

Kingston Parish Newsletter

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PLEASE KEEP
YOUR SPEED



DOWN THROUGH
THE VILLAGE

TWENTY IS
PLENTY



20mph INJURES
30 KILLS

More people are finding it difficult to make ends meet in these hard times: what an interesting way to raise funds to provide for the Food Bank in Kingsbridge; come along to the Reading Room on the 10th March and enjoy a Bowl of Soup with friends and bring along with you offerings of suitable food items (cash also welcome) which will then be used to help out those people who are worse off than ourselves through no fault of their own.

I am pleased to see that the proposed alterations to the Reading Room are well advanced. The process has now reached the funding stage and grants will be applied for. It is clear that the more use the premises have by local groups, in particular, the better the chances of obtaining a positive outcome to the grant applications.

If any of you have ideas for forming a new group or activity to take place in the Reading Room, particularly those of you who may have moved to the village more recently and would like to see an activity which is at present not available get together with other like minded people to form a new user group. Please also contact Guy Walker of the Reading Room committee, see the article in this Newsletter.

There is to be an Exhibition of Arts and Crafts the weekend after Easter to which all of you are invited to show off your skills. I know that there are many residents with amazing abilities in Arts and Crafts. See the article inside this edition with more details to follow in later issues.

David

Soup of the Day



Join us for a bowl of soup
in the Kingston Reading Room

Friday 10th March 12:00 to 2:00

Voluntary Cash Donation will fund the
Kingsbridge Food Bank

Also, tins of food and dried
goods etc. are all welcome
Any Questions? Please call 810497

PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA



2023

Feb 26th Lent	No flowers
March 12th LENT	No flowers
April 9th Easter	All helpers
April 16th-23rd	Carole Walters
April 30th-May 7th	Shioya Walters
May 21st-28th	Penny& Rachel
June 4th-11th	Caroline Thomas
June 18th-25th	Margaret Birch
July 2nd-9th	Margaret Kelly
July 16th-23rd	Vanessa Walker
July 30th-Aug 6th	Ruth Jarvis
Aug 13th-20th	Jeanne Curtis
Aug 27th-Sept 3rd	Penny&Rachel
Sept 10th-17th	Margaret Birch
Sept 24th-Oct1st	Vanessa Walker
Oct 8th-15th	Harvest- All
Oct 22nd- 29th	Margaret Kelly
Nov 5th-12th	Carole Walters
Nov 19th- 26th	Caroline Thomas
Dec 3rd- 10th	Vanessa Walker
Dec 17th-24th	Christmas- All

KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB

The numbers drawn in the January 2023 draw are as follows:

109	Jim Wigfall	£25
19	Michael Jarvis	£25
22	Mark Harding	£20
111	Penny McFarlane	£20

Owen & Elaine Roberts
01548 810968 or 07910 111471
owenroberts10@hotmail.com

OBITUARY

Di Phillips. (1940-2023)

Di Phillips formerly of 2, Scobbiscombe Cottages died at a residential /care home on Friday 10th Feb. Di moved to Kingston about 26 years ago and during her time in Kingston she and her late husband Graham organised and supported many village events helping raise funds for village projects She lived in Scobbiscombe cottage and a year after Graham died moved into a residential/care home. She had many friends in Kingston who continued to visit her and keep her updated on life in the village. Di will be missed by all her old friends

Di is to be cremated and her ashes laid next to Graham after a service in St James Church Kingston at a later date.

TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA



2023

Feb 28 th	Ann/John
March 7 th	Jeeva/Lesley
March 14 th	Gina/Joan
March 21 st	Joan/Vanessa
March 28 th	Cynthea/Geoff
April 4 th	Kit/Penny
April 11 th	Jeanette/Margaret
April 18 th	Anne/Elaine
April 25 th	Jacky/Deidre
May 2 nd	Pauline/Sally
May 9 th	Ann/John
May 16 th	Jeeva/Lesley
May 23 rd	Gina/Joan
May 30 th	Joan/Vanessa
June 6 th	Cynthea/Geoff
June 13 th	Kit/Penny
June 20 th	Jeanette/Margaret
June 27 th	Anne/Elaine

Come along to meet up with old and new faces while enjoying a cuppa & chat.

Freshly baked cakes, biscuits, pasties, sausage rolls, organic milk, yoghurt, eggs, potatoes, meat & the corner shop table. Organic soaps & creams Chutney and Jams Haberdashery Crafted gifts Books 50p Woodwork Cards and lots more.

Would you like a table to sell your wares, 10% to the Reading Rooms.

If you would like to help out on the tea rota let me know. If you would like picking up ring me.

Tina 07796975291

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits the village every 4th Tuesday at the Fire station from 11 am to 11.30 am

2023

March "8 th	April 25 th
May 23 rd	June 20 th
July 18 th	Aug 15 th
Sept 12 th	Oct 10 th
Nov 7 th	Dec 5 th

THANK YOU

BOB GILBREATH

Dear Kingstonians,
Heartfelt thanks for cards, flowers, telephone calls, emails and messages of sympathy following the death of Bob. Thanks also to Sonya and Yorkie's loving care and support towards the end of Bob's life - I couldn't have managed without them.

Bob had over thirty years of retirement in this lovely village and was always so happy.

All good wishes.

Janet and family

1. **Copy for April Newsletter by**
2. **Monday 20th March please**
3. **Editor**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

(Also see Parish WEB site for further details
Morning Market every Tuesday 10 a.m. till noon

2023

- Feb 23rd 7 pm History Society. Talk Liz Hext "History of the Kingsbridge Workhouse" Reading Room
- Feb 25th 7 for 7.30 Flicks in the Sticks "Mrs Harris goes to Paris"
- March 10th 12 – 2pm "Soup of the Day" Reading Room i.a.o Kingsbridge Food Bank
- March 23rd 7pm History Society Talk "The Suffragette Story in the South by Pamela Vass"
- March 25th Flicks in the Sticks "Living"
- April 15th /16th Kingston Arts & Crafts Exhibition – Reading Room
Details to follow
- June 20th Garden Club visit Hestercombe

Tuesday Craft Afternoon 1pm - 3pm

Come and join us on the First Tuesday of every month in the Reading Rooms after market.

Bring along your crafts that need finishing or start something new!

£2 a session

Karen 07919947859

Tina 07796975291

Started again Yoga classes

Kingston Reading Room

Gentle/Beginners 10 – 11-15 am

Fitness/Some experience 11.30 – 12.45 am

Thursdays Blocks of 5 sessions £30

Drop Ins £10

Starting Oct 6th Nov 10th Jan 12th Feb 26th

For more info and to check availability
contact Penny pennyann.mcfarlane@gmail.com

07922173343/01548810306

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Conductor: Christopher Fletcher

Soprano: Susanna Fairbairn

Baritone: Andrew Mayor

Tenor: Matthew Minter

present

CARMINA BURANA by Carl Orff

Saturday 18th March

7.30 P.M.

St. Edmund's Church Kingsbridge

Tickets £18 (Under-16s free entry) from:

Kingsbridge Information Centre

May Crimp (01548 842361)

Brigitte Haddy (01548 581465)

Tom Gilkes (01548 560973)

Jenny Kinder (01548 810750)

KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



THE DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

From the DOR Digital Library 1900 "Annual Report"

The Suffragette Story in the South West

Pamela Vass

West Country Author and Historian

Kingston Reading Room Thursday 23rd March

Wine and Nibbles 7 pm

Presentation 7:30 pm

Non-members £5 - Free to those in Full Time Education

FAREWELL TO FLICKS

The Community Cinema Committee has taken the sad decision to wind up 'Flicks in the Sticks' and our screening of 'Living' on 25th March will be the last.

Audience numbers have been steadily declining over the last few years and we have reached the point where Flicks is no longer sustainable. There are several reasons for this, such as changing village demographics and the impact the pandemic has had on people's social habits. But, primarily, we can no longer compete with the streaming platforms, such as Netflix and Amazon, who can now acquire films long before they are offered to us.

We have had a lot of fun and laughter with Flicks and have put on some great parties and social events for the village. Who could ever forget the 'Gala Night'? We have thoroughly enjoyed bringing films to village over the last 7 years, but nothing lasts forever and it's time to bring things to an end.

Thanks must go to all members of the Committee, both past and present, for their hard work and enthusiasm in making Flicks so enjoyable for everyone.

'Goodbye and thanks for all the fish'

The Flicks in the Sticks Committee

Movie Night

Flicks

Presents

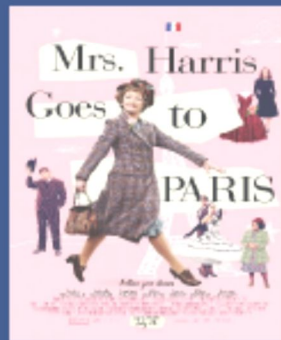
'Mrs Harris goes to Paris'

Starring Lesley Manville

Saturday 25th February

Reading Room 7.30pm

Tickets £5



Bring a drink and join us from 7pm

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SHORT MAT BOWLS



The Kingston Short Mat Bowls Club

Meet every Monday and Friday

7pm for 7.15 start

in the Reading Room

New members are always welcome

If you have not played before come along and give it a try.



CHURCH NEWS

Our church is open daily for silent prayer, or to visitors who wish to see inside our lovely place of worship. Regular services of Morning Prayer are held on most Sundays at 9:30 am except the third Sunday of each month when a service of Holy Communion takes place at 11:00 am. Where Village Service is designated in the diary for the month, it will indicate that a member of the congregation will probably be leading a service of prayers and hymns. When there is a 5th Sunday in any month, there may be team services. Very occasionally there may be an extra Holy Communion service inserted instead of Morning Prayer. On 5th March, instead of Morning Prayer there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9:30am led by Revd. Simon Franklin. Such a change will be noted in the church calendar at the back of the newsletters and at the end of the Church News column.

We are sad to report that **Di Phillips** a much loved long-time resident of the village, has recently died. Arrangements for her funeral here in Kingston are in the planning stages with the help of Patrick, her stepson who lives in North Carolina. It's possible that the service will take place in the spring at which time Di's ashes will be laid beside her husband Graham's in the churchyard here. We will update the information as we receive it.

Evocative music, readings, poetry, remembrances (and masses of daffodils!) - all accompanied the funeral service for **Bob Gilbreath**, that took place on Thursday, 16th February in our village church filled with his family and friends. Our thanks go to Revd Simon Franklin for leading us perfectly in this celebration of Bob's life. We shall all miss him and send Janet and the family our love and prayers.

Join us for **Soup of the Day** in the Reading Room on **Friday, 10th March from 12:00-2:00pm** – and help to raise funds for the Kingsbridge Food Bank. Donations are requested, along with an item of non-perishable food that we can add to the Food Bank. Please call Vanessa 810497 if you have questions.

Sunday, March 19th is Mothering Sunday. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 11:00 am and we would love to have a few posies brought to church that day so that they may be delivered later to mothers in the village.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, 4th March at 9:00am at the Modbury Inn. "Just War?" A Soldier's Reflection. Our **Guest Speaker is Lt Colonel (Retd) Tim Treanor.** Book your place with Simon 830071 or email safranklin@btinternet.com. £10 for full English, toast, tea/coffee.

Modbury Mission Community is offering courses for Lent. Please see Modbury Mission website for details.

The days are lengthening and it's seed sowing time. Please plant a few more seeds than you will need for your own gardens so that when our **annual plant sale** takes place at the end of May, there will be plenty for folks to choose from. Thank you!

There will be a **Church Events Committee Meeting** at Westview on **14th March at 2:00 pm.**

Please consider becoming a Friend of St James the Less church. By becoming a Friend, you can be assured that our church and graveyard will still be here for the generations who follow us. You do not have to be a worshipper in our church in order to become a Friend. We have several exciting events planned for later in the year. Don Kelly 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.

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

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

Saturday, 4th March	9:00 am Men's Breakfast at Modbury Inn
Sunday, 5th March	9:30am Holy Communion led by Revd. Simon Franklin
Friday, 10th March	12:00-2:00 o'clock – Soup of the Day fundraiser in Reading Room
Sunday, 12th March	9:30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday, 14th March	2:00pm Church Events Committee - Westview
Sunday, 19th March	Mothering Sunday – 11:00am Holy Communion
Sunday, 26th March	9:30am Morning Prayer

RANDOM STUFF



Handcrafted pictures, cards and gifts, made predominantly using recycled paper and card, then sewn together.

I welcome people to come and see my lovely creations, I have a large selection for you to choose from.

Kim Watkins
Home Farm, Kingston
01548 810361
www.randomstuffpaper.com

KINGSTON READING ROOM

The project to extend and improve the Reading Room continues and a detailed breakdown of anticipated works and also provisional costings have been obtained, but we have some way to go before finalising these elements of the project.

In the meantime we are starting to explore what potential funders want to see and what aspects of the proposals for the Reading Room are most likely to attract the financial support of funders.

In our early work on this, it has become clear that a greater range of activities and uses of the Reading Room will enhance funding applications. Looking at other Parish Hall applications that have achieved funding, it seems that they have an increased variety of users than we have at the Kingston Reading Room. We have seen other examples of photographic societies, natural history societies, craft clubs, youth activities, a variety of other events in which food and drink is provided etc.

Is there any scope or interest in having some practical IT updating tuition? (if someone was prepared to take this on!)

So, if there are any ideas out there for forming prospective groups or societies, or ideas about new uses of the Reading Room, please let me or anyone on the Reading Room Management Committee know."

Guy Walker

For and on behalf of the Reading Room Management Committee.

Art Workshops in Ringmore at the Parish Rooms Ringmore TQ7 4HL

Art Workshops at the Parish Rooms are being held at Ringmore Parish Rooms. Laura Butt (painter and therapist), Caro Barrett (jeweller) and Judith Woodings (painter and printmaker) will be offering a series of workshops.

March Workshops with Judith

For the Love of Drawing

Tuesdays 10 - 1pm
7th and 14th March

In these classes we will be drawing the things we see around us every day, a beautiful stone or shells from the beach, a piece of driftwood or branches or flowers from your garden.

Through looking at the objects we are so familiar with, we will explore the qualities of drawing media and learn to look, see and draw the things we love.

Suitable for all abilities, drawing materials and some paper will be provided. Additional paper will be for sale if you need more.

£40 for two workshops or £25 for one

For more info email: judithwoodings@gmail.com

For info on future classes on **Making Jewellery from Sea Glass and Beach Finds with Caro**

email: carobarrettjewellery@gmail.com

For info on future classes on **Painting with Oil and**

Coldwax with Laura

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appointment.**

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shake**

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THE 2023 KINGSTON ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Despite the threat of another 'Beast from the East' I suspect we're all beginning to think about Spring. A time for growth but also a time to come out of hibernation and, perhaps, no better time to show others what we've been beavering away at through the winter. To that end anyone and everyone in the village (including all honorary Kingstonians!) are invited to showcase their artistic and craft skills in an exhibition in the Reading Room just after Easter.

The craft side of the exhibition will showcase many of the crafts practised in the village, and about which few are aware. If YOU do any sort of craft activity now is the chance to showcase your work – don't be shy – Your Village Needs You! The Craft, or three-dimensional, side will cover any handcrafted or sculpted item in any material. So, this will range from wood and metal crafts, ceramics, paper-crafts, textile, leather-work, basket weaving and all types of sculpture to name but a few - as long as it's a craft, you made it and your between 1 & 100 it could be included. The 'Art' side of it, mostly two dimensional, will be covered by a wide range of entries using every type of art material and medium loosely grouped by subject - 'scapes, life and still life, abstract etc..

Those wishing to exhibit, or friends that think others should, please get in touch a.s.a.p. so we can be sure to accommodate entries. (Yes, believe it or not there are some diffident persons in the village!) We only ask that items must be safe, and robust enough, to exhibit. While it is preferable that items have not been exhibited before it is not a barrier to good craft items. Also, if you have an historical craft item, but not made by you, that has a connection to

the village we would like show some of these as well. Size and quantity has to be a consideration but early discussion will solve most issues. We want to celebrate variety and well as artistic skill and craftsmanship and - you never know - you might discover the hidden secrets of other villagers!

One treat will be a display of the remarkable talent and skill of the father of a villager in print making. On display will be the tools, the plates/ linocuts and the building up of multiple prints to produce some stunning and unique results.

Also on display a range of ceramic pots, bowls and other items produced like a local pottery throw down. Look closely and you'll be able to spot clues of the potters by their style of work! Given the countryside around us you won't be surprised to learn that wood crafts will be presented but not always in the most obvious ways. The list goes on but why not simply pop in and browse, you won't be disappointed.

Everyone visiting will not only be able to see a wide variety of work but also speak to some of the exhibitors. They will be happy to discuss many aspects of the crafts and, if you're interested, put you in touch with the artists and crafters to perhaps find a new and rewarding interest. Whether you're a watcher of a 'doer' you'll find plenty of interest that proves Kingston's can-do reputation is well deserved.

The exhibition, NOT a competition, will be on the 15th. and 16th. April (the weekend after Easter) in the Reading Room. Full details in the next issue. For more information please contact either **Jenny Kinder 810750** or **Jim Dewar 830748** - or drop into the Reading Room on a Wednesday morning.

Possible Arts & Crafts Classes

Visual Art (on any surface, any medium)

Painting & Drawing:

Landscapes and Townscapes

Estuaries and Seascapes

Still Life

Portrait, figurative and Life

Animal and Wildlife

Impressionist / Abstract

Multi-media and Collage

Photography – sub-categories as above?

Kinetic art and mobiles

Poetry and Calligraphy

Handmade Crafts

Any object using any hand process by predominant material:

Metal or Stone

Ceramics or Glass

Wood - including whittling and basketry

Manmade material

Sculpture – any 3D art object using any medium or hand process

Papercraft & Artificial Flower craft

Fibre and Textile crafts – needlecraft including tapestry, leatherwork or macramé

Modelling – any 3D model in any material

New Residents. Kingston Parish Council extends a warm welcome to all new residents. If you need any help or information please do contact the Parish Clerk (e-mail: kingstonclerk@gmail.com).

Recreation Ground Monitoring Team

Thank you from KPC. Weeks ahead are:

6 th March	Jon Wakeling
13 th March	Sally Denham
20 th March	Q
27 th March	Colin Burton

We are also seeking volunteers to join the team and assist with Recreation Ground monitoring. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Kingston Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 16th March 2023 in the Reading Room.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th March. The Agenda will be placed on the Parish Website (www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk) and the Parish Noticeboard (situated on the Fire Station wall) by Thursday 9th March. Public are welcome to join the Open Forum which is held at the beginning of each KPC meeting for any questions you may have.

Kingston Parish Council Elections. At the forthcoming elections on 4th May 2023 we will be looking for new candidates to sit on the Parish Council. For help and advice, please speak to an existing Councillor and notify the Parish Clerk of your interest.

South Hams District Council Support Directory. If you are struggling with the rising cost of living, South Hams District Council Support Directory can signpost you to services and organisations available across the district. These include (but are not limited to): assistance the Council can offer residents; money and debt advice; fuel, energy and bills; abuse, neglect and violence; and mental health. It can be accessed via: <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/support-directory>.

Free Slow Cookers and Electric Blankets. To help reduce energy costs, South Hams District Council are purchasing slow cookers and have a stock of electric blankets available for distribution. If you would benefit from either item, please email

rachelle.underwood@swdevon.gov.uk, with Slow Cooker or Electric Blanket in the subject line. You will need to provide your name, address (which must be in the South Hams area) and a contact telephone number. Stocks are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Household Support Fund. This is still available until 31st March to provide rapid short-term financial support to meeting immediate needs and helping those who are struggling to afford food, energy and water bills, and other related essentials. To find out more, go to: <https://southhams.gov.uk/household-support-fund>.

Private Van Permits for Recycling Centres. As of 1st March, all owners of a private van wanting to use the Devon County Council recycling centres in Ivybridge and Kingsbridge will need a permit. To apply for a permit, which will be free, go to: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/van-permit-system/>.

Garden Waste Collection. It is still possible to sign up for garden waste collections if you wish. An annual £49 subscription covers one brown bin, with a maximum subscription of 2 bins per household. To subscribe, visit www.southhams.gov.uk/gardenwaste or you can call 01803 861234.

Sources of Information. Kingston Parish Council website: www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk. If you have anything you feel would benefit our community by including it on the Web Site, please contact Cllr Merv Freeman on 01548 810070 or by e-mail on burlockcouncil@gmail.com. If you are on Facebook, the Kingston Events Group (KEG) and Charterlands Chatter pages are also well worth joining.

Your Councillors are here for you

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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)
Lorraine (Q) Squire – Parish Clerk.		(810460)

SCOBBISCOMBE TURKEYS

We still have a few frozen turkeys available from £35. Perfect for a family get-together or an Easter treat.



Please ring 01548 810259.

KINGSTON READING ROOM

The Reading Room Bookings Calendar for MARCH 2023 .

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 1 Mar	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
	● 18:00 9.30pm Bowls cl	● 09:00 -12:30 Morning I ● 18:30 - 10pm KEG Bar	● 08:30 -1.30pm Art Gro ● 18:30 -22:30 Band Prac	● 10:00 -13:30 Yoga clas	● 18:00 - 9.30pm Bowls c	
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This calendar shows the bookings as at the time this newsletter was finalised. You can access the calendar on www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk Click on [Reading Room](#) then [Reading Room Bookings](#)

Kingston Reading Room

Hall Hire charges 2023



- 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 must be booked.
- Commercial events are charged at £7.50 per hour or part hour, including set up and clean up times.
- The charge for sole occupancy of the Reading Room for a full day is by negotiation.
- Hall uses that satisfy the objects of the Reading Room charity trust deed are charged at a subsidised £10 per session. They must be non-profit (and may be subject to financial review) and open to all residents of Kingston Parish, be advertised in the Kingston Newsletter and on Kingston related social media (e.g. KEG Facebook page) as such and be approved by the Management Committee at least one month in advance of the first session.
- Private parties for Kingston Parish residents are charged at a concessionary rate of £10 per session.
- The downstairs meeting room is charged at £5 per session.
- 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 MARCH AND APRIL

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
March 5 th	Sunday Worship	Village Service	Communion	Communion	Village Service
March 12 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (BCP) (8 am) ----- All Age Service	Sunday Worship
March 19 th	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
March 26 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
April 2 nd	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service	Communion	Sunday Worship
April 9 th Easter Day	Communion by Extension	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
April 16 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
April 23 rd	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
April 30 th		Team Communion (10.30 am)			

Mothers, then and now

Soon we will be into Lent, the period of preparation for Easter. For some, Lent is a sort of annual MOT of willpower – giving up, or cutting back on something we like to eat, or do, during the forty days between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday of Holy Week. This is in commemoration of the forty days that Christ fasted in the wilderness which was a time of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual challenge for him in preparation for the start of his earthly ministry.

Half way through the eight weeks of Lent we have Mothering Sunday- this year on 19th March. In the Middle Ages the 4th Sunday of Lent was regarded as a day of respite from fasting and the day when people returned to the church where they had been baptised – their ‘mother church’. By the 16th century it was said that anyone who followed this practice had ‘gone a mothering’. In later times, domestic servants, who usually lived in, were given the day off to go to visit their ‘mother church’ and to see their mothers. They would usually take them flowers from the hedgerows and cakes that had been baked in their master’s kitchen. In modern Britain, Mothering Sunday, which is often called Mothers Day the commercial term which has American links, is the day when children of all ages give cards, gifts or flowers and try to make the day special for their mothers.

Motherhood, like the rest of human life has its paradoxical side, its joys and its sorrows, its problems and its achievements. We see this reflected in the life of Mary, the young woman who had been chosen by God to bear his son Jesus. We can guess that as Mary had responded to God’s call, little did she realise what the future would hold for both of them. Never in her worst nightmares could she have imagined that thirty years later, she would be standing beside a Roman cross watching her son gasp away his life in agony, dying like a criminal for a crime he didn’t commit.

No other mother has had the responsibility of the care of the Saviour of the world thrust upon her, but each mother has the privilege of nurturing a child who one day may be in a position to influence the world around them at work or in their local area or further afield.. Parenthood has never been easy but in our modern society there are even more pressures on both parents and children, so it seems appropriate to have a special day to give thanks for mothers and the love, care and understanding they have shown us over the years, and also to give thanks for grandmothers or other female relatives who had a special relationship with us as we were growing up.

Joyce.



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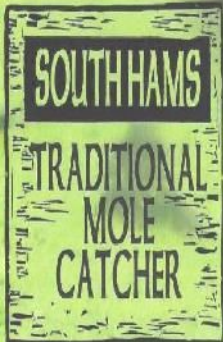
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