

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



April 2025

Village Diary

Sat 5th April from 6.30pm
Thurs 10th April 1 – 1.30pm

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Thursday 3rd April
Thursday 10th April
Thursday 17th April
Thursday 23rd April
Thursday 1st May

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Blue and Green bins
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Editorial

Hare coursing is definitely a hot topic here in our village and nationally as well. Even Jeremy Clarkson has referenced it in a recent Sunday Times article. I would remind villagers that police advice is that under no circumstances should these people be approached. Any suspicions can, of course, be reported.

On a happier note, Easter is coming up fast. Our church will be decorated and information about this is in the rota. Do drop in and see the work of a dedicated group who carry on a lovely tradition.

Also check local information sources about events which might appeal to children on their holidays. Many things are free and with low bus fares are very attractive.

And finally welcome to some more newcomers who are mentioned in the magazine.

Happy Easter to everyone.

Miki Ellar miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

Vicar's Letter: Taking care over what we decide

March 15-16 was a glorious weekend for watching sport. First there was 'Super Saturday' as the 2025 Six Nations rugby concluded, followed the next day with (my team) Newcastle United winning a domestic cup for the first time in 70 years. In contrast but just as rewarding, I spent an evening in a college chapel listening to a recital of Handel's Messiah. Such sentiments may have persuaded some readers to switch off already; because we all have different interests that govern choices made with the time we have at our disposal. It's not just about time. I bumped into someone recently that I had not seen for maybe 3 years. Initially, I did not recognise her - because of changes made in terms of hair style and other aspects of how she now presents herself; a clear expression of choices reflecting how this person now wants others to perceive and receive her.

To have options in what we do or don't do is a privilege. Unfortunately, a lot of us seem to think it is a right rather than a gift to steward. I realised this afresh as I sat in my car at a set of traffic lights and saw a person with a range of health issues struggling to deal with the incline of the road leading to his home. It struck me just how tiring and difficult it is for this person just to deal with mundane things day in and day out; and how thankfulness for the gift of good health and the freedoms we have (and often take for granted) ought to be a higher priority for more of us. I suspect we underestimate the importance that being thankful and appreciative has on the culture we are part of and can help shape.

In my experience thankful people tend to be more aware of the needs of others whereas those who carry an 'entitled chip' on their shoulders, so to speak, are often more self-focussed. We are seeing this played out on the world stage with the MAGA approach to economics and political engagement fostered by President Trump. In contrast Christians are reminded, as we approach the celebration of Easter, how Jesus came 'not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.' This is where it all becomes confusing because we are told the self-serving values (my opinion) underpinning the MAGA movement (and others of a similar ilk in other parts of the world) seem to be supported by many who affirm Christian beliefs. I don't have easy answers; not least because - whether personally or in the wider forum of the church and society - I am all too aware I may be trying to remove the log from the eye of others and failing to notice an equivalent in my own!

A few weeks ago, I had a conversation with someone I had known at arms' length and came away thinking, "Wow I have just been in the company of a holy man!" A few days later I was recounting this impression to someone who knew the person well. He agreed with my assessment and said, "Of course he is a person who prays and has never accepted any significant appointment without taking at least a month to think through the choice and its consequences." We may do well and be more at peace with ourselves and others if we became less 'microwave' in the way we make decisions and opt for the 'slow-cooker' approach.

Nigel di Castiglione, (Papworth Team Ministry)

Kingston Church Services for April

Sunday 20th April **EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion 11.00am**

The church is open every day.

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

Apr 6th 10.30am FS at Bourn

Apr 13th 8.30am HC at Bourn, 10.30am MP at Caxton, 10.30am MP at Longstowe

Apr 20th 10.30am HC at Bourn. 10.30am HC at Longstowe

Apr 27th 9.00am HC at Caxton

Maundy Thursday (17 Apr)– Chrism Mass at 10.30am at Ely Cathedral

Good Friday Stations of the Cross (18 Apr) – 12 noon at Lolworth

Good Friday Reflections (18 Apr) 12 noon at Papworth Everard

Holy Saturday (19 Apr) – Easter Vigil at 8.30pm at Conington

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)

Team Prayer meeting at St Peter's Church, Papworth Everard at 6.30pm on 28 Apr

Church cleaning

1st Sunday vacant

2nd Sunday Donal & Monica O'Donnell

3rd Sunday Peter Reynolds

4th Sunday Janet Clear

5th Sunday Linda Rimmer

Church flowers and brasses

(no flowers during Lent)

Apr 19 Church decorating for Easter

Apr 27 Janet Clear

May 4 Miki Ellar

New church electoral roll 2025

Under the revised Church Representation Rules, a new electoral roll for the parish must be made this year. The church electoral roll is the parish's register of electors who are entitled to vote at the Parochial Church Council's Annual Parochial Meeting and to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council. I will be contacting all those registered on the existing roll. Anyone not already on the roll who might wish to consider joining, please contact me. You should be a baptised member of the Church of England or of a Christian church in communion with the Church of England. Baptisms can, of course, be arranged.

Peter Reynolds

EASTER SUNDAY April 20th 11am

As always *everyone*, irrespective of belief, is welcome to join us for worship on Easter Sunday at 11.00am. This is a service of Holy Communion and we will be using our new prize-winning chalice and paten on this occasion (see below), but nobody is obliged to participate in the Eucharist.



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2025

Wednesday 23rd April 7.00pm 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 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. **These are public meetings and everyone is warmly invited to attend.**

Kingston PCC: Revd Nigel Pearson, Kay Forsythe, Peter Reynolds, Linda Rimmer, Lee Steele.

Kingston Wood Manor Open Garden Sunday 29th June

The garden at Kingston Wood Manor will be open on the afternoon of 29th June by kind invitation of Julian and Sara Metherell, with all proceeds for Kingston church's Restoration Fund. Further information in due course.

New arrivals and departures

Welcome to Matthew and Cathy who moved from Bourn to 2 Cranes Lane in March. Their two grandsons - Jax (12) and Raffy (11) stay with them regularly and they have two dogs - Fleur (a Jack Russell) and Lark (a Jackapoo).

Paul and Louise Darrington, who have lived at 2 Cranes Lane for many years, have moved on to Houghton and we send them very best wishes for their new life.

Kingston's chalice and paten win three awards at the Goldsmiths' Craft and Design Council Competition 2025



Alewijn and Jonny receiving the Gold Award for the Handcrafted Silverware category

Alewijn Slingerland and Jonathan Stokes, won three awards for the Kingston Chalice and Paten at the prestigious annual Goldsmiths' Craft and Design Council (GC & DC) 2025 Competition held at Goldsmiths' Hall on the 3rd March. Goldsmiths' Hall is the Headquarters of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, one of the City of London's livery companies.

The GC & DC was established in 1908 and its annual competition rewards excellence in technical skills and creative design in precious metals and related materials. The competition is open to all in the jewellery, silversmithing and allied trades, including craft persons and designers in the industry as well as apprentices, students and hobbyists. There were more than 800 entries in 33 different categories. The event was live streamed and may be viewed on YouTube (Hashtag *JewelleryOscars*).

Alewijn and Jonny's Kingston Chalice and Paten won Bronze award in the Silversmithing Design Category; Silver in the Junior Silversmithing category; and Gold in the Handcrafted Silverware section and the Clothworkers' Company award. Alewijn also won a Bronze in Craft and a Gold in Silversmithing Design for another piece he made last year, the Drapers' Goblet, commissioned by the Company of Entrepreneurs for the Drapers' Company.

This is a wonderful result for our two young silversmiths as they begin their careers. Many congratulations! The theft of our Elizabethan chalice and paten was profoundly upsetting, but members of the PCC resolved to replace them with pieces of contemporary design. We record, again, our thanks to Torrie Smith who made the initial contact with the Bishopsland Educational Trust and to its Director, Claire Murdoch, who recommended Alewijn and Jonny for our commission. We must also note the cooperation of Ecclesiastical Insurance who paid for the new silver after settling our claim for the stolen items.



RECIPE

With school holidays coming up, here's an easy idea to try with the children.

Mix together one egg, one banana, one tablespoon of milk, three tablespoons of SR flour, one tablespoon of peanut butter, a pinch of salt and some chocolate chips.

Put it all in a mug, two minutes in the microwave and you're done.

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'Thank you to everyone who came and made Pub night on 1 March such a great evening. Pat and Simon invited and played in the Mike Rudge folk band. The band played so well, they had the children dancing and the whole audience beating time and singing to The Wellerman. They really managed to entertain all age groups. Pizza Facile produced a record number of their famous pizza which helped make this Pub night such a memorable one'

Sarah Wright for The Village Hall Committee

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KINGSTON IN THE 1921 CENSUS

The 1891 census showed that the standard of living and life expectancy had not improved, and possibly worsened, since the first national census of 1841. By contrast, the 1921 census shows significant changes, many for the better, in 30 years. Kingston was, however, a smaller community with a population of 173 compared with 283 in 1891, for reasons I will try and explain below.

Those who have lived in Kingston since the '70s and early 80s will have known many of those in this census – the Jacklins, Custances, Lindsays, Chapmans, Curtises etc. Zillah and Lucy Custance, aged 13 and 10 in 1921, lived in the dovecote in the grounds of what is now Ainola on Cranes Lane and ran a Sunday School in the church until around 1983. We can see photos of many of these people in the war memorial collage and the school photo in the village hall. What is noticeable in these photos is that the men look strong and well built and the children generally seem well fed and healthy. Clearly these people were better off than their 19th century forebears and there were twelve people in their 70s and 80s, while Bennet Clear was in his 90s. This sharply contrasts with there being only four over 70 in 1891, despite the larger population.

The war had cost the lives of three young men listed in the 1891 census, two of whom were brothers and all in the Suffolk Regiment. Frank Allgood died on the first day of the battle of the Somme in July 1916, and William Custance died of wounds in November, three days before the end of that long and terrible battle.

Charles Custance, who enlisted in 1914, survived the Somme and nearly made it to the end of the war, being killed in June 1918. Twenty three Kingston men served and ten are listed as wounded on the war memorial inside the church. Toft, by the way, was one of the "Thankful Villages", losing no one.

The WW1 collage in the village hall lacks a photo of Frank Allgood, but I found one in a contemporary newspaper among "Heroes of the Great Advance", so I am adding it here for the record.

The greater degree of literacy is reflected in the fact that most families completed their own returns, with others employing neighbours to do this. Many of the returns are in a neat hand, but others were less successful! *(see next page)*

Agriculture was still the main employment, with many still described as agricultural labourers, but there is a greater diversity of job descriptions among those employed on the seven farms in the parish. We find horse-keepers, shepherds, stockmen,



*Private Frank Allgood,
11 Bn Suffolk Regiment.
Killed in action 1st July 1916*

1	Abraham Alfred Deaman	Head
2	Alice Deaman	Daughter
3	Rose Beatrice Deaman	Daughter

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021/6	steam Ploughman	010
024/6	domestic servant	010
024/6	Farm Labourer	010
	Printer Boscworth	010
	Plampin Bros	010
	Private	010
	Printer Boscworth	010

an agricultural engine driver and a steam ploughman. There seemed to be no requirement for this precision, so presumably the self-returns reflected an individual's pride in having an occupation above the level of labourer. The average agricultural wage in 1921 was 46 shillings a week, up from 13 shillings in 1891, reflecting the fact that there was more transport and better paid work available outside the village and hence the need for farmers to retain workers.

Other local rural occupations are listed as roadman, blacksmith, harness maker, gamekeeper, hurdle maker, thatcher and bootmaker. However, and significantly, others had work outside the village at the Chivers Fruit Factory in Histon, at the East Anglian Cement Works at Shepreth, with a builder, in a draper's shop and at an auctioneers. Presumably, those better paid job opportunities in towns and factories account for the decline in the village population over 30 years.

Bennet Clear and his daughter Alice still had a grocery shop at the Thatches, but Mrs Pryor's shop seems to have closed with her death. There was, however, a shop and post office at Toft and a shop at Eversden.

The rector was William Crabtree, aged 52, from County Durham. A visitor at the Rectory was Mary Mozley of the Africa Zululand Mission, on leave from the Belgian Congo. The schoolteacher was Kate Washington and her assistant was Olive Leach, aged 17, from Bourn. These and Kate's daughter Rita's photographs are in the school photo in the village hall.

Richard Upton was a journalist with his American wife, Florence. Eleanor and Zoe Collins are listed as spinsters from St Kitts and Nevis, staying on the Raymer family's farm. So Kingston, now had four "foreigners", when previously there were none. These, and the new perspectives of the twenty soldiers returned from the war, must have brought about a considerable cultural change to the village.

So, by 1921 Kingston was a relatively wealthier, healthier, more diverse and probably better educated village than in the 19th century, but shrinking in size as people of working age moved away to better paid jobs in towns and factories. The standard of housing was probably much the same as in 1891, as the council houses on Crane's Lane had not yet been built and the likes of the Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society were not yet in existence.

Paul Wright

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> The Revd Nigel di Castiglione, Team Vicar – 07770 697240

News Update from Bourn Primary

As I write the sun is shining brightly yet the air is still very chilly. This term has flown by and we are fast approaching the Easter holidays.

Spring is most definitely in the air. The daffodils and other flowers are beginning to peek through the different grassy areas across the school site. The days are getting longer and brighter and to everyone's delight the children are no longer confined to playtimes on the dull, damp and grey tarmac but are able to frolic on the grass. The younger children have been enjoying chasing, rolling and tumbling with each other and the older ones are relieved to be able to play football on the school field once more.

What better confirmation of Spring arriving than the return of our lovely ladies who run the Gardening Club. This term has seen the start of many extra curricular activities such as interschool competitions: Girls' Football, Tag Rugby, Quick Hockey Sticks to name but a few. Year 4 have been to the Roman museum in St Albans and will be going on their residential trip to Grafham Water this week. Last week we celebrated World Book Day with a range of literary activities, and in a week's time we will be having our Science Week where the children will be carrying out some investigations linked to the theme of 'Change and Adapt' which is very apt for the beginning of Spring.

Not only is the season changing, we have also had some changes in our school community too where we have said goodbye to some of our children and hello to new ones. The biggest change however is the announcement by our lovely Headteacher, of her forthcoming retirement. She has asked me to include her message below:

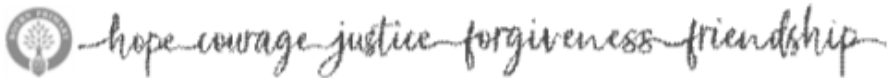
After nearly 7 years as Headteacher at Bourn, I will be taking early retirement at the end of the summer term. It has been a privilege to lead this wonderful school (even through the very challenging Covid years!) where we have such a dedicated and passionate staff team and such incredibly special children. Whilst I will miss the school hugely, it is now time for me to live differently. My husband retired in the summer and we have decided to move to Norfolk and get a dog. We will also have more time to spend with our baby granddaughter and elderly parents, all of whom live in different parts of the country.

I have very much enjoyed working in the village of Bourn which has so much going on and so much to interest the children both historically and geographically. With the children I have visited the allotments, measured the depth of Bourn Brook (when it was very low!), visited the Merrybourn Club, been to many services at the Church and walked along the footpath at the front of the school where highwaymen used to ride their horses on the way to Caxton and beyond. Seeing the various wildlife on the school grounds has been very enjoyable – I have seen woodpeckers, kites, buzzards, badgers, hares and deer – although they do tend to only come out when the children have gone!

Not surprisingly everyone was very sad to hear that Mrs Latham is leaving, she has been the very heart of Bourn Primary School and has done so much for everyone to make it the nurturing, supportive and hardworking place that we all love. Everyone wishes her the very best.

So finally, as we reflect on all the positive changes that come with the arrival of Spring, we look forward with courage, hope and friendship to the changes that will come with next phase of our school's journey under a new leader.

Sarah Wheatman, Deputy Headteacher



Parents encouraged to claim free Healthy Start vouchers

Parents of children under the age of four years old are being encouraged to check if they are eligible for free Healthy Start vouchers to help buy food and milk.

The Healthy Start vouchers are offered by the NHS to parents receiving certain benefits but are estimated to go unclaimed by more than a third (38%) of eligible parents in South Cambridgeshire.

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Wimpole Hall 2014

Dog walking in Wimpole some years ago I was lucky enough to take this picture. The mound to the left is shown on maps as Mill Mound which at the time was surrounded by water following several weeks of rain. In the far distance is The Folly, at the time surrounded by scrubby hedgerow.

The dog about to take to the water is not mine but is one of three Irish Terriers belonging to a friend with whom I regularly walked at Wimpole.

Sadly it is not now possible to replicate the picture. A couple of months later the overhanging tree collapsed and over the years the moat has ceased to fill in a complete circle. The upside is that the new trees planted in cages are now some 10-15 years old, part of the initial scheme to plant 100 trees a year for 10 years. This scheme was overtaken a few years ago aiming to plant a considerably larger number of trees.

It is interesting to be able to see how the environment changes over the years.

Jill Coleman





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The name *Pain*

Paul Wright's very interesting analysis of the 1891 Kingston Census last month ended with his mention of the name Pain Custance. It is indeed correct that there are several given names in various languages that literally mean suffering or sorrow. Pain as a Christian name and the patronymic surname Pain(e) or Payn(e), however, seem to derive from the Latin *paganus*, meaning villager, countryman or peasant; also heathen or pagan. The appellation came to England with the Norman Conquest. We happen to have a man styled Pain with considerable local prominence at that time.

Readers may know that the Norman High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire was Picot whose seat was Bourn Castle (now Bourn Hall Fertility Clinic); he also built Cambridge Castle. (He was famously described by the Abbot of Ely as 'a hungry lion, a ravening wolf, a cunning fox, a dirty pig and an impudent dog'.) Picot's wife Hugolina became seriously ill and she vowed to found a monastic house if she recovered. Picot honoured his wife's wish by endowing St Giles church about 1092, with a house of six canons regular, at the bottom of Castle Hill. Implicated in a conspiracy against Henry I, he was obliged to flee the country in 1095. His estates were then confiscated and given by Henry to Pagan *alias* Pain Peverel.

Pain Peverel served Robert Duke of Normandy, the son of William the Conqueror (and the brother of Kings William II and Henry I), as his standard bearer in the Crusades. He became a powerful aristocrat, holding the Baronies of Bourn and of Whittington in Shropshire; he also expanded Picot's foundation to include thirty Augustinian friars, adding considerably to its endowment, and moved it to Chesterton, a royal manor, where it became known as Barnwell Priory, Cambridge's largest monastic institution. Bourn church – St Helena and St Mary – was appropriated to the priory. The Manor Farm in Bourn belonged to Barnwell, and its magnificent barn – perhaps the biggest in Cambridgeshire – was used for the storage of tithes. On the dissolution of the monastery in 1538 the Barnwell estate in Bourn passed to Christ's College, Cambridge.

Peter Reynolds

*Barnwell Priory's
Cellarer's Chequer,
Beche Road, Cambridge*



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NHS 24hr health Advice Line (talk to a nurse/doctor)		111
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Park and Ride		01223 845561
Police non-emergency (our PCSO)		101
Road repair		01223 833717
Rosie Maternity Hospital		01223 217617
Samaritans		01223 364455
South Cambridgeshire District Council		01954 713000
Stagecoach (Cambus) information 8am to 8pm		0870 6082608
Stansted Airport		0870 0000303
Streetlight failure reporting		0800 7838247

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