

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



November 2025

Village Diary

Sat 1st November from 6.30pm.

Thurs 13th November 1 – 1.30pm

Pub night in the Village Hall

Library Van at the crossroads

Tuesdays at 10-11am

Wednesdays at 10.30am

Fridays at 10.00am

Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Pilates at the Village Hall

Wheelie bin collection dates

Thursday 6th Nov

Thursday 13th Nov

Thursday 20th Nov

Thursday 27th Nov

Thurs 4th Dec

Blue and Green bins

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Editorial

Most of you were probably quite busy in October, what with activities re-starting after summer breaks, gardens to be put to bed and boilers to be serviced with the coming winter brought to mind by the increasing chilly evenings. Hope it's all going well.

One young resident made us all proud in October by raising £530 for the Hinchbrooke children's ward with his scarecrow competition. And lovely to see so many residents at the prize giving on pub night.

The Harvest tea was also quite a good gathering. Thanks to Lee Steele for organising it and rallying the troops! And also nice to see so many people at the Harvest Service in our church afterwards.

And as I write, Halloween is next, something I for one very much look forward to. The participation of Kingston children has grown over the years and as someone who grew up in the USA I always enjoy it. So bring on the costumes, I've got the 'treats' ready.

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Vicar's Letter:

The days are growing shorter and evenings are drawing in, and without even noticing, it seems that Autumn has arrived in our villages! There is a chill in the air, leaves cover our pavements and roads, and there is a real sense that the last few months of the year are now within sight. After a busy summer, I'm enjoying the chance that Autumn has brought to reflect back on all that has happened so far this year and to be thankful for the new communities in which we now feel that we belong.

However, not everybody is a fan of Autumn! Whilst some people love the colour and the chance to wrap up warm, others struggle with the shorter days. At the heart of this season, is a recognition that change is taking place all around us. The fields that once shimmered with gold are now bare and the green leafy trees are turning to copper and gold. Perhaps even within ourselves, we experience a sense of change as we appreciate that we are all changing, growing, learning, and moving forward with our lives. The Bible reminds us in Ecclesiastes that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. It's a reassuring thought that change, even when it feels uncertain, has its place and purpose.

As November approaches, our thoughts also rightly turn towards Remembrance. Across our villages, people will gather at memorials and in churches, often to keep a short time of silence. It's a chance to remember all those who gave so much on our behalf, to pray for peace, and to remember that courage and love that many demonstrate in the ordinary acts of everyday life.

This year, as we stand in silence, I'll be thinking not only of those who served and gave in the past, but also of those who quietly serve today: the neighbour who checks in on someone living alone, the carer who goes the extra mile, the friend who listens when words are hard to find. Remembrance isn't just about looking back but also about choosing to live with compassion and hope in the present, even through the seasons of change that we encounter.

As autumn deepens, my hope for all of us is that we will find moments of peace, gratitude and connection with one another. If you see me out and about, perhaps walking the Labrador through the fields or stopping for a coffee in one of the villages, do say hello and connect. It's often in those small encounters and quiet conversations that we glimpse something of God's presence among us, gentle reminders that even as the seasons change, his love and faithfulness remain the same.

Rev. Matt Phillips

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Kingston Church Services for November

Sunday 9th November Act of Remembrance 12.30pm

Sunday 16th November Family Service 10.30am

The service on the 16th November will be the first to be taken in Kingston by our new Rector, the Revd Matthew Phillips.

The church is open every day.

Papworth Team Services (HC=Holy Communion, MP=Morning Prayer, FW Family Worship)

Nov 2nd 10.30am Family Service at Bourn

Nov 9th Remembrance 10.50am at Bourn 10.45am at Caxton 9.15am at Longstowe

Nov 16th 10.30am MP at Caxton

Nov 23rd 10.30am HC at Bourn 9.00am HC at Caxton 10.30am HC at Longstowe

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)

Something new....

If you phone 01480 776464 you can hear a recorded message with all the church services across the team for the next Sunday.

Church cleaning

1 st Sunday	Henrietta Burbridge
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

Nov 2	Monica O'Donnell
Nov 9	Janet Clear
Nov 16	Miki Ellar
Nov 23	Christine Allison
Dec 7	Advent



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Winter talks

I would like to thank Mark Nicholls for his informative and entertaining talk on the Gunpowder Plot. I hope to hold these talks throughout the winter, and Sam Wilson will tell us about his research into viruses in the new year. Meanwhile, I will give an illustrated talk on my expeditions into unmapped and unexplored Borneo rain forest in the early 1970s. This will be in November on a date to be confirmed.

Paul Wright

Holy Baptism

On the 5th October, Kit Lloyd Charles Williams, the son of Luke and Emma Williams of Willow Tree House, was baptised by the Revd Geoff Dodgson.

Revd Paul Gildersleve

We were very sad to learn of the death of the Revd Paul Gildersleve on Saturday 11th October, 2025. Paul held office as a Licensed Lay Minister and then as Team Vicar in the Papworth Team, working tirelessly to support the churches and communities he served, particularly Bourn and Kingston. Paul will be remembered by many with gratitude and affection.

'Well done good and faithful servant enter into your rest' (Matt 25:21)

We especially hold Ann, Ruth, Jo and Steve, the wider family and all his friends in our prayers at this time.

Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday 29th October at 2.00pm at St Helena and St Mary's, Bourn.



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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 Matt Phillips

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Make sure you're protected this winter

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough is urging anyone eligible for their COVID-19, flu, RSV or pneumococcal vaccines to make sure they've had them this winter. Each vaccine has a slightly different eligibility criteria:

1. RSV vaccine – for anyone who is pregnant, aged 75-79, or anyone who turned 80 years old from 1 September 2024.
2. Pneumococcal vaccine – for anyone 65 or over (only one dose is needed).
3. Flu vaccine – for anyone aged 65 or over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2025); have certain long-term health conditions; are pregnant; live in a care home; are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance; or live with someone who has a weakened immune system.
4. COVID-19 vaccine – for anyone aged 75+; those aged between six months and 74 years and have a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment; and people who live in a care home for older adults.

For some people who have got used to have their COVID-19 and flu vaccine together in winter, this might mean a change for them as the COVID-19 vaccine age criteria has changed from people over 65 to people over 75.

To find out more about these vaccines, and how to book them, or find a walk-in clinic, please visit The Vaccinators website <https://www.cpics.org.uk/the-vaccinators>

Scarecrow Competition

October pub night attracted many of us out for the usual tasty Easey family pizzas. But the main attraction was the awarding of prizes for the scarecrow competition, the brainchild of 7 year-old Hudson Pirie. You will already have seen the prize winners, but we should give special mention of the fact that £530 was raised for Hinchingsbrooke Hospital children's ward. Well done to all those who participated.

Miki



HARVEST 2025

This year, rather than having a Harvest Supper, we decided to host a tea party in the Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 11th October. The happy occasion was well supported with many and various delicious cakes and scones on offer. We are grateful to Lee Steele for coordinating the event and to all those who made cakes and helped to serve them. The Harvest Festival service which followed was taken by the Revd. Nigel Pearson with Patrick Dailly on the piano. As usual, the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit: thanks to all contributors, especially to John Easy for the Harvest Loaf and to Janet Clear for the sack of wheat.

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Joyce Lovell 1924-2025

Joyce Lovell died, aged 101 years, on Saturday 27th September, at Chandlers Court nursing home, Bromsgrove, where she moved to after a fall last year. Joyce was the wife of the late Bill Lovell, 1924-2018 (obituary *Parish and Church Magazine*, July 2018) and will be remembered here with great fondness. The Lovells came to Kingston from Coton in 1967 and transformed Tinkersfield, on the Bourn Road, from a two-up two- down cottage into a modern home. Joyce and Bill were both involved in village affairs and were supporters of our church. In 2012 they moved to Fairford in Gloucestershire. R.I.P.

Peter Reynolds

News from Bourn Primary Academy

The start of term has been a very busy one, the children have settled into their new classes incredibly well and already I can see the progress that they have made since the start of term. At the 'Welcome to the Year Ahead' meeting I shared the school priorities that we will be working on this year. I am pleased to say that we have already seen positive movement in all areas and so I would like to thank the staff, the children and the school community for all their support and hard work. Recently, I accompanied our Gardening Club to the local allotments to harvest the pumpkins. These were then displayed in the Church during our Harvest Service before being used to bake pumpkin muffins by the school catering team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the very warm welcome that I have received. Bourn clearly is a very special place to be and I am privileged to be part of this wonderful community.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers for their support, whether this be attending open events, attending the community celebration assembly, the recent excellent Bourn to Run event or volunteering your time to support the school. This really is appreciated by the staff and children alike.

This year's crop of pumpkins ... and the muffins!

J Fraser (Headteacher)



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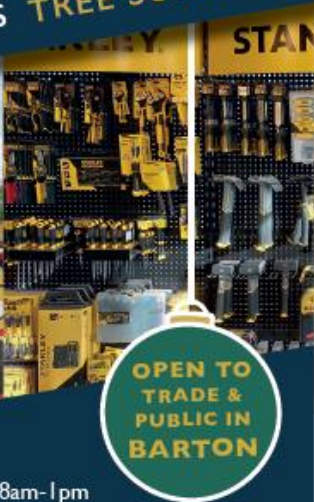
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