

*Kingston Parish & Church
Magazine*



March 2026

Village Diary

Sat 7th March from 6.30pm

Thurs 12th March 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 5th Mar

Thursday 12th Mar

Thursday 19th Mar

Thursday 26th Mar

Thursday 2nd Apr

Black bin

Blue and Green bins

Black bin

Blue and Green bins

Black bin

Editorial

Looking back, I see that I'm starting my fifth year as editor of this magazine. And now, as then, I encourage all of you to get in touch with me or the Parish Council on any matters that concern you.

I'm still making the same plea for as many of you, who feel you have the time and inclination, to get involved in as many village activities as possible. At the recent Village Hall Management Committee Meeting, Paul Wright made his oft-repeated request for new members to come forward. The current committee has planned several events for the coming year which we will publicise in due course.

We are sad to report news of hare coursers spotted again in our village. And a recent raid in Bourn made the BBC news when 5 people plus dogs, were apprehended. We remind all villagers that these people must **never**, under any circumstances, be approached. If it is possible, with discretion, to make note of a license plate number, the police can be notified on 111 and they will be happy to take the details.

On another, less serious, but none-the-less important, issue please report any potholes that are worrying you to South Cambs Highways Department. They do respond to requests!

Miki Ellar miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

Vicar's Letter:

Making Space

Be honest, when you hear the word Lent, what's the first thing that comes to mind? For many of us, it's chocolate, biscuits, or something else we plan to give up but quietly return to by week two. Lent, the season we find ourselves in now, was never really meant to be a test of willpower. At its core, it's about making space.

Space in busy lives. Space in full diaries. Space in noisy minds. Space to slow down a little and notice God again in everyday life.

Before Jesus began his ministry, he spent forty days in the wilderness. Not because he needed a challenge, but because he needed time to prepare, to pray, and to focus on what mattered most. Throughout the Bible, moments of quiet often lead to moments of growth. Lent invites us into that same rhythm.

Of course, life doesn't suddenly become calmer just because it's Lent. School runs still happen, work continues, and calendars remain full. But even small changes can make a difference. A few minutes of stillness in the morning, choosing to be more present with others, or letting go of one distraction can create room for God to work gently in our lives.

Lent isn't about guilt or doing things perfectly. It's about turning our attention back to God and allowing ourselves to be shaped by love, grace, and hope.

One simple way to make space this Lent might be to step into what's happening across the Papworth Team. Whether that's coming along to a Sunday service, sharing in Messy Church, dropping into Kaleidoscope Café for conversation and company, or bringing little ones to Little Dragons, each offers a moment to pause, connect, and breathe. You can always find what's coming up on our website at www.papworthteamchurches.org.

My prayer is that this Lent will refresh you, gently challenge you, and help you rediscover God's presence in the middle of everyday life as we move towards Easter together.

Rev. Matt Phillips

Team Rector, Papworth Team Ministry

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Clocks go forward at 1.00am on Sunday 29 March

Kingston Church Services for March

Sunday 1st March Said Holy Communion 9.00am

Sunday 15th March Morning Prayer/Family Worship 9.30am

Please note new times of services this year.

The church is open every day.

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

Mar 1st 10.30am HC at Bourn

Mar 8th 8.30am Said HC at Bourn 10.30am MP at Caxton 9.15am HC at Longstowe

Mar 15th 3.30pm **Messy Church** at Bourn Village Hall, 10.30am FW at Caxton

Mar 22nd 10.30am FW at Bourn, 9.00am said HC at Caxton, 10.30am MP at Longstowe

Mar 29th 10.00am **Team Palm Sunday Service** at Papworth Everard Village Hall

Evening Praise: Sundays weekly at 6pm at Pendrill Court, Papworth

Team Prayer meeting: Monday 9th & 30th March

at 6.30pm at the Team office, Lower Pendrill Court, Papworth Everard.

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 & Team services.

Or phone 01480 776464 to hear a recorded message with all the church services across the team for the next Sunday.

ZOOM Chapel Morning Prayer

(Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)

Telephone service on

Mondays at 5.00pm (except Bank Holidays)

Fridays in March

Candlelit Compline for Lent

**Friday nights
in St Peter's, Boxworth**

**Church opens for
silent prayer @8.30pm**

Compline said at 9pm



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

No Flowers in Lent

Fun for all at the January Quiz Night



Introducing New Members of the Papworth Ministry Team

We are thrilled to announce that we have appointed Albert Churchouse as our new Youth and Young Adults Minister and Hannah Heasley as our new Children and Families Minister. Albert and Hannah introduce themselves later in the magazine.

Please pray for Albert and Hannah as they prepare to begin their ministry in the Papworth Team in the coming weeks. Please do also pray as we advertise for an Associate Priest - that God would call the right person to come and join us to fill this other exciting role in our team.

Forthcoming concerts in Kingston church

We are very pleased to announce that Harcamlow Music resumes this year with a concert planned for the evening of Friday April 17th featuring baroque music to be performed by a trio (two thirds of which are our own Hartmut Kuhlmann and Gwen Owen Robinson).

On Sunday 19th July Patrick Dailly has offered to bring the Ermine Street Wind Quintet to perform an afternoon concert.

More details to follow.

News Update from Bourn Primary

It has been another busy month at school with the children continuing to work incredibly hard and make good progress. On Wednesday 4th February selected children attended The Friendship Games with Mr Puckey - the children competed in a number of events and it was lovely to see so many smiles on their faces. On the 5th February the children entered the CB23 Network Maths challenge. The children behaved impeccably and carried out a wide range of maths challenges and activities and won the event! A huge congratulations to all and my thanks go to the adults for organising and supporting the children to attend both of these events. On the 10th February, as part of our Computing and E-Safety curriculum, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. There were lots of activities throughout the day for the children to further develop their knowledge and skills in this ever so important aspect of life. At the time of writing, we are busy getting ready to host the CB23 Network Humanities quiz. We are expecting teams from 6 other schools to be attending and we will let you know how we get on. As always - more information about classes and whole school events and activities can be found on the school website.

Mr J Fraser (Head Teacher, Bourn Primary Academy)



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FREE PLANTS ...

I have an Amaryllis plant to give away. The flower is pink, or rather white with tiny red veins all over. It is pretty much sure to flower this spring. Also, I will be splitting up my French tarragon plant, so can provide a bit of this plant to anyone who would like one. They are best grown in a container so that they can be taken into a green house or garage in the winter. Finally, I would be unhappy if anyone in Kingston thought of buying bay leaves! Happy to give anyone a branch of bay leaves which are easy to dry and then store as usual. Please contact me if you would like any of the above on monicajod@outlook.com

From a Letter to the Diocese of Ely from the Rt Rev Dr Dagmar Winter 15 Feb 2026

“The Diocese of Edinburgh (Scottish Episcopal Church) has just published that yesterday, Saturday 14th February, its Synod elected me to be the next Bishop of Edinburgh. This is a great honour for me personally, but of course it does inevitably mean that in late spring 2026, it will be time for me to leave the Diocese of Ely.

“There will be more to say in due course, but I would like to put on record now my immense gratitude to you all for your prayers and support which have carried me, and indeed us, through these last few years.”

Saturday 18th April 2026 - 7.00 pm
INTERNATIONAL EVENING
Kingston Village Hall

This much-loved event is returning after a gap of several years. Bring along your contribution to share with others (main or dessert) and enjoy tasting a great selection of foreign dishes.

The bar will also be open all evening

Full details will be in the April magazine.
In the meantime keep this date free!

Village Hall AGM

The AGM was held on 17 February and we were pleased so many from the village showed an interest by coming along. In particular, we are delighted to welcome Mel Alexander as a trustee, as this is part of our aim of bringing in younger people to gradually replace those of us who have been on the committee for over 40 years. The minutes will be posted on our section of the village website, but we can let you know now the BBQ will be held on 12 September at South Sea House, by kind permission of the Clears. Our major work on the hall's fabric will be having the outside woodwork painted in the spring. Meanwhile, we are still trying to fix the bugs in the projector. Can anyone suggest why it works with some laptops and not others?

Paul Wright, Chair 07803 237751

Announcement from the Diocese of Ely 27th January 2026: Appointment of the next Bishop of Ely

“We are delighted to share the announcement from Downing Street that His Majesty the King has approved the nomination of the Right Reverend Sarah Clark, Acting Bishop of Durham and Suffragan Bishop of Jarrow in the Diocese of Durham, for election as Bishop of Ely.

“Bishop Sarah succeeds the Right Reverend Stephen Conway who moved to be Bishop of Lincoln in July 2023. We give thanks to Bishop Dagmar who has served as Acting Bishop and who will return fully to her role as Suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon once Bishop Sarah has taken up her role in the diocese.”

‘Singing for Joy’ – The Orsino Singers

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& celebration

Saturday 28 March, 6 pm

Mozart: *Mass in Honour of the Most Holy Trinity*
Brahms: *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*
Bach: *Jesu, Joy Of Man’s Desiring*
Handel: *Hallelujah Chorus* and *Zadok The Priest*

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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

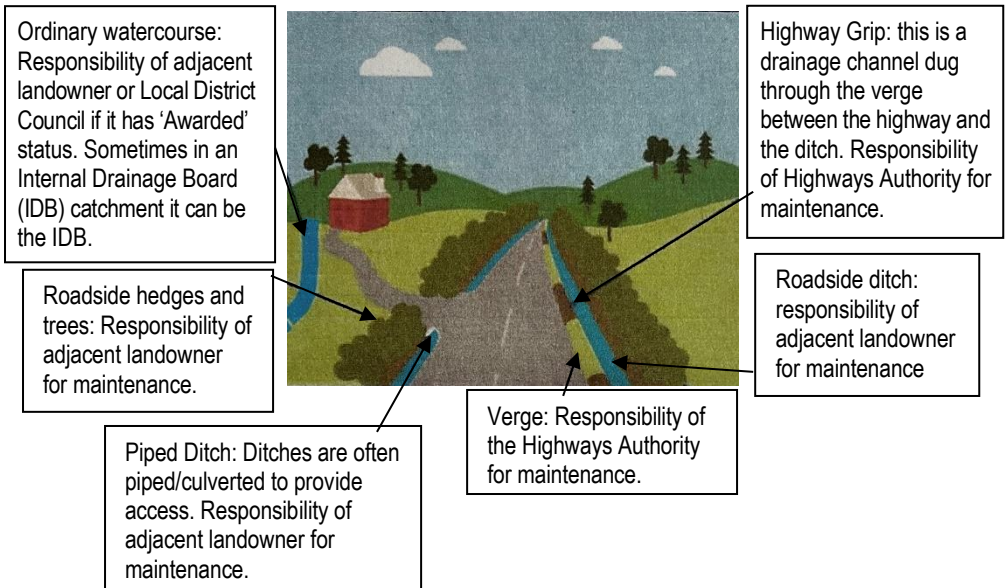
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Kingston Parish Road/Lane side Hedge and Tree maintenance

You will have previously seen the latest notification from the County Council on Rural Drainage. Please refer to the picture below just in case you have missed it. This gives details of the responsibility that Landowners have for road/lane side hedge and tree maintenance.

Responsibilities for Rural Drainage



As a result, the Parish Council has arranged for the removal, on the 5th of March 2026, of tree branches and ivy that pose a risk to Power and Communication lines in and around The Orchard.

Ivy is a hazard if allowed to overwhelm a tree, as the risk of the tree falling is increased significantly.

We would please ask that you check your trees for such a hazard, and take action to manage the risk. This can be done by either removing the ivy completely, or cutting the ivy at the base of the tree and again 1 metre up, and then removing the cut segment. The ivy above the 1 metre cut will then die and eventually fall off.

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District Councillor News

Greater Cambridge Joint Local Plan: Thank you to all who gave feedback to the consultation. The Planning service received feedback from over 1100 people/organisations making over 4500 comments on various sections and topics. Over the next few weeks, all the feedback will be assessed and appropriate changes made. The final Reg 19 stage should then go out for consultation in the summer.



Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) – Awards: The GCSPS is the joint planning service for both South Cambs and Cambridge City, and we host it in South Cambs. As the Cabinet Member responsible for the Planning service, it was pleasing to see the transformation work over the years result in the service winning three prestigious awards in 2025.

The *Royal Town Planning Institute's* national Local Planning Authority of the Year, The Planning Award for 'Planning for the Natural Environment', The *TET (Thornton Education Trust)* Inspire Future Generations Award for 'Best Local Authority in Youth Engagement'. The service has come a long way, and hopefully will continue to provide this level of service when the councils transform to a new unitary authority.

Local Government Reorganisation LGR: This is the Government's plan to merge two level County and District councils across the country into one unitary level. Cambridgeshire is one of the regions affected. The Government through the MHCLG is now consulting on four options the councils here submitted to them, starting on 4th February and closing on 26th March 2026. We in South Cambs submitted Option B for 2 unitaries, the first being Greater Cambridge (City and South Cambs) and the second all the others (Hunts, East Cambs, Fenland and Peterborough). The County functions will be split pro-rata across the unitaries. The consultation website is at <https://bit.ly/LGR-Consult-2026>. To find out why we back that option, watch this video at <https://bit.ly/LGR-OptionB>. Make sure you have your say to influence which option the Government chooses. The new unitaries will have their elections in 2027 and be ready to start operating in May 2028.

Local Elections 2026: The local election this year is on 7th May 2026. This is for the District and Parish Councils. This will be the last election for South Cambridgeshire District Council as the LGR will take effect in 2028. If you have not done so, make sure to register to vote immediately. If you are a postal voter, you need to re-register. This is because Government rule changes mean postal votes now expire after a maximum of three years. I recommend you sort it now by applying online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>, email elections@scambs.gov.uk or call 01954 713000 to ask for a paper form.

Development Corporation for Greater Cambridge: As I previously reported, this Labour Government has some serious growth plans for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. It is pushing forward the former Conservative government's plan of building 150,000 (One hundred and fifty thousand-plus) homes in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. They have not provided the evidence to support the proposed growth.

The Government says that Greater Cambridge is essentially the UK's powerhouse, high-octane mix of world-class research and "the next big thing" in tech and life sciences. But then claims that despite its global street cred, and despite the fact that the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service won the prestigious RTPI Local Planning Authority of the Year 2025 award, it doesn't think Local leaders can handle the projected growth without their intervention. It is also intending to take away our planning powers!! Go Figure - and we thought our plans were ambitious.

So this Government intends to create its own Development Corporation (DevCo) to deliver its "build, baby build" intention. The DevCo they say, will take a long-term, "infrastructure-first" approach, putting in place essentials like roads, buses, cycle routes, water, sewerage, electricity, internet, schools, and other essential things first before the houses. But in the meantime, the same Government is watering down standards in the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework). So we can only wait and see.

The consultation is asking if this is the right way to unlock the region's potential, where its powers should focus and how to ensure local people can still have a say. It starts 5th February and finishes on 1st April 2026, details on government website at <https://bit.ly/DevCo-GreaterCams>. South Cambs has scheduled an extra-ordinary full council meeting on 17th March 2026 to discuss and agree our response to the consultation.

East West Rail (EWR) – Archaeological digs: EWR have started the first phase of archaeological trial trenching for the proposed new railway line in Elsworth. This survey involves digging trenches to identify any buried remains. EWR are working with landowners to arrange access. The programme will run for several months, with time on each parcel depending on trench numbers, ground conditions, weather, and findings. Disruption to residents is expected to be minimal and limited to the relevant survey areas. Working hours will be 8am–6pm, Monday to Friday.

Highways M11 Resurfacing Works: Highways England are planning a major resurfacing works project on the M11 between Junction 8 (Stansted/Bishops Stortford) and Junction 9a (A11 slip road to Newmarket/Norwich). It will be done over four weeks starting on Tuesday 10 February 2026, overnight between 9pm and 5am Monday to Saturday. There will be no construction works on Sundays.

Southbound 10th to 24th Feb: diversion via A505/A1301 west to Royston, A10 then A120.

Northbound 25th Feb to 9th Mar: diversion from Jn 8 to A120 west, A10 to Royston, A505 east to M11.

Highways have details of diversions at <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/>

Food Waste Collection: Greater Cambridge Shared Waste will start rolling out weekly collections of food waste in parts of South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City from this January 2026 onwards. It should be extended to all parts of Greater Cambridge by the end of the year. All households will receive a letter with full details a few weeks before the service begins in their area to help ensure they are prepared. In addition, before their new collections begin, households will receive a new outdoor caddy to put out for collection at the kerbside with their wheelie bins.

Action for Happiness: The Action for Happiness calendar is highly recommended. It has a monthly theme and really good ideas for daily actions at <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendar>. Be kind to yourselves.

Regular Updates Don't forget to check out my monthly reports to the parish councils on my blog at www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports for full details on these and more. Follow my Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/> where I post up regular public information posts from community groups and other local authorities. I also post up on the Caldecote facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldecote> which recently celebrated 15 years of connecting residents, sharing local news and supporting our village community.

Here to Help You so contact me if you need help with SCDC services (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, community services, environmental health, noise nuisance) by phone 07802 323269, email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk, @CouncillorTumi on Twitter, @tumihawkins.bsky.social on Bluesky or Instagram @cllrtumi.

Introducing New Members of the Ministry Team

Hi everyone! I'm Albert Churchouse, the new Young Adults and Youth Minister joining the Papworth Team Ministry. Having lived in this beautiful area for the last four years, with my wonderful wife Amy and our 13 week old Bethany, I have a real passion to see Christ shared among our villages; it is such a joy to be joining the parish. I'm very much looking forward to getting to know you all in time and serving alongside you as we bring the gospel to our wonderful benefice.



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of the Ministry Team (cont)**

Hello! I'm Hannah Heasley. I'm married to Matt and mum to Bex and Ben. I live in Cambourne and have been a part of Cambourne Church for 10 years, working as one of their administrators for the past 7. Over the last couple of years I've felt God calling me into Children's Ministry which led me to starting a degree in Theology and Children's Ministry last year. When not working or studying I love lifting weights in the gym, singing, and gaming with my family. I'm excited to be joining the team ministry and working with the staff and volunteers as we reach out to children and families across the parishes, and share the love of Jesus with them.

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