

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



March 2023

Village Diary

Saturday 4th March

Sunday 5th March 8.30am

Thursday 9th March 1 - 1:30pm

Tuesday 14th March 7.30pm -

Sunday 19th March 10.30am

Thursday 23rd March 7.30 pm

Pub Night

Holy Communion

Library Van at the crossroads

Kingston Parish Council meeting

Mothering Sunday Family Service

Kingston Music Club

Tuesdays at 10-11am

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Fridays at 10-11am

Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Pilates

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday 8th March

Wednesday 15th March

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 29th March

Black bin

Blue and Green bins

Black bin

Blue and Green bins

Black bin

Editorial

Snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, narcissus, irises, tulips etc. (you can fill in the blanks).

We have now begun to see the welcome return of all of the above, and most of us know where the best displays are...outside of our own gardens that is. It may still be cold and a bit gloomy, but these ever-approaching hints of spring can't help but make us joyful. Lengthening daylight hours should improve our mood as well.

And other changes are on the horizon here in our little village with several houses up for sale or newly purchased. So welcome to all newcomers.

Half-term is now past and Easter (early this year) is approaching.

Could I remind everyone that we are still happy to put notices of any unwanted household items, no longer needed but in reasonable condition, in our exchange and mart section (sadly missing of late). Furniture, crockery, baby equipment, anything at all. People can make their own payment arrangements or offer things for free. It could save you a trip to the tip!

A reminder that the date for articles is the 20th of each month.

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Vicar's Letter

Just now we're in Lent – the church season leading up to Easter which is traditionally associated with sacrifice, with “giving up”, and self-denial. A season which says “no pain, no gain”.

But there's little point giving something up unless we put something more valuable in its place. God doesn't want us to be miserable, let alone to be pleased with ourselves for feeling miserable. If giving up chocolate gives us a warm glow of holiness because we want it but are heroically resisting, then we're doing Lent wrong.

So if we give up chocolate, it should be with a purpose: perhaps so we can eat more fruit, which will nourish us better, and help us (re)appreciate subtle tastes not overwhelmed with fat and sugar. And I say this as someone who loves chocolate!

Or perhaps so that we can put the money we would have used buying chocolate to a better use. Or we can even buy chocolate, and donate it to a foodbank.

And of course, Lent ends: we haven't really 'given up' chocolate - we've simply laid it aside temporarily. This is a very different way of looking at it which we can apply to other things in our lives.

We might lay aside meat – in order to discover new kinds of vegetable and new ways of cooking them.

We might lay aside television – in order to read more.

We might lay aside social media – in order to write letters, or spend time with others in person.

Lent is a journey from now to Easter, but it can also begin a journey from 'now' to 'new' for the whole of our lives.

Unlike the 40 days of Lent, we can start a life-long journey of discovering how to live. And it's not some super-spiritual thing for the religious elite – the ones who can give up chocolate and television for Lent – it's for everyone.

We can embark on the most valuable 'laying aside' of all as we stop putting ourselves front and centre, and instead putting God and neighbour there – committing to the everyday, nitty gritty hard work of looking at those around us, figuring out what will make life better for them, and doing it.

What are you going to lay aside this Lent?

Rev'd Steve Day

Papworth Team Services

Sunday 5th March

Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday 19th March

MOTHERING SUNDAY Family Service 10.30am

The website 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 Bible Study and Morning Prayer.

ZOOM Chapel: Sunday 5th March 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

Church cleaning

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

Church brasses

5 th March	Janet Clear
12 th March	Linda Smith
19 th March	Miki Ellar
26 th March	Christine Allison

Church ceiling and roof

The urgent works required on the church fabric include the replacement of the nave ceiling, the re-roofing of the south aisle roof and repairs to the south clerestory windows: these will be the most extensive repairs to the church building since the 1920s. Kingston PCC recently received a grant of £8,000 from The Garfield Weston Trust, for which we record our thanks. We now have funding promised or already received amounting to £134,738. The total cost of the project is £141,081: the remaining shortfall is £6,343, which we are confident we can raise before the works commence. We are therefore almost ready to sign a contract with Bakers of Danbury to go ahead in late July this year. Many thanks to all who have so generously donated to the church's fund raising appeal for this project.

KINGSTON CHURCH – EMERGENCY MEETING

Thursday 2nd March, 7.45pm in the Village Hall

Members of Kingston's Parochial Church Council (PCC) are now perilously few in number. After 32 years' continuous service to the church in Kingston, Torrie Smith does not wish to seek re-election as churchwarden this year, and he intends to stand down from the PCC. We thank Torrie for his many years of committed PCC membership, during which time he has served as Treasurer and for two terms as a warden, besides leading successful fund raising and many other events. His forthright views, business experience and practical skills will be sorely missed. Kay Forsythe is intending to move into Cambridge and anticipates spending more time in the USA, and so she has also decided not to stand as a candidate for churchwarden, although she is willing to remain on the PCC for the time being.

The PCC is responsible, in cooperation with the Papworth Team Rector, for the whole mission of the church in Kingston, including making arrangements for services of worship, the care of the church and churchyard, fund raising (and for the production of this magazine). If Kingston cannot elect a viable, functioning PCC, in the short term responsibility for the church's affairs would pass to the Team Rector. In the longer term there is the serious possibility of the church's closure. All Saints and St Andrew's church is a Grade I listed building and it is very difficult to envisage any conversion to an alternative use. Closing a church would entail a lengthy legal process which would involve the Church Commissioners and the Diocese of Ely: public consultation would be involved. About 25 Anglican churches close each year, a small number, but one likely to increase, particularly in small rural communities such as ours. If you want Kingston church to remain open for worship, for baptisms, weddings and funerals, and for concerts and other events, please show your support by – at the least – coming to the meeting on Thursday 2nd March.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS March 28th 7.30pm in the church

The annual church meetings are firstly, the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners for the purpose of electing two churchwardens. It is the ancient right of all registered electors in the parish – irrespective of their religious allegiance – to nominate and vote for candidates at this meeting. Secondly, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting consists of the election of the officers and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) by those attending who are registered on the church's electoral roll; these elections are followed by annual reports, including the presentation of the church's annual accounts. Thirdly, there will be a meeting of the newly elected PCC to consider current business. These are public meetings and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Kingston Music Club Thursday 23 March 7.30 pm

The next meeting of the Kingston Music Club will be held on 23 March, at 7.30 pm. Peter Holly will draw on his encyclopaedic knowledge of a wide range of musical genre, to present a programme which I am sure will inform and entertain in equal measure. The venue, as always, is the Village Hall, the bar will be open, and everyone is welcome.

Simon Draper

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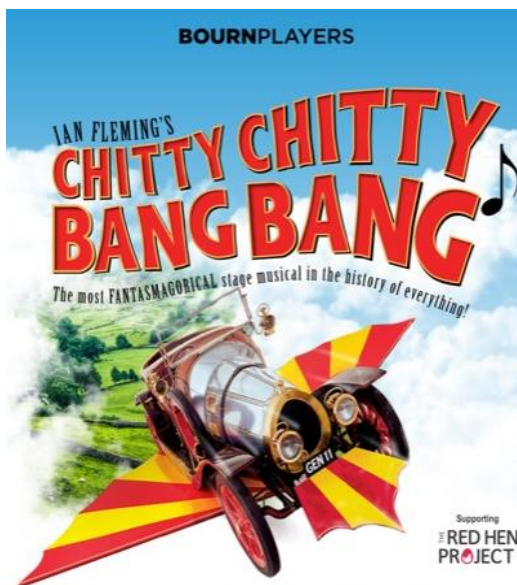
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



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Late, Last and Least, 10th February

The third Harcamlow Music concert, *Late, Last and Least*, attracted a full house on February the 10th: there were at least 75 people in the church, which is very encouraging. I was expecting three string quartets, to be played consecutively. What we got instead was something quite different and unconventional, even challenging. Introduced with a pre-concert talk by Rachel Stroud, The Cambridge String Quartet presented quartets by Beethoven, Haydn and Webern in a programme where movements from each of the three works were played out of conventional sequence, beginning with two endings: the final movements of Haydn's and Beethoven's last quartets.

Haydn's last string quartet, Op.103, was published incomplete, while Beethoven's Op.135, the final complete work he ever composed, has puzzled critics by its seeming retreat into convention after the wild experiments of the previous 'late' quartets. Curiously and perhaps not coincidentally, both quartets by Haydn and Beethoven feature cryptic references to vocal canons: are these coded messages from the composers from beyond the grave? Framed by an early quartet by Webern, discovered only after his death, the Cambridge String Quartet explores what it means to be late, last and least in these great composer's string quartets. (From the publicity for the event).

The music couldn't be described as easy listening, but the audience was attentive from beginning to end. The church's lights were turned off and the musicians were illuminated with spotlights, which made for a theatrical performance. A solitary bat joined the proceedings for a while. The quality of the playing was remarkably clear and expressive throughout: clearly these four young musicians, who have already established international reputations, are all outstanding. The Cambridge String Quartet comprised: Stephane Crayton, violin; Rachel Stroud, violin; Sam Kennedy, viola; and Joshua Lynch, cello. We were privileged to have them in Kingston. This was a really memorable event.

Many thanks indeed to Hartmut Kuhlmann and Gwen Owen Robinson for organising the concert; and to Chris Allison, Kay Forsythe and Torrie Smith for help with providing refreshments. The next musical event in the church is scheduled for Friday 26th May: this will be a performance of violin sonatas from Theresa Caudle, playing baroque violin, and Andrew Arthur, playing harpsichord. See www.harcamlow-music.org for further information.

Peter Reynolds



***Late, Last
and Least
concert in
Kingston
Church***

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Valentin
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Bourn School Bag Drop Friday 10 March

Please bring unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, jewellery or perfumes in a tied dustbin bag to the front yard of 2 Short Street, Bourn, on the morning of Friday 10 March by 9am, or at drop off at the school gate by 9am if you have a child at Bourn School. Everything will be sent to Happy School Bag for re-use or recycling, avoiding landfill and raising much needed money for Bourn Primary School. Please note we cannot accept dirty, damaged or wet items, or items not listed above.

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