

Kingston Parish Newsletter

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YOUR SPEED



DOWN THROUGH
THE VILLAGE

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TWENTY IS
PLENTY



20mph INJURES
30 KILLS

2020 has been a year which none of us are likely to forget with all the problems that have been caused by the Corona Virus by restricting what we do resulting in most activities in the village coming to a halt.

There is now some light at the end of the tunnel with vaccines now beginning to come on line. However, we are not out of the woods yet and it will be some time before all are able to have the Jab which should enable us to open up our clubs and societies once more and resume village life as it should be.

We are sad to lose another long standing and active member of our community on the death of Sylvia Compton recently. Obituary in this issue.

The Reading Room Committee are investigating ways of increasing storage space paying particular attention to the storage of tables and chairs with easy access when needed. They have a number of suggestions and a full report is in this issue. The committee will be asking residents for their views on the way ahead and the various plans will be found on the parish WEB site and Reading Room Face Book page. There will also be a consultation with all the plans on view in the Reading Room on a day to be determined in the New Year.

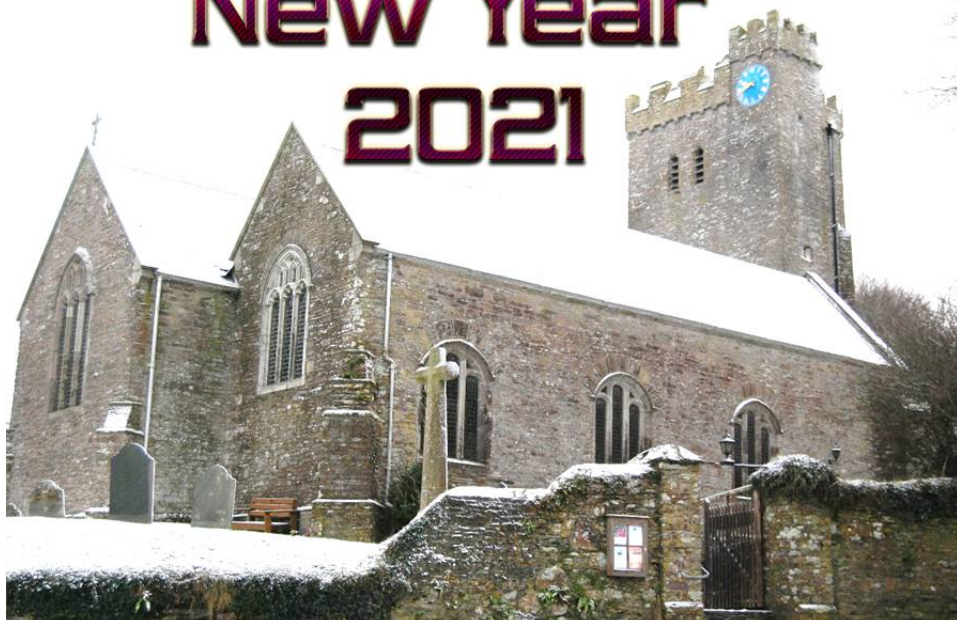
The village Christmas card is at the end of this edition.

May I wish you all a very happy and above all healthy New Year.

David



Happy New Year 2021



PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA



2021

List not yet submitted.

If you are unable to do the flowers on a given date, please change with someone and let Carole know –

Tel 810566.

KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB

The numbers drawn in the November 2020 draw are as follows:

166	Claire Jones	£25
103	Margaret Kelly	£20
92	Tim Kingdom	£20
209	Guy Walker	£10

Owen & Elaine Roberts

1 Overlangs

owenroberts10@hotmail.com

01548 810968

07910 111471

OBITUARY

Sylvia Compton, who lived in Kingston with her late husband Dennis for over 30 years, died aged 95, at Selkirk House in Plymstock on Wed 9th December.

During her last years Sylvie has been very much housebound, but before that she was an active member of the Church, both helping run events and as Secretary of the Parochial Church Council. Her garden demonstrated her very green fingers! Though Sylvie had no children of her own she was adept at making little toys etc, some little cherished by their owners, and was delighted to receive small visitors.

Sylvie was also a keen, though as she would say, not a dedicated, member of the Bigbury Golf Club. Always a quiet and unassuming person she will be missed by friends

The funeral will be at 2 pm on Wed 6th Jan in Kingston Church. Please could those who would like to attend let Brian on 810692 know as we have to abide by COVID security arrangements.



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enquiries@bigburygolfclub.co.uk

TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA



2021

Sorry but the Market has to remain closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will be here for you if you need anything delivered.

Shioya and Hannah will deliver eggs, and shopping to your door or if you just need a chat on 01548 810259

Mel will deliver meat to your door ring

Dartmouth Butchers

9am -4pm

01803 832631 or

6pm-8pm

01548 811135.

Viv will have veg on his wall in Yellands Park and can deliver.

I've got Natural and Organic soaps, 99% alcohol hand wash and magic cream for sore hands and skin.

Tina 07796975291

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits the village every 4th Tuesday at the Fire station from 11 am to 11.40 am

2021

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**Copy for February Newsletter by
Monday 25th January please**

Editor

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

(Also see Parish WEB site for further details)
Morning Market every Tuesday 10 a.m. till noon
Mother & Toddler Group every Wednesday 10-11.45 am
(Bigbury Memorial Hall)

2021 Due to the Coronavirus pandemic these dates are provisional.

Jan.21st 7.30pm Parish Council meeting on ZOOM

KEEPING FIT WITH TINA

Ladies Only

Come and have some fun while doing some
Keep Fit for all abilities.

Wednesday nights 6.30 pm.

Secret weigh in.

Reading Room.

£2 per session.

Start back 15th January 2020

Tina 07796975291

Kingston Sing for Joy

Community singalong, purely for fun and the
health/well-being benefits of singing. No
experience necessary and all standards
welcome.

In the Church of St James the Less

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THANK YOU

An enormous thank you to everyone in the village who gave so generously to the Christmas appeal for Daffodil House, the residential women's refuge in Plymouth. The trail of wonderful gifts arrived daily at my door and completely filled a room in my house! We shall be delivering all the goodies on Thursday December 17th and I know they will bring so much comfort and happiness this Christmas.

Kingston, you are amazing. Thank you so much.

Vanessa and all The Church Events Committee

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Reading Room - some exciting new possibilities



Our village is extraordinarily fortunate to have the Reading Room as an asset and a public building that can be put to a wide variety of uses. It is solidly built, in

good order and well located in the immediate proximity of the pub and the church. Many other villages of our size must be envious of a facility of this size and versatility.

The Reading Room Committee is considering whether some changes could be made to the Reading Room to optimise its use and to better manage the storage of tables and chairs and other items such as stage equipment, as well as improving access arrangements between the upper floor and the lower floor.

With the very considerable help of Kevin Shotter, an architect resident in the village, we have started a project to see what changes and improvements could be made and how they might benefit not only those who use the Reading Room regularly, but also the entire village. We have established with certainty the extent of the legal title of the Reading Room and our ownership of what is sometimes called "The Pound", that is the ground between the South East elevation of the Reading Room and the wall of the pub toilets.

Sometimes these kinds of projects set off by asking the question "what can we afford?"

We are deliberately not doing that. We are asking the questions "what do we want" and "what is achievable" in practical planning and construction terms. When we have some answers, and undoubtedly there will be a range of answers, we can then start to see whether the changes we have settled upon can be funded. Depending upon available funding, we may have to rein in some of our ambitions, but that comes later.

Despite Covid -19 there are still funding opportunities out there. Within our Committee we have the skills to seek out those funds. This will not be a quick project, nor does it need to be. It is more important that we establish the best way forward for the village.

What we should like you to do is let us have your comments on these options. Many of you will remember the exercise we undertook in the Reading Room when work started on the creation of the Village Plan and you were asked then to attach Post It notes with your comments upon the displays on the boards in the Reading Room. We shall do that again for this project.

We are providing drawings in digital form through the Reading Room's Facebook page and on the Parish Council website, Reading Room pages. We shall seek your comments in this way as well.

Finally, there may be some who would like to provide lengthier responses than can be squeezed on to a Post It note.

These responses can be sent by email to KRR Treasurer on kingstonrrrtreasurer@gmail.com

Your Committee looks forward to receiving your feedback for this exciting new project.

Andy Summer Nutting, Chairman.

Option A – This shows a minimal extension to accommodate a wheelchair platform lift. This leaves the floor layouts of the existing building as existing except for the connections to the lift enclosure from the landing at the top of the stairs.

Option B - This highlights the problem of trying to locate a lift within the envelope of the existing building. As an example, the lift is shown in the existing first floor WC so that access to it can be from the existing staircase enclosure. You will see that this location does not work with the existing ground floor layout/structure.

Option C - This is the same as Option A but with the existing disabled WC at first floor level removed to give more hall space. The existing ladies' WC is laid out as a disabled WC so, with a lift, an additional disabled WC would not be needed at ground floor level.

Option D - This is the same as Option A but with a larger extension at first floor level to accommodate a chair store beside the lift.

Option E - This proposal is based on the existing disabled WC being retained at first floor level with an extension to accommodate a chair store at first floor level and an extension to the existing committee room at ground floor level with no lift.

Option F - This proposal shows the extension maximised without obstructing the existing ground floor external doors and the existing highway drain. The larger extension at first floor level could accommodate a larger kitchen with a serving hatch, or a much larger chair store. Ground floor level shows an extension to the committee room similar to Option E.



Thousands of people across Devon are working around the clock to help and care for relatives and friends who couldn't manage on their own.

In fact, the number of people caring for loved ones in Devon is predicted to have risen by half again to over 130,000 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

But worryingly only 20,000 of those are accessing the vital support available to them through Devon Carers to help maintain their own health and wellbeing.

Support is available for carers at

devoncarers.org.uk/support or call 01392 307720

Devon Carers is a charity commissioned by Devon County Council and NHS Devon to provide information, advice and support for people who care for others, whether they are looking after an elderly, sick or disabled relative all or some of the time, or just providing a few hours a week emotional support for a friend with a learning difficulty or mental health problem – they are there to help you do it safely, confidently and effectively.

However, between April and June 2020 half as many people approached Devon Carers than usual.

So, at a time when more people than ever are having to take on caring responsibilities and with little or no time to look after themselves, Devon Carers is urgently reaching out to help and encourage people to get in touch.

You can read more about the campaign on our News Centre.

If you help someone who couldn't manage on their own, or know someone who does, please get in touch.

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Church News

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP TO JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE IN CHURCH!

There will be a Holy Communion service led by **Rev . Matt Rowland** on Christmas Day at 9-30 am. The number of seats will be limited owing to Covid-19 regulations and so people planning to attend are advised to book a ticket in advance. These can be booked with **Brian Alloway** either by phone (810692) or by email (bj6devon@gmail.com) from 1st December onwards. There will be no service here on Sunday, December 27th. There is a Team Communion service in Ringmore at 9:30am that day. Please reserve a seat for that service at www.modburyteam.org.

THE MODBURY MISSION CAROL SERVICE – a collaborative offering with all five churches taking part - will be available to view on www.modburyteam.org from December 20th. A few of us gathered (socially distanced) in the church on December 10th and sung a favourite carol which will be included in the service.

INVITATION TO EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE!

Please come into the church on **Wednesday, December 30th** between the hours of **2:00 and 4:00pm** to view the beautiful Christmas decorations. It is a vision we want to share with everyone in the village! Our thanks go especially to **Carole Walters** and to **Vanessa Walker** for their wonderful floral arrangements, to **Jennie Stanley** for decorating the tree and for providing and setting up the beautiful crib, and to **Alan Coleman-Smith** and others for the lighting. Please adhere to the social distancing rules, hand sanitizing and mask wearing – and also of course, be mindful that there may be others in the church as it is open for private prayer at that time.

Bob Coates, of Higher Wizaller Farm has provided the Christmas tree (Greenlands Nursery) for the inside of the church for many years. This year he has dedicated his gift to the memory of **Graham Phillips**, who sadly died in June of this year. Graham and Bob shared an enthusiasm for short-mat bowls in the Reading Room. Thank you, Bob.

Sylvia Compton, a faithful member of our church for many years, died on Wednesday, December 9th. She was a willing helper at many events and was also Secretary of the PCC for several years. Although she couldn't attend church in the latter years, she continued faithfully to support the church. Her funeral service will be held in the church on **Wednesday, January 6th at 2:00 pm**. She will be laid to rest in the churchyard alongside her husband, **Dennis**. If you would like to attend the service, please contact Brian Alloway to reserve a seat (810692) or by email, bj6devon@gmail.com

During January, church services will take place on Sundays at 9:30 am weekly with the exception of the third Sunday when a service of Holy Communion takes place at 11:00 am. Social distancing rules will be in place with a maximum of 30 people in attendance – with everyone wearing face masks, and the music will be provided on the organ but there can be no singing. There is no service, nor private prayer availability on **Sunday, 27th December**. The church will be open for private prayer on **Wednesday, December 30th** between 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm and then on Sundays and Wednesdays between 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm. As

there is a funeral on Wednesday, January 6th, it will not be possible to have a private prayer opening on that day.

Thank you to all who have supported the Kingsbridge Food Bank this past year! Your continued support is needed, especially in these challenging times. Because the church has limited opening times at present, please bring your donations on Sundays before the services begin – between 9:00 and 9:20 am each week, and between 10:30 and 10:50 am on the third Sunday of the month whenever services are being held.

Have you considered becoming a **Friend of St James the Less church?** With the COVID restrictions in force for so many months now, it has resulted sadly, it has reduced our ability to meet together socially and at the same time, to support the village church financially as we would ideally wish to be able to do. If you feel you would like to become a friend of the church, especially now, in these difficult times, please contact **Don Kelly** (details below) and you will be very welcome! Friends are a group of people in the village who appreciate the very presence of our church and its graveyard, and understand the need to keep its entire fabric and function in working order. Friends are not necessarily worshippers and indeed, some have no religious faith. That is no barrier. By becoming a friend, you can be assured that our church and graveyard will still be here for the generations who follow us. Don will be delighted to give you further details on how to join and how your participation will help us all. His email is donaldkelly8@aol.com or phone number 810358.



Tiggywinkle Times – Please continue to be vigilant, especially at night as our little creatures move much more slowly than we do. We need to help them to survive the upcoming Winter so they'll still be with us in the Spring!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

December 20th – Launch Day For The On-Line Carol Service www.modburyteam.org .

December 25th – Christmas Day: Holy Communion Service At 9:30 Am At Our Church with Rev. Matt Rowland presiding. Details listed above on how to reserve a seat.

December 27th – No Service At Kingston. A service of Holy Communion, led by Rev. Matt Rowland, will be held at 9:30 am in Ringmore. Reserve your seat on the Modbury website above.

December 30th – 2:00-4:00 pm – Invitation To All - Come Inside The Church To See The Christmas Decorations.

January 6th – 2:00 pm – Funeral Service For Sylvia Compton. Please reserve your seats by contacting Brian Alloway (see below).

The local contacts for St. James the Less, Kingston are our Church Wardens, **Brian Alloway**, 810692, bj6devon@gmail.com and **Robert Beard**, 810500, r.beard@scobbiscombe.co.uk

Brian and Robert will be pleased to help you find the right person to talk to and help with any church-related arrangements. Please note full information is also on the Parish website as well as the Modbury Team website:- www.modburyteam.org Kingston.

FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH ST JAMES THE LESS, KINGSTON
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU): LATEST SITUATION

New housing measures will come into force in England, Scotland and Wales on 14 December.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-national-prevention-zone-declared>

The Chief Veterinary Officers for England, Scotland and Wales have agreed to bring in new measures to help protect poultry and captive birds, following a number of cases of avian influenza in both wild and captive birds in the UK.

Government Chief Veterinary Officers are encouraging bird keepers to use the next 11 days to prepare for new housing measures, including taking steps to safeguard animal welfare, consult their vet and where necessary put up additional housing.

Whether you keep just a few birds as pets or thousands, from 14 December onwards you will be legally required to keep your birds indoors, or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds. We have not taken this decision lightly, but it is the best way to protect your birds from this highly infectious disease.

Poultry and captive bird keepers are advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds and any wild birds, and seek prompt advice from their vet if they have any concerns. They can help prevent avian flu by maintaining good biosecurity on their premises, including:

- housing or netting all poultry and captive birds
- cleansing and disinfecting clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles before and after contact with poultry and captive birds – if practical, use disposable protective clothing
- reducing the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimise contamination from manure, slurry and other products, and using effective vermin control
- thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting housing at the end of a production cycle
- keeping fresh disinfectant at the right concentration at all points where people should use it, such as farm entrances and before entering poultry and captive bird housing or enclosures
- minimising direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds, including making sure all feed and water is not accessible to wild birds

Register your birds

We encourage all keepers to register their birds with us so we can contact you quickly if there is a disease outbreak in your area and you need to take action.

If you have more than 50 birds, you are legally required to register your flock within one month of their arrival at your premises. If you have less than 50 birds, including pet birds, you are still strongly encouraged to register.

Find out how to register your birds.

Poultry and captive bird keepers and members of the public should report dead wild birds to the Defra helpline on **03459 335577 (option 7)**, and keepers should report suspicion of disease to APHA on **03000 200301**. Keepers should familiarise themselves with our [avian flu advice](#).

Public Health England advise the [risk to public health](#) from the H5N8 and H5N2 strains of bird flu is very low. The Food Standards Agency has said that on the basis of the current scientific evidence, avian influenza poses a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

Devon in Government Plans for increasing countryside trees and regenerating degraded hedgerows

On 5th December the government announced a cash boost of nearly £4 million to plant more trees up and down the country. This will see hundreds of thousands of new trees planted, including in towns and cities and near rivers to reduce flood risk, and help meet the government's commitment to increase planting to 30,000 hectares per year across the UK by 2025.

A pot of £2.5 million will support schemes that establish new ways of planting trees in our cities, towns and countryside. Led by Defra, Natural England and the Tree Council, this will use five pilot studies delivered on the ground by Local Authorities to develop cost-effective and innovative approaches to planting trees outside woodlands over the next two and a half years. This will include schemes such as community tree nurseries, agroforestry and hedgerow management, or planting trees from locally collected seed. These new trees will help tackle climate change and create habitats for wildlife.

10 sites across Devon and Cornwall have been chosen for these pilots to plant 17,000 new trees to reconnect habitats and improve water quality by reducing surface run off. We don't know where those sites are at present. Another project, however, coordinated by the Devon Wildlife Trust, the Saving Devon's Treescapes Project, takes in a large area of South Devon from Stokenham parish in the east, through West Alvington to Thurlestone in the west. The intention of this project is to enhance 150 km of existing degraded hedgerows and to plant 50 hectares of trees outside of woodlands in field corners and copses plus many other initiatives.

Hedgerow management is one of the key areas that has been neglected for some time and is now being seen as a priority area. Well managed hedgerows are one of the keys to increased biodiversity because hedges offer both wildlife corridors and safe places for many of our bird and small mammal species. However if you observe the hedgerows around the South Hams there are few that are healthy and of any use for wildlife. The Tree Council, Hedgelink, South Hams Society, South Hams Tree Wardens are hoping that landowners and farmers will, over the next few years, manage their hedgerows in a more ecologically sound way so that wildlife will thrive.

Thelma Rumsey
Kingston Tree Warden

NEWS FROM



New Residents – a Warm Welcome

is extended from Kingston Parish Council to all new residents. If you need any help or information please do contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Green: e-mail kingstonclerk@gmail.com or phone 01548 810270.

Kingston Bus

There is a Kingston to Plymouth bus service, albeit once a week on Fridays. The bus leaves Kingston at 10.00am; for the return journey the bus departs from Plymouth at 1.30 pm.

Recreation Ground Monitoring Team

Thank you from KPC; all is well in the Recreation Ground. Weeks ahead are:

21 st December	John Wurr
28 th December	Ali Lewis
4 th January 2021	Sally Denham
11 th January	Q
18 th January	Colin Burton
25 th January	Andrew McMillan

Remember COVID-19 is still about. Rules are on a poster in the Grounds.

Next Kingston Parish Council Meeting – 21st January 2021

The January 2021 Council Meeting will be held using the Electronic Platform of Zoom unless there is a new directive from the Government which allows us to meet in the Reading Rooms. The venue will be confirmed in early January when the agenda is published. If Zoom is used, logon connections will be placed on the header of the Agenda, which will be on the Parish Website (www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk) and the Parish Noticeboard (situated on the Fire Station wall) by Thursday 14th January 2021. Or, contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Green (kingstonclerk@gmail.com).

Waste Collection

KPC are acutely aware of the ongoing problems with waste collection and we are actively engaged with SHDC to resolve the issue. Additionally, South Hams District Council have advised that there may be disruption to recycling and waste collections when drivers/crews have to self-isolate due to COVID-19; relief crews may not be familiar with Kingston and SHDC may have limited capacity to fix mixed bin collections. They have asked if we could please bear with them when this happens. In the meantime, please continue to put your waste out in accordance with <https://southhams.fccenvironment.co.uk> and please keep Suzannah Grant informed (sgrantkpc@gmail.com) if you have any problems. Collections over the forthcoming Christmas period are supposed to be as follows:

Normal Collection Day

Friday 25th December
Wednesday 30th December
Friday 1st January
Wednesday 6th January
Friday 8th January
Wednesday 13th January
Friday 15th January
From Wednesday 20th/Friday 22nd January, back to normal!

Christmas Period Collection Day

Tuesday 29th December
Saturday 2nd January
Tuesday 5th January
Friday 8th January
Monday 11th January
Thursday 14th January
Saturday 16th January

Christmas trees up to 6ft can be put out with brown bins, but wrapping paper cannot be placed in blue sacks.

Parking

Please could residents park sensitively and ask any tradespeople you are employing to do the same – in particular, please avoid narrow sections of road that could obstruct larger farm and delivery vehicles such as tractors and milk tankers, and T-junctions.

Winter Driving

The roads in our parish and to Seven Stones Cross are no longer on a primary gritting route – please therefore adjust your driving to suit the conditions and remember that others heading towards you may not be aware of the icy roads. Drive in a higher gear than normal, using low revs or winter mode if available, brake before corners, and remember that stopping distances will be much greater even with ABS and modern traction control systems. It is scary how far you can slide, even at 20mph. Please also look out for pedestrians who may be difficult to spot.

Grit bins are located around the hills in the parish but are **for use on the highway only**. Please let Cllr Freeman know if stocks are running low; we have a limited quantity available to top them up as the County Council will be slow to refill them.

Fire Safety

The devastation caused by even a small fire is colossal – don't let your guard down over the festive season. Candles and tea lights should never be left unattended. The hob is not a good place to put anything other than pots and pans (several fires have been started by hobs accidentally switched on when boxes or clothes baskets were placed on them). Open fires and woodburners also carry a risk and although it may be tempting, don't stack wood beside them as it will dry out and may smoulder, producing carbon monoxide.

If in doubt, get out, get the fire service out, and stay out.

Your Councillors are here for you

Eve White.	Chairman	(810289)
Mervyn Freeman.	Vice Chair	(810070)
Phil Anderson.		(810960)
Suzannah Grant		(810013)
Don Kelly.		(810358)
Alison Lewis.		(811234)
Heather Summer Nutting.		(07557 003326)
Sue Green – Parish Clerk.		(810270)

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READING ROOM SCHEDULE JANUARY 2021

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI 1 Jan	SAT 2
3	4	5 ● 18:00 KEG Band Prt	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 ● 18:00 KEG Band Prt	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 ● 18:00 KEG Band Prt	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 ● 18:00 KEG Band Prt	27	28 ● 18:00 - 22.00 KLHS	29	30
31	1 Feb	2 ● 18:00 KEG Band Prt	3	4	5	6

This schedule is up to the date that the newsletter was finalised . Please note that you can now see the Reading Room Schedule in real time via the Parish WEB site Parish WEB Site www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk Click on “ What’s On & Parish Newsletter” Click on “HERE”

Hiring Charges Kingston Reading Room



- Sessions are 8:30am to 1:30pm, 1:30pm to 6:30pm, 6:30pm to 11:30pm. If more time is needed to set up or clear away, then it should be booked.
- Hall users that satisfy the objects of the Reading Room charity Trust deed are charged at £6 per session. They must be non-profit (and may be subject to financial review) and open to all residents of Kingston Parish and be advertised in Kingston as such.
- Private events are charged at £7.50 per hour or part hour, including set up and clean up times.
 - Sole occupancy of the Reading Room for a full day is charged at £275.
 - Afternoon session children’s parties are charged at a concessionary rate of £10 per session.
 - The meeting room is charged at £5 per session.
 - Existing agreements will be honoured.
- Bookings are recorded in the Reading Room bookings calendar which is available on the Parish Council website . Please check the calendar before requesting a booking.

All enquiries to:
Benjamin Russell (Rusty), Bookings Secretary – 07824 702465.
kingstonreadingroom@gmail.com

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
4 th	Sunday Worship	Harvest Communion	Harvest Festival	Harvest Communion	Sunday Worship
11 th	Harvest Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	All Age Worship	Village Service
18 th	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
25 th	Communion	Evening Prayer (4 pm)	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion

The Vicar writes

The yearly celebration of harvest is a celebration of the kindness of God.

Psalm 145, which is often read at Harvest festivals, reminds listeners that *'The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made... The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.'* Yet it is not only in the sending of sun and rain that Christians see the kind hand of God, but also in the sending of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the writers in the New Testament reflected: *'But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we have done but because of his mercy.'*



They say you are what you eat but we are also products of what we experience. One episode from history that moves me is the story of a Dutch man during the religious upheaval of the 16th century. He found himself in trouble with the authorities for his new found Christian convictions and faced execution. He managed to escape from prison and, half-starved from prison rations, fled across a frozen lake, being

pursued by the prison guard. He made it to the other side but the guard who was chasing him fell through the ice into the freezing water and started to drown. He turned around and pulled the drowning guard out of the water. The guard wanted to release him but by that time more guards had arrived and arrested him, he was put in prison again and went to his death.

His spontaneous reaction shows that ingrained into his character was kindness. Kindness had become a habit.

When I first heard that story, the question I had was how does that happen? First of all, what generates that sort of amazing kindness, to rescue a man who wanted you dead, and secondly how does it become second nature like that?

You become like what you experience. He was able to act like that because he believed he received great, great kindness from God.

This harvest as we experience the kindness of God in another yearly harvest, we can also experience the kindness of God in the sending of his Son.

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