

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



September 2024

Village Diary

Sat 7 th September from 6.30pm	Pub Night in the Village Hall
Thurs 12 th September 1 – 1.30pm	Library Van at the crossroads
Fri 27 th September 7.30pm	London Haydn Quartet at the Church
Wed 25 th September 10.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning - Village Hall
Tuesdays at 10-11am	Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall
Wednesdays at 10.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning
Fridays at 10.00am	Pilates at the Village Hall

Wheelie bin collection dates

Thursday 5 th September	Black bin
Thursday 12 th September	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 19 th September	Black bin
Thursday 26 th September	Blue and Green bins

Editorial

September is here and it's goodbye to a somewhat mixed summer weather-wise. I hope you were all able to enjoy the several spells of really good weather that occurred. And that all children were able to get out and about as much as they wanted to.

Thanks to all villagers who have sent in their views on the proposed 20 mph speed limit which is still under discussion. There is still time to comment and the Parish Council is always interested in hearing your views. Anyone is welcome to attend the bi-monthly meetings (always advertised on the village notice board outside the village hall) but can only speak at the invitation of the chair.

And finally on a personal note, like many of you, I decided this year to let a small piece of my garden go 'wild'. Imagine my delight when my neighbour (an expert) identified no fewer than 33 different types of wildflower. I had already been enjoying all the different colours but was amazed by the variety. Isn't nature amazing?!

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Vicar's Letter: Is Social-Media a good thing?

I remember one of our children complaining, 'I'm the only one who doesn't have a mobile phone ...' When we relented, it took me a couple of months before I realised how easy it is for such means of modern communication to be mis-used, because the bill for the thing came to me! Now we take for granted we can talk (hands-free of course) when driving, find our way to destinations with ease, keep up with who has something to celebrate as they post their photographs and messages of good news. Nevertheless, it's proving to be a summer when the mobile phone, tablets and other communications gadgets have let people down badly with devastating consequences; whether it be because batteries ran out at just the wrong time or about the way means of rapid communication were used.

Messaging through social media is one of the means whereby people of ill-intent contact others of like mind to organise themselves, apparently. The terrible murder of 3 children attending a summer holiday activity seems to have been turned into an outbreak of summer madness, wanton destruction and a cause for deep unrest in many towns and cities a long way from the tragedy in Southport. In these circumstances we will agree social media has been misused and decidedly dangerous. The downfall of former BBC newsreader, Huw Edwards, seems to have been exacerbated and uncovered by use of social media platforms. We might say the exposing of shocking behaviour by what we thought of as a national treasure is a good thing, whilst recognising the individual's frailties may have been encouraged by access to things such as the 'dark web'.

The availability of new technologies and extreme examples of how they can be deployed do not always produce a balanced judgement on their overall benefits. Because many of us are prone to open the mouth before engaging the brain, so to speak, we need boundaries and safeguards, as well as reminding us of the need for good disciplines in how we communicate with one another. The Christian tradition offers good reminders of how easy it is to get things wrong and offers wise counsel on how to do things differently.

For example, the encouragement to 'speak the truth in love' can make me think before pressing 'send' 'How will this come across to ...?'; and 'Don't let the sun go down on your anger ...' will often make me put a reply in draft form, save it and then come back to what really needs to be said ... in order to mend or strengthen an important relationship. Immediacy can be a lifesaver in times of emergency but can very quickly cause more harm than good when it allows emotion and unbridled instincts to outstrip wisdom!

That said, my own recollections and perspectives probably say much about me; and highlight differences between the generations and cultures that make up our society! When I falter in using the technology, the apps and simply ordering things 'on-line', I have to turn my frustration to finding someone to help me, often ringing a family member to help. That sort of interaction can be good, unless they won't pick up my call!

Nigel di Castiglione, (Team Rector)

Kingston Church Services for September

There are no services scheduled for Kingston this month.

The church is open every day.

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

Sept 1st 10.30am FS at Bourn (with puppets) 3pm Pet Service at Longstowe

Sept 8th 8.30am HC at Bourn, 10.30am MP at Caxton, 9.30am HC at Longstowe

Sept 15th 9.00am HC at Caxton

Sept 22nd 10.30am HC at Bourn, 10.30am Harvest at Longstowe

Sept 29th 10.00am Team Service 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

1 st September	Lee Steele
8 th September	Kay Forsythe
15 th September	Janet Clear
22 nd September	Linda Smith
29 th September	Miki Ellar

Childerley Road Run

The annual Cambridgeshire Vintage Tractor run on Sunday 23 June raised over £3,000 for Addenbrookes Charitable Trust. Since the run started some years ago an impressive £20,000 has been raised in total.

Charlie

New arrivals

John Mannion, Emily Simonet and children Lily (8), Kali (7) and Lola (5) will be moving into the White House (Field Road) in about 14 weeks' time when renovations are due to be completed. They are currently living in Cambridge.

Neil Puckett, from the Cotswolds and latterly Cambridge, moved into Acorn Barn (Tinkers Lane) in June.

A warm welcome to them all.

Linda Rimmer

Delivery of new chalice and paten 21st September 2.30 pm

The new chalice and paten, made by Jonny Stokes and Alewijn Slingerland to replace those stolen last year, are now ready. The cost, of £6,000, has been fully met by our insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurance. One or both of the silversmiths are coming to Kingston on September 21st to deliver these items and we intend to host a celebratory reception in church, with refreshments, at 2.30pm. Please come along for this historic event.

Ride and Stride 14th September



This year's Ride and Stride takes place on the 14th September. This is the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust's annual fund raising event. Sponsored participants visit churches (of all denominations) by any means of transport to raise money: half goes to the Trust, which then offers grants for church repairs, and the other half comes back to the nominated place of worship, All Saints and St Andrew, Kingston. Is anyone willing and available to spend some time to raise some cash for our Restoration Fund? Please contact Peter Reynolds for further information.

Kingston Parish Charity – Grants to School Leavers

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Village Grass Cutting

We would like to thank the group of volunteers who have been helping to cut the grass in the village over the past few months. It has been a great help to us while we continue to source a new grass cutting contractor.

We would also like to express our thanks to everyone in the village for their help cutting the grass on their verges.

We are working hard to find a replacement contractor and will provide updates of our progress via the parish magazine.

Thanks again for all your help.

Kingston Parish Council

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Helen Ackroyd

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*Catherine Manson, violin, Michael Gurevich, violin,
Alice Neary, violoncello, John Crockatt, viola*

Programme: Johann Jakob Froberger (1616-1667): Phantasia supra Ut, re, mi, fa sol, la arranged for string quartet by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791): String Quartet No. 16 in E-flat major K 428
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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

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John Crockatt *viola*
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Bourn Surgery Newsletter: July 2024

In Memory of Helen Coxall

Thank you to the many people who have sent in messages and cards following the sudden death of our Reception manager Helen. Helen was a fundamental part of our Bourn Surgery team and her loss is felt by all of us every day. So many people have shared wonderful memories of Helen's compassion, kindness and good sense of humour, which has been a huge support for us all. We were able to give our Book of Condolences to Helen's family at her funeral, and we hope this will bring them comfort in the difficult months ahead.

While we continue to mourn Helen's loss, we take huge comfort in the strength of our wonderful Bourn Surgery team, and especially in our amazing Reception team who have given their all over the last few weeks to supporting each other, but also ensuring that the phones are still answered and we have been able to keep the Surgery functioning. We are incredibly proud of every one of them, and we know Helen would be too.

Thank you to all of our patients for your understanding and patience during this time; your support means the world to us.

Welcome to Dr Amman Basuita

We are delighted to welcome Dr Amman Basuita to Bourn Surgery as Dr Redwood's replacement. Dr Basuita joins us as an experienced GP who has previously worked in St Ives and Milton before coming to Bourn. Dr Basuita will take over responsibility as the named GP for those patients who previously had Dr Redwood. She will be in the practice every day except Thursday.

We are delighted that Dr Basuita has agreed to join us, and are looking forward to working together! We would also like to thank those patients who came along to say goodbye to Dr Redwood at the end of June, and for the many cards and gifts that he received. We know that Dr Redwood was very grateful for all of the kind words and wishes for his retirement. We are also delighted that Dr Redwood will be coming back to help us out every now and then, so he will still be a familiar face at Bourn!

GP Patient Survey

The GP Patient Survey is an independent survey run by Ipsos on behalf of NHS England. The survey is sent out to over two million people registered with GP practices in England. The results show how people feel about their GP practice.

We are delighted the Bourn Surgery came in the top 2% of practices in the country, and was placed second in the rankings of all the practices in Cambridgeshire and

Peterborough. This excellent result is down to the dedication and hard work of all our practice team, for which we are very grateful and hugely proud.

Contact Us Online website function

We know that many of you have used our 'Contact Us Online' function on our website. This can be extremely useful for administrative queries, but we have had several incidents where urgent clinical information has been submitted via this method, which is unsafe. We aim to respond to messages submitted online in this way within four working days.

The only safe way to communicate an urgent medical concern or issue to us is via telephone to Reception, who will ensure that you are looked after appropriately. Please note prescriptions cannot be requested by this online method.

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Our Patient Participation Group is keen to have more members! The PPG is a group of patients of Bourn Surgery who provide support to the practice in the role of a "critical friend". We are very keen to have as wide a range and as diverse a representation of our practice population as possible, in order to ensure that we can support the Surgery to improve even further.

The PPG hold meetings quarterly, currently virtually, which include a clinical topic or external speaker, an update from the Surgery on current issues, and a chance to ask questions regarding the services provided. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September. There is also the opportunity to be more involved by joining the PPG Committee. The Committee recently organised some very successful and well-attended resuscitation training for bystanders, which was very well received. If you are interested in joining our PPG, please visit the Bourn Surgery website PPG page for further details.

GPs are on your side

Over the next few weeks you will see more in the press about the current dispute between GP businesses and the Government. This dispute was entered into with the previous government, regarding the imposition of what are unsafe working terms and conditions, and inadequate funding to provide safe, high quality general practice services. Like the majority of GPs, at Bourn we want to continue to provide highquality medical care for our patients, focussed on continuity of care with your GP.

Our current contract is insufficient, and the British Medical Association is currently looking at the options available to take action regarding this. Watch this space!

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Barbara Constance Clear 22.12.1925 – 10.03.2024

Barbara Constance Kidman was born in her grandmother's house on Queen's Street Bedford in 1925; she was an only child and her mother died when she was seven years old. She was brought up by her father and a 'rather severe' housekeeper, Miss Dickens. Barbara met Sam Clear when she was seventeen years old and when she was twenty they married. Three children – Gillian, James and Jackie – followed in quick succession.

Sam had joined Bell and Co., Chartered Accountants of Harpur Street in the centre of Bedford, as a trainee. He became a partner and then proprietor of the business; Gillian and James joined the firm in due course. Barbara played an important role behind the scenes in the successful development of this family enterprise.

Barbara was brought up in the Moravian church, which happened to be the nearest place of worship in her childhood. She later transferred her allegiance to the Church of England and became a loyal and active member of St Martin's in Clapham Road, where the tradition was Anglo-Catholic; she also joined the Mothers' Union.

The Clear family came to Kingston from Shepreth more than two centuries ago. Sam's parents were Queens' College's tenants at Library Farm (now Moat House), but farming proved unprofitable following the late C19 agricultural depression. They moved to farm in Saskatchewan in Canada where Sam and his sister Marion were born, before returning to live in Bedford. (The siblings were brought to Kingston especially to be baptised in 1926). In the meantime, Sam's aunt Clara married Weston Johnstone of South Sea House. Barbara and Sam would visit Uncle West and Aunt Clara regularly, in the early days travelling by train from Bedford to Old North Road station in Longstowe, thence by bicycle to Kingston.

Weston Johnstone died in 1955: Clara lived alone thereafter and was very grateful to Sam and Barbara for their help during her long widowhood. The farm was let to Cyril Crow of Bourn during this time. Sam inherited South Sea House from Clara in 1977 and from that time he and Barbara would come over from Bedford every weekend and set about renovating the house and garden, which occupied them for many years. They also took the farm in hand and expanded its acreage, purchasing Payne's Farm from Joyce Miller and land from the Kingston Wood estate when it was broken up in 1992.

Besides her long-standing involvement with St Martin's in Bedford, Barbara was a faithful worshipper here at All Saints' and St Andrew's and she became a much valued member of Kingston Parochial Church Council. She was a great benefactor to both church and village: for example, she paid for new carpets in the church, and for copying and framing the old photographs of Kingston's First World War soldiers, now on display in the Village Hall. She responded generously to any appeal for funds, and to the end of her life she continued to

support our church financially. Barbara and Sam attended Kingston Neighbours' Group events when they could.

Sam Clear's death at the age of seventy-three in 1995 was unexpected. To describe him as a workaholic is perhaps unfair; rather, it was his belief that the whole purpose of life is useful and profitable work and I'm not sure that he ever entertained the prospect of a life of leisure. Barbara moved to a retirement home at The Limes in Linden Road where she made new friends; James and Janet took over at South Sea House, eventually moving there permanently with their children.

Although she missed Sam, Barbara was now able to enjoy life on her own terms. She was sociable, good at cultivating friendships, some life-long. She maintained her involvement with St Martin's church. She travelled the world, taking several cruises with family and/or friends. As she grew older she became more adventurous: she paraglided in Cyprus, went white water rafting in New Zealand and jet skiing in the Caribbean and had to be dissuaded from bungee jumping.

'Matriarch' is too formal a word to describe Barbara, but she was the loving heart of a growing family, which comprised seven grandchildren and, at the last count, twelve great-grandchildren. She was devoted to them all and they to her. Barbara and Sam always had dogs – usually Jack Russells – and as she grew older she would endearingly get the names of her grandchildren and dogs mixed up.

I worked for Sam and Barbara a day a week during the later 1980s up to 1995, helping with the garden at South Sea House, sometimes on the farm, and also with the garden at their house in Clapham Road in Bedford. They were more than hospitable and treated me as an honorary member of the family. Coffee and tea breaks were always observed, whatever and wherever the task in hand. Sam would walk home for his lunch during the week and if in Bedford I would be invited to sit down with them for a proper meal, always with a pudding: Barbara was an excellent cook.

Barbara spent the last few years of her life at The Mallards residential home on Dynevor Street, only a few hundred yards from where she had been born, and she died here on 10th March this year, aged 98. The funeral was held at Bedford's Norse Road Crematorium on 10th April.

Barbara was an authentic character without pretension; always affable, kindness personified, loyal, unassuming and a tower of strength. She will be remembered with the greatest affection and respect.

R.I.P.

Peter Reynolds

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