# Kingston Parish Newsletter

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TWENTY IS PLENTY

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DOWN THROUGH THE VILLAGE

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YOUR SPEED

The end of an era this month with "Flicks in the Sticks" showing its "Last Ever" film this coming Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March after a successful number of years

There is also much to look forward to with an Arts & Crafts exhibition on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April, the Garden Club on the 19<sup>th</sup> April and History Society on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. Further ahead more popular events are already being arranged – see dates for your diaries and more details within these pages.

After 23 years and 268 issues the time has come to hand over the reigns as editor of this Newsletter. I am delighted to be able to pass the pen to Katherine Harding who will be the editor from now on and all copy for inclusion for the May and future issues should be sent to her please. Katherine's contact details have replaced my own in the heading of this edition.

I took on the role when Gret, who was the original instigator of the Newsletter felt unable to carry on due to bad health at the end of 1999.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as editor and thank everyone in the village for providing me with the information which I have been able to pass on to keep you all appraised of the village activities.

A very special thanks to all current and previous volunteers who have brought all the issues to your letter boxes every month without fail. Thanks also to the Parish Council who sponsor the publication for its support all these years. I am sure you will all continue to support Katherine over the years to come.

Finally a reminder that British Summertime returns next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March so remember to put your clocks forward by 1 hour.



The Friends of St. James the Less fundraiser for our church building and churchyard



## Safari Supper

starting at 7pm on 20th May 2023

£25 per head includes all drinks and a three course meal

All meet at 7pm in the Reading Room for pre-dinner drinks, then split into small groups of 6-8 people and go to a host for your first course, then move on to a different host with some different people for your main course and return to meet up with everyone in the Reading Room for dessert.

### Interested?

Please contact Jacky Coleman-Smith email: <u>jacky.coleman-smith@sky.com</u> tele: 811277

All expressions of interest need to be received by 28th April 2023 please





### PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

### 2023



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

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#### **KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB**

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

6	Annie White	£25
103	Margaret Kelly	£20
32	Sandy Thompson	£20
192	Will Rahder	£10

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



### Golf Course Catering and Bar

### Did you know.....

You don't need to be a member to enjoy our catering and bar facilities. From 10am daily our menu includes breakfasts, snacks, meals and homemade cakes.

If you're a golfer, our course is suited to all abilities and ages, visitors welcome.

We are here for the community

www.bigburygolfclub.co.uk 01548 810557

#### TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA

2023



March 28th	Cynthea/Geoff
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kit/Penny
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette/Margaret
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anne/Elaine
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jacky/Deidre
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pauline/Sally
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ann/John
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sue & Sandy
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gina/Joan
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Joan/Vanessa
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthea/Geoff
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kit/Penny
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette/Margaret

June 20<sup>th</sup> Jeanette/Margaret June 27<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### MOBILE LIBRARY

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

#### 2023

April 25<sup>th</sup>

May 23<sup>rd</sup> June 20<sup>th</sup>
July 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 15<sup>th</sup>
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 10<sup>th</sup>
Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

Copy for May Newsletter by

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April please

All copy to Katherine Harding details in

the heading of the front page please

**Editor** 

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

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

2023

March 25th 7.pm Flicks in the Sticks "Living"

April 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> Kingston Arts & Crafts Exhibition – Reading Room

April 19<sup>th</sup> 2.30 Garden Club in the Reading Room

April 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Kingston History Society Presentation by Bernard Miles "South Dartmoor & South Devon Railways"

May 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm Safari Supper Friends of St James the Less meet in

the Reading Room

May 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12.30 Plant & Produce Sale. St James the Less in aid of

Church funds

June 20<sup>th</sup> Garden Club visit Hestercombe

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Kingston Village Produce Show Reading Room

### Yoga

Classes in Reading Room will recommence in October meanwhile...

Individual and pair sessions available
At home or online
For more info and to check availability
contact Penny
pennyann.mcfarlane@gmail.co
07922173343/01548810306

Reflexology, Facial reflexology, kinesiology and Indian head massage treatments also available

#### KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We are planning to create an exhibition of past Coronation photos and memorabilia to display in the Church over the Coronation weekend in May. If anyone has any photographs, magazines, newspapers, spoons, mugs etc from past coronations and would be willing to lend them for the exhibition, we would be most grateful. Please contact Carol Beard 810500

### THE READING ROOM COMMITTEE VACANCY.

Kingston Reading Room needs you!!

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our friendly group as Secretary. If you feel you would like to get involved in the running of our tremendous village asset, then why not join us.

We're looking for someone to fill the position of secretary within our committee and become a trustee to the Kingston Reading Room.

We want to thank Simon Eatwell for all his amazing work since taking over, but has sadly had to step down from the role because of changing working circumstances.

We have so many exciting things in the pipeline and would invite you to get involved.

For details, please contact either Simon Eatwell (07968 866147 or <a href="mailto:krrsecretary22@gmail.com">krrsecretary22@gmail.com</a>) or myself (07769 200395).

We look forward to hearing from you. Andy Summer Nutting (Chairperson)

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### PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE

Once again we are holding our Plant and Produce Sale in aid of our beautiful village Church. The Sale will be on Saturday, May 27th, 10.30-12.30. in the area below the church ramp. We are calling all gardeners to plant a few extra seeds, bring on cuttings, divide perennials etc to contribute to the plant stall and also we would welcome donations of cakes, biscuits, quiches, tarts and bakes for our cake stall. Refreshments will be in the Reading Room so come and enjoy a bacon roll and coffee/tea while you stock up on plants, cakes and raffle tickets. Details on where to leave plant and cake donations will be in next month's newsletter but any questions please ring Vanessa Walker 810497.

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#### KINGSTON GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be on Wednesday, April 19th at 2.30pm in the Reading Room and anyone with an interest in gardening is most welcome. We hope to plan our events for the year and discuss how our own gardens are developing. It is always helpful to share gardening tips and be able to discuss problems and ask questions with a group of like minded gardeners. If anyone has surplus seeds or young plants, please bring them along to share. As usual we will have tea/coffee and cake to aid our discussions.

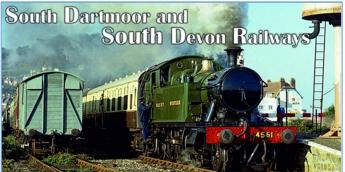
### Tuesday Craft Afternoon 1pm - 3pm

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







### A Presentation by Bernard Miles Devon Railway Historian



### Thursday 27th April Kingston Reading Room

Wine and Refreshments 7pm Presentation 7:30pm Non-members £5. Free to those in full time education.

Kingston Local History Society



### 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.

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### 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 and such a change will be noted in the church calendar at the back of the newsletters and in this edition, please see information on our Easter service.

EASTER DAY, 9th April - there will be service of Holy Communion at 9:30 am, led by Revd. Neil Barker.

Sunday, 16th April, our regular monthly service of Holy Communion at 11:00 am will be led by our Mission community guest, Revd. Phil Cairns, Curate at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth

Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a Team service of Holy Communion in our church at 6:30 pm, followed by refreshments. Please join us as we commemorate the Last Supper of Christ before his crucifixion on Good Friday.

Around 50 folks supported our thoroughly enjoyable Soup of the Day fundraiser for the Kingsbridge Food Bank on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. They gathered in the Reading Room for delicious soup (an amazing choice of half a dozen different kinds to choose from) as well as apple crumble. A hamper full of tins and dry goods was collected as well as voluntary cash donations amounting to £325. Thank you very much for your generosity in supporting this much needed local food bank.

A service of Holy Communion, led by Revd. Matt Rowland was held on Mothering Sunday, 19th March. Posies were given to bell ringers, congregation and others in the village.

As April 30<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – there will be no service in Kingston on that day and the Team Service will take place at St Lawrence's Church, Bigbury at 10:30 am.

All are invited! One of the offerings over Coronation Weekend in the village will be a special Songs of Praise service, led by Revd. Matt Rowland. It will take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6:00 pm in the church. Do you perhaps have a celebratory hymn you would like to be considered? Contact Deirdre <u>britmaf@btinternet.com</u>

We will compile a list of the titles put forward, and the most popular will be sung on this special day. And afterwards? Join us outside the church for nibbles and a glass of Pimm's!

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 on **27**th **May**. More details to come in the May newsletter.

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. Please see details of an upcoming event elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. 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. bja6devon@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 LATE MARCH, AND APRIL

Sunday, 26th March 9:30 am Morning Prayer with Michael Tagent

(Please note: British Summer time begins - clocks forward!)

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9:30 am Village Service led by Deirdre Seeley

Maundy Thursday, 6th April a 6:00 pm - Team service of **Holy Communion in Kingston** 

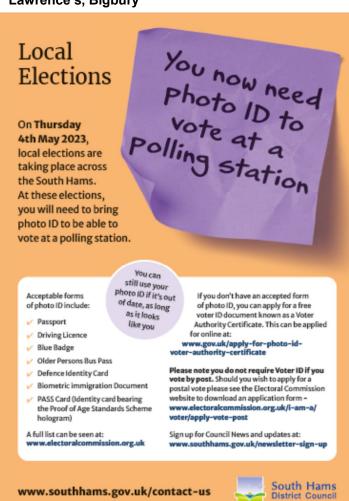
Sunday, 9th April EASTER DAY 9:30 am Holy Communion led by Revd. Neil Barker

Saturday, 15th April 3:00pm Wedding

Sunday, 16th April 11:00 am Holy Communion led by Revd. Phil Cairns

Sunday, 23rd April 9:30 am Morning Prayer led by Gil Snook

Sunday, 30th April 10:30 am - Team service in St Lawrence's, Bigbury



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### THE 2023 KINGSTON ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION



It's now only two weeks before the Exhibition and preparations are now well in hand for a great turnout - of both exhibits and viewers. As things stand nearly 10% of the village will be putting something on display! This is a real testament to the vitality and crafting skills of our community.

We believe that the craft side of this exhibition will be a revelation in showing the variety, ingenuity and determination of many among us to 'make something' - Not just anything but often future family heirlooms. This is what we're so keen to celebrate and share.

So, why not come to the Reading Room either on Saturday the 15th. April (the weekend after Easter) between 2-6pm. or Sunday 16th. from 10am to 4pm.

Everyone welcome and light refreshments will be available to enjoy with your viewing.

You don't need to be a devotee of Arts and Crafts to enjoy the exhibits and you'll know many of the exhibitors, but not perhaps their secret skills. Already on the cards are Fabric and Textile crafts, Papercraft, Sculpture, Ceramics and Pottery, Wood turning and Woodwork and we're hoping for others – perhaps leather craft or basketry? There will, of course, also be lots of Art.

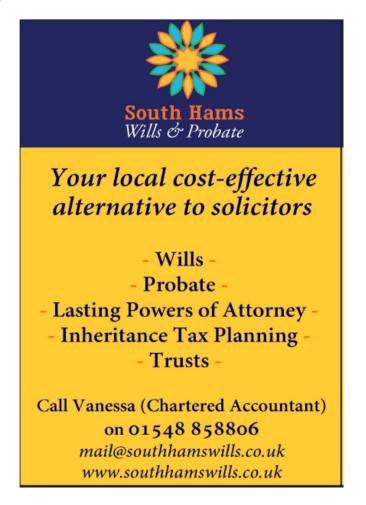
**Exhibitors:** If you're still deciding about putting something on display - don't be shy, it's your items that are on display - Not you! There is still time to enter, no qualifications, virtually no rules - just that items must fall into the Arts and Crafts arena, be safe and appropriate to display, be your own work and preferably not displayed before. Art should be

mounted or framed if not a canvas. Let us know before-hand but bring exhibits along to the Reading Room before 11am on the morning of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. April and we'll do the rest.

#### Contact either:

Jenny Kinder 810750 or Jim Dewar 830748 and we'll be happy to assist.







**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:

17<sup>th</sup> March Jon Wakeling 24<sup>th</sup> March Sally Denham

3<sup>rd</sup> April Peter Dowling

10<sup>th</sup> April Simon Matson-Thomas

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

Annual Parish Assembly – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm in the Reading Room. All parishioners are welcome at the Annual Parish Assembly at 7pm in the Reading Room. It will be followed by:

### Next Kingston Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in the Reading Room.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. 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 13<sup>th</sup> April. Public are welcome to join the Open Forum which is held at the beginning of each KPC meeting for any questions you may have.

Elections – Requirement for Photo ID. If you wish to participate in the forthcoming elections and vote you need to register by 11:59 pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. If voting in person, you will need to bring photo ID – this can be any out of your passport, driving licence, European Economic Area photographic ID card, UK biometric residence permit, blue badge or concessionary travel pass funded by the government or local authority. If you do not have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate from the Electoral Registration Officer on <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate">https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate</a>.

**Parish Newsletter**. KPC would like to reiterate their huge thanks to David Carter for editing and producing this newsletter for so many years. Thank you also to Katherine Harding who has stepped forward to take this task on.

Changes to the Weekly Bus Service. From the beginning of April, Kingston's weekly bus service will change from a bus to and from Plymouth on a Friday to a bus to and from Ivybridge and Lee Mill Tesco on a Tuesday. The bus will pick up at Kingston Fire Station at 1013, arriving Modbury Post Office 1030, Ivybridge Town Hall at 1050 and Lee Mill Tesco at 1100. The return journey will depart from Lee Mill Tesco at 1225, Ivybridge Town Hall at 1235, Modbury Post Office at 1255 and arrive at Kingston Fire Station at 1312.

A379 Daytime Road Closure. Please note that the A379 will be closed between Ashford Cross and Aveton Gifford between 8am and 6pm from 24 Apr to 5 May.

<u>Sources of Information</u>. 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.

### 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)

### KINGSTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

19TH AUGUST 2023



### Kingston Produce, Arts and Craft Show

The Kingston produce show is scheduled for 19th August in 2023.

We expect the classes to be similar to last year but are happy to receive your suggestions and to change the programme if appropriate.

The organising committee has held its initial meeting and we will publish a complete programme in the spring.

The highly successful Judges Lunch will be repeated

You can assume that produce, art, cooking and craft will be included in senior and junior classes.

There is still time to plan your crops for the show we can only hope for better growing weather.

Updates to follow.

Colin and Janet Burton (Dolphin Lodge)
ProduceinKingston@btinternet.com

### KINGSTON READING ROOM

The Reading Room Bookings Calendar for APRIL 2023.

SUN 26	MON 27 • 18:00 9.30pm Bowls club	TUE 28 09:00 -12:30 Morning Mar 18:30 - 10pm KEG Band P	WED 29 08:30 -1.30pm Art Group	ТНU 30	FRI 31 = 18:00 - 9.30pm Bowls club	SAT 1 Apr
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30	1 May 18:00 9.30pm Bowls club	2 09:00 -12:30 Morning Mar 13:00 -3pm Craft Group 18:30 - 10pm KEG Band P	3 08:30 - Art Group	4 06:15 - 1030pm Elections	5 18:00 - 9.30pm Bowls club	6 18:00 -7pm Saga Disco Fit

This calendar shows the bookings as at the time this newsletter was finalised. You can access the calendar on <a href="https://www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk">www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk</a> Click on <a href="https://www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk">Reading Room</a> then <a href="https://www.kingstonparishcounci

### **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 APRIL AND MAY

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service	Communion	Sunday Worship
April 9 <sup>th</sup> Easter Day	Communion by Extension	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
April 30 <sup>th</sup>		Team Communion (10.30 am)			
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	King's Coronation Service (4pm) (Reading Room)	King's Coronation Service	"Sing for the King" (6 pm)	May Fair Service	King's Coronation Service
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (BCP) (8 am)  All Age Service	Sunday Worship
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion

### **Easter Joy**

Many people are depressed and troubled at this time. We live in an age of turmoil, with war looming and conflicts in many parts of the world. Atheism and secularism are increasing, and many are suffering from the sharply rising cost of living. Others have personal concerns: broken family relationships, sickness, fears from climate change, and so on.

Jesus invites us to look away from our worries and to fix attention on him. He invites the weary to come to him and find rest. He himself knew what it was like to be troubled, and went on to bear the sins of the whole world, as he died in agony on the cross that first Good Friday.

But the story doesn't end there. The glorious celebration of Easter, with the resurrection of Jesus Christ, reminds us of the new life we have in him. As we turn to him, we are encouraged to persevere through our difficulties, confident that he will give us the strength to overcome. We may be tempted to envy those early Christians who saw the risen Christ with their own eyes. Yet in our hearts we can focus our thoughts on him, and as we do so we will feel our troubles recede and God's peace overwhelm us

The storms of life may rage around us, but no matter how great the turmoil, Jesus will not abandon us. He stands alongside us to guide us through life's crises, and fills all who trust him with hope and joy for the future. And the best is yet to come, as we see face to face in heaven the Jesus whom St Thomas rightly proclaimed as "my Lord and my God".

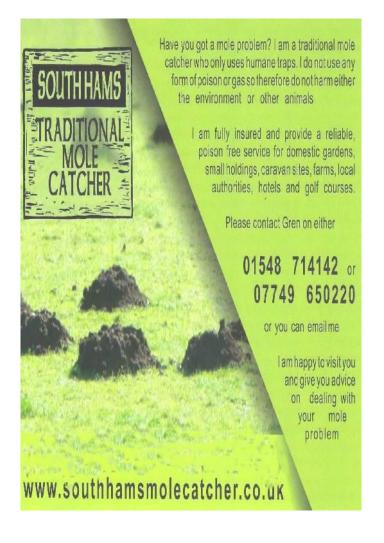
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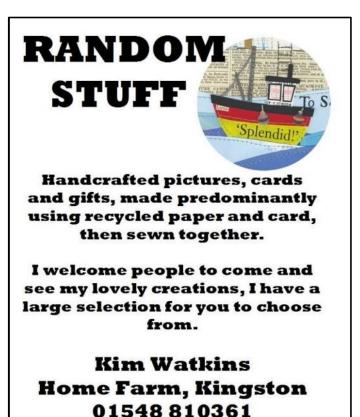
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Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)
Readers: Joyce Howitt (07929 117397), Gil Snook (07563 663410), Michael Tagent (810520)
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