

*Kingston Parish & Church
Magazine*



October 2024

Village Diary

Sat 5th October from 6.30pm

Thurs 10th October 1 – 1.30pm

Wed 16th October 7.15pm

Tuesdays at 10-11am

Fridays at 10.00am

Pub Night in the Village Hall

Library Van at the crossroads

Kingston Music Club at the Village Hall

Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall

Pilates at the Village Hall

Wheeler bin collection dates

Thursday 3rd October

Thursday 10th October

Thursday 17th October

Thursday 24th October

Thursday 31st October

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Blue and Green bins

Black bin

Blue and Green bins

Black bin

Editorial

With meteorological Autumn now in full swing our thoughts are turning to halloween, harvest suppers, clearing and closing down our gardens and then, before you know it, carol services. But first of all don't forget to take time to enjoy the glories of Autumn in all its visual splendour.

The Wednesday coffee mornings at 10:30am have been very well attended recently so just a reminder, if you need one, to join us for a (very) cheap cup of coffee and a chat. It's a most welcoming crowd and great for a gossip.

Our cover this month is of the new chalice and paten made for the church by silversmith Alewijn Slingerland, a London silversmith. It replaces the one lost in the recent robbery.

And finally, don't miss the information in this edition from your Parish Council. Something for everyone, from budgets to goal posts.

Miki Ellar miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

Cover photo: courtesy of Torrie Smith

Vicar's Letter: Things we never knew?

One of my responsibilities involves the care and upkeep of 16 churchyards associated with the 15 parishes in the Papworth Team Ministry. There is often quite a bit of confusion about what is allowed. Here are some details that you may not be aware of!

1. Being buried in a churchyard does not mean the family thereafter own that piece of land. Fees paid to the PCC at the time of a burial are a one-off contribution towards the work involved in the burial and for a small part of the general maintenance of the whole churchyard.
2. Permission must be sought for the erection or installation of any Memorial.
3. Individual tombstones remain primarily the responsibility of those who have them erected, and after their demise of the heirs-at-law of those commemorated; but the PCC is responsible for checking whether a stone becomes unsafe and initiate action to protect from injury.
4. There are rules around the size, material used, and the inscriptions allowed on a memorial that I have some delegated authority to approve. That a style of memorial or type of stone was used in times past is not a reason to allow replicas today.
5. The general scattering of cremated remains in a churchyard (rather than the burial of them in particular plot) is not allowed.
6. Artificial flowers are not allowed, except for Remembrance Day poppies and Christmas wreaths – which must be removed within 2 months. Likewise, artificial grass on a burial plot is not permitted.
7. Trees and shrubs may not be planted in a churchyard without separate permission. Similarly, an array of other memorial artefacts personal to particular families are very often inappropriate in a churchyard and can be removed.
8. Whilst there may be older kerbstones (and older often impressive headstones) in a churchyard, new kerbstones are no longer allowed. The reason is once immediate relatives leave the area or die themselves, the burden of tending graves falls on other volunteers and the task of the church in keeping an area of largely grass mowed is more straightforward if there are no kerbs.
9. Any memorial – whether of a full burial or of cremated remains – can only refer to the person(s) actually buried in that place.
10. Being buried in a churchyard cannot be guaranteed even if the deceased has included that preference in their will, although we always try to do our best at such times; but in the end the allocation of burial plots is down to the Rector.

These things are very important, especially for the relatives of those who have been buried or whose cremated remains have been laid to rest in a churchyard. The aim is to try to serve: the needs of a family bereaved of a loved one; whilst acknowledging

the needs of others who will have loved ones buried nearby, of the church on whom the upkeep falls, and on the needs of generations to come who will want to find the place of burial and a memorial often decades later. Further questions? Get in touch; I will be happy to answer any concerns or questions as best I can.

Nigel di Castiglione, (Team Rector)

Kingston Church Services for October

Saturday 12th October HARVEST FESTIVAL 6.00pm
followed by HARVEST SUPPER in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

The church is open every day.

Papworth Team Services (FS=Family Service, HC=Holy Communion, MP=Morning Prayer)

Oct 6th 10.30am Harvest FS at Bourn

Oct 13th 8.30am HC at Bourn, 10.30am Harvest at Caxton, 10.30am HC at Longstowe

Oct 20th 9.00am HC at Caxton, 10.30am MP at Longstowe

Oct 27th 10.30am HC at Bourn, 10.30 MP at Caxton

The website papworthteamchurches.org has up to date service information for all churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the Morning Prayer.

ZOOM Chapel Morning Prayer (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)
Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm (except Bank Holidays)

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

6 th October	Christine Allison
13 th October	Annabel Diggle
20 th October	Christine Stone
27 th October	Lee Steele

Harvest Festival

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our traditional Harvest Festival on Saturday the 12th October. Please bring flowers, fruit and vegetables to decorate the church in the morning from 10.30am to 11.30. The Revd Nigel Pearson will preside at the service at 6.00pm and there will be a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 7.00pm with entertainment afterwards. ALL WELCOME!

Delivery of new chalice and paten 21st September



Kingstonians celebrate with Alewijn Slingerland (second from left) Image: Torrie Smith

Readers will remember that our Elizabethan silver chalice and paten were stolen at the end of September in 2022. Despite an appeal in the local press, supported by Cambridge Constabulary, it was obvious that the recovery of the church plate would be most unlikely. Parochial Church Council members therefore resolved to commission replacements and, after discussion, it was agreed that these should not be replicas of the C16 but contemporary pieces.

Torrie Smith, himself a silversmith, consulted his friend Jane Singleton, a local silver expert, in the first instance to ascertain the value of the stolen items. This led to Jane suggesting to Torrie that the PCC might contact the Bishopsland Educational Trust, an internationally recognised charity devoted to training and education in the craft of silversmithing, based near Reading. The thinking was that young post-graduate silversmiths would welcome a commission of this nature, and also that their prices would be significantly lower than any well-established designers.

Torrie then exchanged emails with the Executive Director of Bishopsland, Claire Murdoch, who recommended two of her students, Jonny Stokes and Alewijn Slingerland. To cut a long story short, Alewijn and Jonny came to Kingston in May last year to discuss the project with representatives of the PCC. After a lengthy correspondence, our insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurance, authorised the quotation for the new vessels and the PCC was able to approve Jonny and Alewijn's design in September 2023.

A year later, on the 21st September, Alewijn came up from London to deliver the new silver, and the PCC invited parishioners to a celebratory reception in the church with refreshments. This was a truly historic occasion in the annals of Kingston.

The finished communion vessels are stunning and exceed our expectations. Both chalice and paten are simple and elegant in shape. The paten, which is used for the distribution of communion wafers, is embossed with a ring on its underside so that it forms a lid for the chalice. Closer inspection of the chalice reveals a sophisticated asymmetry of facets; the highly polished finish reflects the light. Jonny and Alewijn's design was made initially by conventional pencil drawings,



The new chalice Image: Torrie Smith

but the use of CAD rendering made it possible to model in three dimensions on a computer and then to produce accurate templates. The chalice was made in two parts: the bowl from a single sheet of silver hammered into shape, and the base from twelve individual panels soldered together. The bowl has been lined with gold plate, a protective measure as well as a decorative finish. The craftsmanship is superb and represents many hours of work, a labour of love.

Both the chalice and paten have seven hall marks: the so-called sponsor's marks of the two makers, Alewijn and Jonny; the traditional lion passant symbol confirming the items to be sterling silver; the millesimal fineness mark, in this case 925, indicating the precious metal content in parts per thousand; the Assay Office Mark, here the leopard's head for London; the date letter mark, lower case z for 2024; and, finally, the special commemorative mark, the head in profile of King Charles III, celebrating his coronation, authorised for use until the end of this year.

We are greatly indebted to the two silversmiths, Jonny Stokes and Alewijn Slingerland, and congratulate them on the successful conclusion of this project. Our Elizabethan chalice and paten were in continuous use here in Kingston, celebrating the Eucharist, which we believe was ordained by Jesus Christ himself, from 1570 to 2022, slightly more than 450 years. What of the next 450 years? That is up to us and to our descendants in this place. The future is always unknowable and uncertain, but commissioning this new silverware is an act of faith and confidence in that unknown quantity. We live in time but also in the eternal; our calling is to redeem

the time allotted to us. We invite everyone in Kingston – of all faiths or none – to join us on Christmas Eve when the new silver vessels will be blessed and used for the first time. Our Archdeacon, the Venerable Alex Hughes, is booked to take this service.

Peter Reynolds

I am very sad to be missing the delivery tomorrow, but I know that you will be as pleased as myself and Alewijn with the result. I will certainly visit to see the piece in situ when I am able, and I must say it has been an absolute pleasure to design and work on this piece. I also cannot commend Alewijn enough for his excellent work and patient diligence, as it has been a busy and eventful time for the both of us. Many thanks to you and all at All Saints' and St Andrew's for the opportunity to conduct such an exciting project. Best wishes, Jonny (Email 20.09.24)



KINGSTON VILLAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

ST ANDREWS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH 6.00PM

FOLLOWED BY HARVEST SUPPER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT
7.00PM

SEASONAL ENTERTAINMENT.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME TO ONE OR BOTH EVENTS.



Supper £15

Ploughman's Buffet and Apple Pudding.

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Kingston Music Club: Wednesday 16 October

The next Kingston Music Club evening will feature female singers and will be presented by Miki Ellar. Female vocalists have long been revered in Indian classical music, while in African and Middle Eastern traditions, women's voices are celebrated for the performance of songs of lament such as the Sephardic ballads, and for spiritual music. Miki will, however, be taking a mainly Western focus. There is obviously a wealth of recorded music available featuring the female voice, ranging across opera (from C17th), blues (early 1900s), jazz, folk, musicals, rock and on into the Taylor Swift era!

The Village Hall will open at 7.15 with drinks available from the bar. The programme will start at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. If you come along to the Music Club, which is free of charge, there is absolutely no pressure to volunteer for a future presentation! Simply join us to listen, and to appreciate, some good music.

Simon Draper



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Our Team Administrator, Revd. Chris Westgarth, works in the office normally on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 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.

> The Revd Nigel di Castiglione, Team Rector – 07770 697240 - 01954 267241

Parish Council Update

We are starting to plan the parish council budget for next year and wanted to advise everyone of three items that could increase in cost considerably over the next financial year:-

1. Grass cutting and maintenance for the village. We are currently involved in a tendering process and are working hard to secure a competitive quotation. We have had a wide range of quotations and even though it looks as if we will be able to secure a very competitive final contract this will result in an increase from costs in previous years.
2. Increased street lighting costs on side roads within the village – there are indications that the cost of street lighting could increase fourfold, but we are awaiting confirmation of the new charges which will take effect in October 2024. The street lights in question are those located on side roads within the village – these are not the street lights on main roads running through the village as these are the responsibility of the County Council.
3. Clerk's salary costs– as we have struggled to fill the role of Parish Clerk locally, we are now looking to employ a professional parish clerk who would be employed on a part time basis. This could result in an increase in salary costs next year. We are currently in the process of placing an advertisement with the organisation representing parish clerks nationally. If, in the meantime, there is anyone who knows of a person who might be interested in the role please contact clerk@kingstonvillage.org.uk for further details.

We would like to re-assure everyone that we are working hard to try and keep any increase in cost as low as possible. We will provide further updates via the parish magazine.

Kingston Parish Council

Kingston Parish Charity – Grants to School Leavers

We repeat that we are able to offer grants to Kingston school leavers proceeding to further education or training (of any kind). Please contact one of the charity's trustees:

Donal O'Donnell
Peter Reynolds

APPLE DAY

A CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS APPLE,
IN AID OF THE SICK CHILDRENS TRUST!

Saturday October 12th 10 am onwards

Come and join a fabulous countryside celebration...with the apple at its core!

Burwash Manor are doing all sorts of things with apples...from pulping them (bring your own apples and our juicing crew will be on hand to press them for you), identifying them (EEAOP will be there to identify your mystery apple, and hoping they can find a previously unknown variety), drinking them in the form of juice and cider and, you never know, you might feel the urge to just eat (and buy) some of the many local varieties that we will have on show!

Have a go on the fairground, take a ride on a pony, try your hand at all inclusive sports or watch displays of many traditional activities – from pottery and bee-keeping to basket and fence weaving. And there will even be some less traditional treats –the assault course springs to mind!

There's plenty to keep little ones occupied – peeling an apple (how long could your peel be?), apple tasting, face painting and the ever-popular tractor and trailer rides around the farm.

And don't worry if you start to get peckish – there are plenty of food vans, refreshment stops and, of course, ice cream!

Entrance is £5 per adult, children under 12 are free. Last year we raised over £6,500 for the Sick Children's Trust....maybe this year we can make even more!

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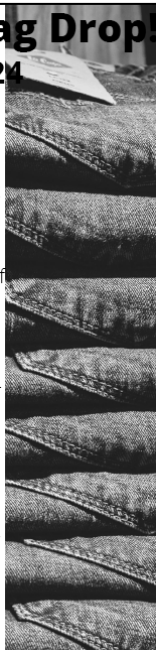
Bourn School Bag Drop

12th November 2024

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 Tuesday 12th November 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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Bourn School Association



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Village Play Park

We are looking to carry out renovation works on the goal posts in the village play park. The existing goal posts are quite old and before we obtain quotations to carry out renovation works, we wanted to ask if anyone in the village might have a set of old metal/aluminium goal posts in their garden that they think are still in a reasonable condition that could be of use to us. If anyone would like to donate a set of goal posts could they please send an email to the clerk at the following email address: -clerk@kingstonvillage.org.uk.

We have looked at the costs involved in purchasing new goal posts ourselves and feel that the costs involved are too expensive at the current time. We will therefore look to have the old goal posts stripped and re-painted and new goal nets installed if we are unsuccessful in finding any pre-used unwanted goal posts.

Kingston Parish Council

FEN SONG IN THE VILLAGE HALL 7 NOVEMBER 7.30

Kingston – the perfect setting for a celebration of the Fens in all their mythic wonder.

The village hall in Kingston – where novelist and social reformer Sybil Marshall (author of *The Fenland Chronicles*) once taught primary children - is the perfect setting for a magical celebration of the beauty and mystery of the Fen landscape and life. *Fen Song*, created by Penni McLaren Walker – songwriter – and Clare Crossman – poet - blends words and music in an enchanting sequence to evoke the strange magic of this East Anglian world.

Sadly, Clare Crossman is no longer with us so her poetry will be read by Jeremy Harmer. Penni (voice and guitar) is joined by husband Bryan Causton (mandolin) Cam Armer (bass) and Fran Broady (violin) to bring *Fen Song* gloriously back to life.

Complementing this wonderful event the evocative Fen photographs of Torrie Smith together with the art of Simon Draper will be on display in the hall.

Thursday November 7 at 7.30pm

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Tickets (£10) are on sale at jeremyharmer.bandcamp.com/merch or on the door.

Jeremy Harmer

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