinum Jubilee tree planting ceremony.

So lots to choose from in a busy December. It will be nice to see as many villagers as possible at one or more of these events to help kick off a happy holiday season.

**Miki Ellar** miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

## Vicar's Letter

I wonder whether you have an Advent Calendar on the go? For many people, especially children, the countdown to Christmas can seem very long, and an advent calendar helps to make the waiting more bearable.

When I was young, an Advent calendar was a cardboard picture with little flaps which opened to reveal ... little pictures. That kind is still about, but nowadays Advent calendars are far, far more. There are ones with a small chocolate behind each number, or a big chocolate, or Lego, or beer, or Gin & Tonic, or ... almost anything.

The Body Shop Box of Wishes, is filled with skincare and beauty products, and it's a snip at £145 – at least compared to the Dior version for £470.

There are calendars based on books, films, TV series, and games, and some decidedly eye-opening ones! Possibly the most niche one I found was stocked with different beard oils.

Boots (and other places) advertise "Christmas Advent Calendars" – Laura Ashley has a "12 Days of Christmas Advent Calendar" which is very confusing because the 12 days of Christmas only begin once Advent has finished.

But that mixture of "now and not yet" has a lot in common with the Christian faith. Every Advent we wait for Christmas when we celebrate Jesus being born, because it's "not yet". At the same time we know that Jesus was born 2000 years ago, so he is here "now" as well.

Jesus himself taught his followers that "the Kingdom of God has come" – it is Now, but it's hard to see the evidence of that because it's Not Yet fully realised. The anticipation of Advent and the joy of Christmas are a picture for us of that Kingdom as we wait for it.

If you haven't sorted out your Advent calendar yet, why not have a look at the Leprosy Mission who we are supporting as a team of churches. Their shop [theleprosymissionshop.com](http://theleprosymissionshop.com) has some chocolate ones, and also a Tea Advent Calendar for some refreshing cuppas as you wait for the Not Yet of Advent to become the Now of Christmas.

***Revd Steve Day***

## Church Services

As there will not be a service in Kingston Church on Christmas Morning parishioners may like to be aware that they will be most welcome at any of the services in neighbouring parishes listed below:

**Bourn**            24 Dec 10.30pm Holy Communion  
                       25 Dec 10.30am Christmas Family Worship

**Longstowe**    25 Dec 9.15am Holy Communion

**Caxton**           25 Dec 11.00am Holy Communion

on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023** there are no services in the Papworth Team.

### **ZOOM Chapel:**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** Team Service at 10.00am

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

**Team Bible Study** via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm

**Telephone service** on Mondays at 5.00pm

For further information and the Zoom link see [www.papworthteamchurches.org](http://www.papworthteamchurches.org)

## Church cleaning

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

## Church flowers and brasses

4<sup>th</sup> December      Kay Forsythe  
 11<sup>th</sup> December    Janet Clear  
 18<sup>th</sup> December    Miki Ellar  
 25<sup>th</sup> December    Linda Smith

## Kingston Poor's Land Charity

To remind parishioners: the trustees of Kingston's charity are able to make grants to anyone in difficulty meeting the rapidly increasing costs of living. Contact, in confidence, Donal O'Donnell or Peter Reynolds.

## Klezmer Concert - a great success

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October some fifty people gathered in Kingston Church for a fascinating and most enjoyable concert performed by the Cambridge Mulberry Klezmer Band with vocal accompaniment by Natania Goodrich as soloist. It was most pleasing that the concert was well supported by Kingstonians who made up over a third of the audience.

We were treated to a really interesting, varied, and enjoyable programme providing an excellent opportunity to learn more about this traditional Jewish music which was taken up in the 1970's in New York and merged with Jazz. During the evening the close links to the music of other Eastern Mediterranean musical traditions became very evident.

During the interval the audience were treated to a fascinating short talk on medieval wall paintings by Philip Walker, formerly of English Heritage, with particular reference to the wall paintings in Kingston Church.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the concert happen and to all who supported the concert on the night. Very special thanks must go to Simon Draper, who plays in the band, for arranging to bring the band to play in Kingston and for undertaking the critical organisation.

The icing on the cake was that a retiring collection at the end of the evening raised over £330 for the Church Restoration Fund and the repair of the church roof and ceiling.

**Torrie Smith**



## Flower Arranging

There will be a free flower arranging demonstration by experienced horticulturalist Lee Steele at 7pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec in the village church. All welcome. Please bring your foliage, flowers, decorations and containers. If you would like to leave your arrangements in the church for the carol service, that would be lovely. There will be seasonal refreshments. So come along and get in the Christmas spirit.



## KINGSTON CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday December 11,  
with goods for sale by telephone from the published  
catalogue.  
Collection and payment will be from the Village Hall  
with refreshments available.

**CAKES and PUDS :** *Cakes, biscuits, flapjacks, scones, buns, meringues, profiteroles, pastries, desserts, fresh bread*

**CHRISTMAS GOODS:** *Mince pies, xmas puddings, xmas cakes, stollen, xmas biscuits, xmas candy, truffles, fudge and chocolates*

**MARKET STALL:** *Jams, chutneys, pates, terrines, quiches, sausage rolls, xmas wreaths, plants and table decorations*

**BOTTLE STALL:** *Wines and spirits to be sold at below market prices plus home-made sloe gin*

### **Donations needed:**

*Please can you give us a 'pledge' for donations for any of these stalls. Please either email or phone with your promise of donations by Sunday 4 December, with enough detail to attract buyers and to enable items to be priced. Contact either:*

*Miki Ellar (01223 262887, [miki.ellar7@gmail.com](mailto:miki.ellar7@gmail.com)) or  
Suzy Stokes (01223 262207, [pandsstokes@gmail.com](mailto:pandsstokes@gmail.com))*

*Goods will be needed by 10am on Saturday 10 December and can be delivered to Suzy Stokes (The Old Post Office, Rectory Lane), Pat Draper (Rose Hide House, Church Lane) or Miki Ellar (Wainstones, Cranes Lane).*

*The catalogue of items for sale, and details on how to 'shop' will be distributed on **Friday 9 December** by email.*



## Village Carol Singing

The Village Carol Singing will take place on  
**Wednesday 14th December 2022.**

Meeting outside the **Village Hall at 6.30pm**

Carol Sheets are provided - please **bring a Torch.**

Refreshments afterwards at the Village Hall

If you would like to join us,  
or would like us to come and sing to you,  
please contact Janet or James at  
South Sea House, Bourn Road, on 01223 263746

The Church is very grateful for all contributions  
received and can be delivered to the above address.

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gift aiding your contribution*

## Kingston Quiz 2023

The Kingston Village Quiz will take place on Saturday 21 January 2023, arrive 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Questions to start:

1. Will it be online or in person?
2. Will there be fish & chips with the quiz?
3. Will anyone be able to beat the reigning champions, the Dipsticks?
4. Will anyone be able to wrest the lemons away from the Prosecco Girls? 😊

For those who haven't taken part before, the quiz can be as serious or as fun as you like. Groups of 4 – 6 people, hopefully in the village hall after being online for the last two years.

Due to the acoustics in the hall, if we are able with the new WiFi in the hall, we plan to present the quiz in both spoken and written format.

For those with small children, we have a few teenagers willing and able to babysit!

We aim to organise a delivery of food from Fish 'n Chicken in Cambourne, so the price for the event is £5 for the quiz, plus whatever food you order.

Please let Katherine Stalham, [kstalham@hotmail.com](mailto:kstalham@hotmail.com), know if you would like to book a team for the event. If you don't have a team of 4 - 6, but would still like to take part, please send Katherine a message and she will introduce you to others to make up a team.



*2022 quiz champions - The Dipsticks*

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## Sunday 18 December at 10.30

We will be planting the oak tree grown from a village acorn to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Year.

This will take place on the Clear's family farm from Bourn Road where the public footpath leads to their barns. Mulled wine, soft drinks and shortbread will be served and we hope that many villagers will be able to attend and make this a special event.

Any children who were unable to take part in our acorn planting session will have a second chance on Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup>. Eventually all the children's oaks will be planted in a line following the Queen's.

The event will take place despite the weather!

*James Clear and Ffanni Apperly*

## Greater Cambridge Partnership Congestion Charge Consultation

The GCP has launched a consultation called Making Connections 2022 which will run until 23 December 2022. This aims to consider various ways of tackling traffic related congestion within Cambridge and also raises the idea of imposing a congestion charge. People are encouraged to take part in a survey to provide their views and concerns about the new plans. The survey and information about the proposal including maps and frequently asked questions can be found at:-

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022>

## Luton Airport Flight Path Change

Luton airport recently altered their flight paths and are currently conducting a Post implementation Review Period that will run until 31 May 2023. If anyone has been adversely affected by this change, they are encouraged to send an email to [noise@ltn.aero](mailto:noise@ltn.aero) or [noise.enquiries@ltn.aero](mailto:noise.enquiries@ltn.aero). Where possible, we have been asked to make a video or audio recording on a phone of the flight event that caused the disturbance that can be included with the email.

Our District Councillor Tumi Hawkins is continuing to monitor the situation and has asked that people copy her into emails that are sent. Her email address is:-

[tumi@tumihawkins@org.uk](mailto:tumi@tumihawkins@org.uk)

## District Councillor News

This is the last update for 2022 and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023.



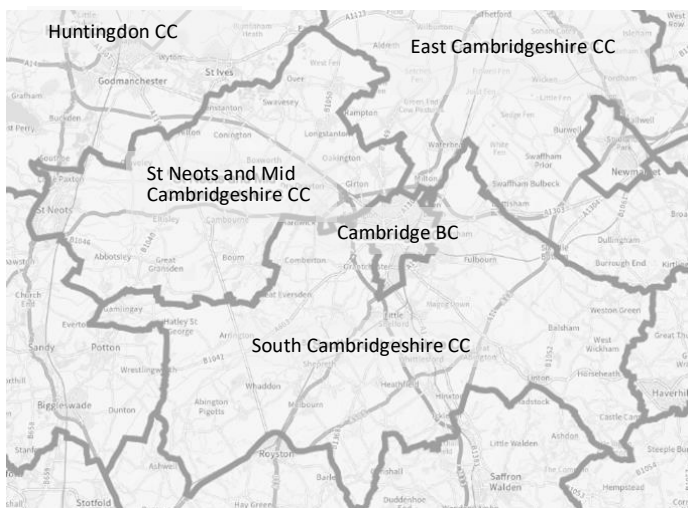
**Cost of Living Support:** The cost of living crisis is having a significant impact on residents and businesses in South Cambridgeshire. SCDC is providing support and advice, including Discretionary Housing Payments and Council Tax, Charitable giving and Community Chest grants, and Warm Hubs. More details available on the website at [www.scamb.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support](http://www.scamb.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support).

Cambridgeshire County Council has a Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme which is funded by the Department for Education. Families in receipt of income-related free school meals can access a holiday scheme for up to 16 hours per child and will receive enriching experiences, a meal and snacks daily. Ukrainian and other refugee families can attend as well as families struggling financially. More information at <https://bit.ly/HAFProgram>

### New Parliamentary Constituency boundaries

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) are now consulting on their revised proposals for changes to parliamentary constituency boundaries (the areas that MPs represent). This final phase of consultation is open until 5 December 2022. The proposed boundaries remain the same as the previous proposals. Villages in Caldecote Ward are to be moved to the newly named "St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire constituency". You can view the proposed maps and make your representations on the BCE consultation website at [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk).

This is for constituency boundaries only and does not impact Local Authority boundaries.

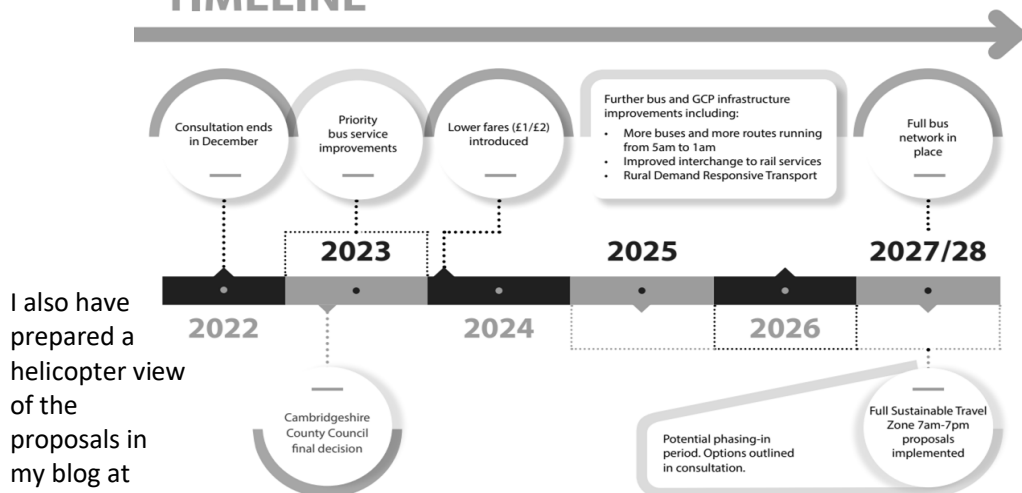


**Bus No.18 and Citi4:** The Mayor at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) has overall responsibility for transport. As I've reported to parish councils and in my blog, the CPCA was able to provide funding of about £1.5m to replace the bus routes Stagecoach withdrew such as No.18 for Bourn and Kingston now run by Whippet. It also enabled Citi4 route to be maintained rather than rerouted to avoid Caldecote and Hardwick after I raised it with the Mayor's office so the route was tendered. This is for 6 months till end of March, whilst it works on a more permanent solution. See <https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/buses/bus-timetables/>

Both bus companies are having driver resource challenges and have cancelled services at short notice. Please report all problems directly to the CPCA: call 01223 740149 or fill in the Contact Form at <https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/contact-us/> or email [passenger.transport@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transport@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)

**GCP Making Connections Consultation:** The Greater Cambridge Partnership (formerly City Deal) is carrying out a consultation on transforming the bus and active transport network between 2023 and 2028. It proposes to provide more services to more locations over longer periods, with cheaper fares set at £1/£2. Also to invest in new sustainable travel schemes, including walking and cycling links. The table below summarises the plan, with the congestion charge to be brought in 2027/28 after the network has been improved. The consultation closes on 23 December 2022, so I encourage everyone to respond directly. All the information is available at <http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022>. Have a look at the interactive map that shows the planned improvements for the A428 corridor.

## TIMELINE



## South Cambridgeshire Christmas Market 2022


On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022, from 11.00 until 15.00, South Cambridgeshire District Council will proudly host an indoor Christmas Market, at Cambourne Village College CB23 6FR, presenting local independent traders of different crafts and talents from the district. A diverse range of businesspeople will feature across 70 stalls with fantastic mobile food and drink caterers available to provide festive refreshments. Please support your local businesses by visiting the market.

**Regular Updates** Don't forget to check out my monthly reports to the parish councils on my blog at [www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports](http://www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports) for full details on these and more. Follow my Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/> where I post up regular public information posts from community groups and other local authorities.

**Here to Help You** so contact me if you need help with SCDC services (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health, noise nuisance, etc) by phone 01954 210840 or 07802 323269, email [tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk](mailto:tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk), @CouncillorTumi on Twitter

## A Marathon Effort For Mountain Bikes

Comberton Village College is raising £6,250 to purchase new mountain bikes for Comberton VC. The PE Team completed a virtual 24-hour cycle on 4-5 November from Lands's End to John O' Groats (874 miles). They hope the 20 new bikes will allow the college to continue to offer cycling as an activity in PE lessons and extra-curricular sessions. The current bikes are now beyond repair and replacement bikes cost £300 each. The bikes offer students an opportunity to participate in an activity that provides physical exercise and also gives lifelong skills such as road awareness and safety, bike maintenance, teamwork and communication. The total so far raised is £4,264 - to donate go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/combertonvclejog>



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## Bag Drop

Thank you to everyone who donated items of unwanted clothing and accessories to the Bourn School Bag Drop. We raised £167.60 for Bourn Primary School. The next Bag Drop will take place in the Spring - details to follow nearer the time.

## My Three Ironman Athletes

I have three daughters - all of them are Ironman finishers. All three girls started competing at a young age in Pony Club Tetrathlon (shoot / swim / run / ride), and have progressed over the years to Triathlon and Ironman events. October has been a busy month for the Richmond girls.

My eldest daughter, Sarah (representing Australia) took part in the Ironman World Championships in Kailua Kona, Hawaii on 6 October. This was a gruelling ocean swim (3.8 k), bike ride (180 k) and run (42 k) in intense heat through a barren landscape and lava fields. She finished in the top 20 (of 187) in her age group, with an overall time of 11:21:09 h. Sarah fits her training, some 25 h a week, around work as an accountant in a top Australian company, qualifying events and many other commitments.



*Sarah completes in the top 20*



*Felicity finishes 6th with a smile*

My middle daughter, Felicity, competed in the Ironman 70.3 in Santa Margherita di Pula, Sardinia on 23 October. This comprised an ocean swim (1.9 k), bike ride (90 k) with steep hills and hairpin bends, and run (21.1 k). She finished 6th in her age group and was the 1st British finisher, with an overall time of 5:54:36 h and, as always, a smile on her face! Felicity is a dietician at Ipswich Hospital and has two young children. Her swim training is in the sea at Felixstowe and she often cycles between Ipswich and Kingston when she comes to see us.

Amanda, my youngest daughter who competes for Canada and has completed a full Ironman in previous years, also qualified this year for the World Ironman 70.3 Championships in St George, Utah, USA on 28 October. This was a reservoir swim, and steep cycle ride and run. Her finishing



time was 5:44:45. Amanda is an occupational therapist in Vancouver and has three young boys and somehow still finds time to train and take part in qualifying events.

These are my three daughters.

**Charlie Richmond**

*(a very proud Dad!)*

*Amanda (far right) celebrates with her team*



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## Number 18 Bus Service – Whippet Coaches

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<https://bustimes.org/services/18-cambridge-st-neots>

## Are you a motorcyclist?

Do you use a motorcycle all year round? Are you prepared for the winter weather on the roads? Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue offer Biker Down sessions to give motorcyclists the opportunity to learn skills to help avoid a crash, as well as what to do if they are first on the scene of a collision.

Book a place at <https://orlo.uk/yQyQl>



## Papworth Team Ministry (C of E)

The Papworth Team Ministry Team Office:

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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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