

# KINGSTON PARISH

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## November 2023

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### Number 474

Welcome to the November edition of the Newsletter.

The Caribbean comes to Kingston Reading Rooms in November, bringing some much-needed sun to the village. It looks like it'll be a great evening – *see you there!*

And, as if you needed reminding, Christmas is coming and there are lots of festive events taking place this month and into December. See 'Dates for your Diary' and the advertisements inside.

A Casual Vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor. This is a rewarding and vital role for the community. If you have the time, energy and commitment, see the notice inside and the details on the KPC page.

*Katherine*

### KINGSTON CARIBBEAN NIGHT Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 5pm til late

Come and enjoy our warm evening with  
Music, Food, Sun, Sea and, yes, SAND!

The whole village is welcome - children from 5pm;  
Adult's entertainments start at 7.30pm

Fish dishes, jerk chicken, pasta, salad, veggie  
options etc.

Rum punch, cocktails, guest beer, wines, soft drinks.

Music, 5 card stud poker, limbo dancing.

Entrance Fee: Over 16s - £8. Children are free.

All drinks just £4 and soft drinks are free.

Contact Phil for more info - [phil.a46@yahoo.com](mailto:phil.a46@yahoo.com)

☺ COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN IN THE SUN ☺

#### DON'T FORGET –

- British Summer Time is nearly over - the clocks go back on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.
- A final plea inside for new 200 Club Members.
- Start your Christmas shopping at our Craft Fair! November 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> in the Reading Rooms.
- History Society talk on Lady Shelley – 23<sup>rd</sup> November. See advert for more information.

**PARISH CHURCH  
FLOWER ROTA**



**2023**

Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Kelly
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Walters
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Thomas
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Vanessa Walker
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas - ALL

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**KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB**

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

186	John Emberson	£25
134	Deirdre Seeley	£20
185	Lorna Watkins	£20
46	Sally Denham	£10

Owen & Elaine Roberts -  
[owenroberts10@hotmail.com](mailto:owenroberts10@hotmail.com)  
01548 810968 / 07910 111471

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**KINGSTON READING ROOM UPDATE**

Many thanks for those of you who responded to the survey. We received 75 responses which, for the size of the village, is a good number.

The overall sentiment from the survey was that development of the Reading Room would be positively received by the village. So, we are now moving on to the next steps - applying for funding and scoping out the building works.

We also received some great ideas for groups / activities and others uses for the Reading Room which we will look into in more detail and, regardless of whether we obtain the funding to do the redevelopment works, would be good to see if we can set up.

Our intention is to keep you fully informed as we move through the various stages of this project so watch this space!

*If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact Juliet at:*  
[KRRSecretary22@gmail.com](mailto:KRRSecretary22@gmail.com)

**TUESDAY MARKET  
TEA/COFFEE ROTA**



**2023**

October 31st	Kit/Penny
November 7th	Jeanette/Margaret
November 14th	Anne/Elaine
November 21st	Jacky/Deidre
November 28th	Pauline/Sally
December 5th	Ann/John
December 12th	Sue/Sandy (last of the year)

**2024**

January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Joan/Vanessa (first of the year)
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia/Geoff

**TUESDAY MORNING MARKET  
KINGSTON READING ROOM**

***EVERY TUESDAY from 10am to 12 noon***

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 and the corner shop table.

Organic soaps and creams, chutney & jams, haberdashery, crafted gifts, books (50p), woodwork, cards and much more!

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

Just call me if you would like to help out on the tea rota or if you need picking up.

**Tina - 07796 975291**

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**MOBILE LIBRARY**

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

**2023**

Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>
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**All copy for December Newsletter by:**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November please to**  
**Katherine Harding.**  
***Thank you!***

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

(Also see Parish Website for further details)

Morning Market - every Tuesday 10 am til noon

### 2023

- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Defibrillator Training – Reading Room  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night – Dolphin Inn  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Craft Fair – 11 to 4pm in the  
& 12<sup>th</sup> Reading Room  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service – War Memorial  
at 10.50am  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Night - Reading Room  
Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Festive Coffee Morning – Reading Room  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Nativity Party – Reading Room  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Carols around the Village. 6pm meet at  
the Fire Station  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Village Carol Service. 6pm at the Church

## Yoga Classes

Kingston Reading Room

Gentle 10 – 11.15am

Fitness Flow 11.30 – 12.45pm

Thursday Blocks of 5 sessions - £30

Drop In - £10

Starting Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> & Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

For more info and to check availability,  
contact Penny on  
[pennyann.mcfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:pennyann.mcfarlane@gmail.com)

07922173343/01548810306

Reflexology, kinesiology, yoga therapy  
and Indian head massage treatments  
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## TUESDAY CRAFT AFTERNOONS

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!

*Just £2 a session.*

Karen 07919947859 / Tina 07796975291

## Festive Coffee Morning



Santa on his way  
at 10-ish

Raffle for  
Christmas Hamper\*

Cake Stall



\*Donations Welcome  
2023



Christmas Gifts



Tea, coffee  
mince pies, squash



## Kingston Reading Room

Come and enjoy the fun and have a cuppa  
while you're with us !

Saturday, November 25th  
10:30 to 12:00

Children's  
Craft  
Corner

\*Proceeds to benefit church funds. Thank you

## READING ROOM 200 CLUB

The 200 Club raises funds for the Kingston Reading Room, while offering subscribers the chance to win cash prizes in return for an annual stake of £10. A draw takes place on the first Tuesday of each month, for prizes currently ranging from £25 to £10 (the number and value of prizes is dependent on the number of tickets sold).

*New members would be very welcome!*

Any queries should be directed to:

Owen & Elaine Roberts  
1 Overlangs  
[owenroberts10@hotmail.com](mailto:owenroberts10@hotmail.com)  
[elaineroberts10@hotmail.com](mailto:elaineroberts10@hotmail.com)  
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## SHORT MAT BOWLS



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7pm for 7.15 start

In the Reading Room

New Members Welcome. If you have never played before, come along and give it a try, but please phone David 07768922104 or Adrian 01548 830209

## DAFFODIL HOUSE APPEAL

Once again we are organising an appeal at Christmas for Daffodil House, the Women's Refuge in Plymouth.

This is the only residential refuge in the city for women and their babies where they can feel safe and have the care and support they need. We are asking for the following items to be brought to my house (West View) by Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> and then they will be taken to Daffodil House during that week:

- Nappies 0-6 months
- New or nearly new baby clothes 0-6 months
- Baby wet wipes and nappy bags
- Baby muslin cloths
- Soft, sensory books for babies
- Chocolates, biscuits and toiletries for the Mums

If it helps, I can collect - just ring 810497.

The Refuge was so grateful for all your kind donations last year and said that they brought a great deal of Christmas cheer to everyone.

*Thank you so much!*

Vanessa Walker and the Church Events Committee



## Kingston Parish Council

### Local Government Act 1972 Section 87(2)

## CASUAL VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the Kingston Parish Council.

Unless ten or more electors of the Kingston Parish, on or before the Wednesday 15th November 2023, submit a request in writing for an election to be held, the Parish Council will take steps to fill the vacancy by co-option.

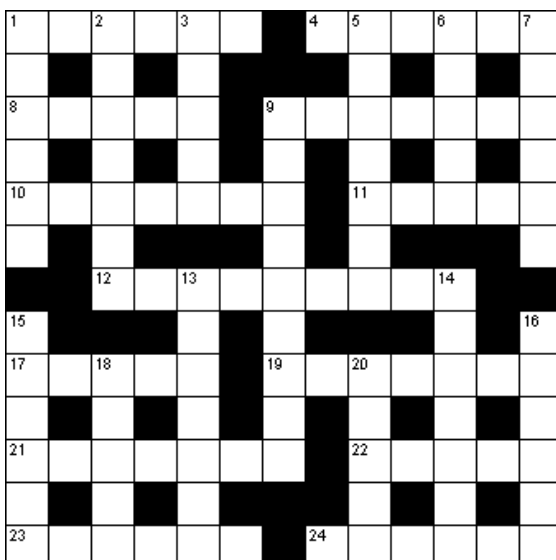
Requests must be sent to the Proper Officer, South Hams District Council, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NE. Where ten valid requests for a by-election are received by the Proper Officer, the Election will be held on a day appointed by the Returning Officer, falling within the period of 60 days (so computed) beginning with the day on which public notice of the vacancy was given.

Any Election that is in due course called will be duly publicised as required by law.

Signed:

Lorraine Squire  
Parish Clerk  
27th October 2023

## NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 Be adamant (6)
- 4 Rove (6)
- 8 Male duck (5)
- 9 Breed of cat (7)
- 10 Swiss cheese with small holes (7)
- 11 Awry (5)
- 12 Genuine (9)
- 17 Belly button (5)
- 19 Fiasco (7)
- 21 Relieved, assuaged (7)
- 22 First sign of the zodiac (5)
- 23 Fire-breathing monster (6)
- 24 Cosily (6)

### Down

- 1 Violet blue dye (6)
- 2 Broad-bladed kitchen implement (7)
- 3 Root vegetable (5)
- 5 Side by side (7)
- 6 Beverage (5)
- 7 Fame (6)
- 9 Feigned (9)
- 13 Fox-hunting cry (5-2)
- 14 Riding a bike (7)
- 15 Away from the coast (6)
- 16 Liverpool's river (6)
- 18 Pancho \_\_\_\_, Mexican revolutionary leader (5)
- 20 Muscular strength (5)

# NOVEMBER 2023 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 and Hymns 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. Occasionally there will be a second Communion service celebrated on any of the other Sundays. See notes each month for details. Where Village Service (or Lay Led 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 which is the case this month. 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.

We give our thanks to guest speaker, Sir James Burnell-Nugent who joined us at our morning service on 1st October and gave an interesting talk on the subject of SAVE OUR CHURCH – a nationwide campaign to keep our village churches and rectories viable in the 21st century. Please see separate piece in this month's Newsletter.

Our Kingston Village Harvest Festival weekend was a great success. On Saturday 14th October 43 people sat down to a sumptuous Harvest Supper feast. Proceeds from the event benefited Shekinah Mission in Plymouth as well as our Village Church. The Harvest Festival service on Sunday was well attended in the beautifully decorated church where we sang hymns and said prayers for the season, all led by Revd. Matt Rowland. It was a lovely weekend. Thanks to everyone who donated dry goods. These were delivered to the Kingsbridge Food Bank by Vanessa and Guy. Thank you both.

There is a Men's Breakfast at the Modbury Inn on Saturday, 4th November at 9:00 am when the guest speaker will be the retired Bishop of Plymouth, Nick McKinnel, The High Sheriff of Devon. His subject will be Justice and Mercy in Devon. To book your place to hear this interesting topic and for the delicious Full English Breakfast (£10) please book with Simon Franklin 01548 830071 or email him at [safranklin@btinternet.com](mailto:safranklin@btinternet.com)

Please note, that an extra service of Holy Communion will take place in our church on Sunday, November 5th at 9:30 am led by Revd. Simon Franklin.

Remembrance Day is Saturday, 11th November. Please gather at the War Memorial at 10:50am as we remember those who have lost their lives in the service of their country and this village. There will be a Remembrance service on Sunday 12th November in Bigbury Church at 10:50am but no service that day in Kingston.

Christmas is not far off and neither is our Festive Coffee Morning which will be held in the Reading Room on Saturday, 25th November from 10:30-12:00! There will be plenty for everyone to enjoy as well as tea, coffee, cakes, mince pies to refresh us, a raffle, gift table, children's art corner and, of course, Father Christmas will be paying us a visit! Donations of cakes and gifts (all ages) are requested and very welcome. Please deliver cakes on the day and any gift to Vanessa at Westview – 810497 or email [vjwalker5@gmail.com](mailto:vjwalker5@gmail.com)

Please consider becoming a Friend of our church of St James the Less, Kingston. 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. Our Friends Christmas Dinner, for example, will be held on December 7th. Don Kelly will be delighted to give you further details on how to join the Friends and how your participation will help us all. His email is [donaldkelly8@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:bja6devon@gmail.com) and **Robert Beard**, 810500, [r.beard@scobbiscombe.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.modburyteam.org)

## DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2023

1st November 7:30pm PCC Meeting at Scobbiscombe  
4th November 9:00am Men's Breakfast - Modbury Inn  
5th November 9:30 am All Saints Sunday - Holy Communion led by Revd. Simon Franklin  
11th November 10:50am War Memorial Remembrance  
12th November 10:50am Team Remembrance service in Bigbury (NO SERVICE IN KINGSTON)  
19th November 11:00am Holy Communion, led by Revd. Neil Barker  
25th November 10:30-12:00 Festive Coffee Morning, Reading Room  
26th November – Christ the King Sunday – Morning Worship with Michael Tagent

## The Dolphin Inn

\* Good Beer \* Good Food \* Good Music \*  
\* Good Times \*



**FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS ARE BACK!**  
*Eat in or Take away*

**SUNDAY ROAST 12 – 4pm**  
*Booking advisable*

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
*(Pop in and see us to book a table)*

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**



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## RANDOM STUFF

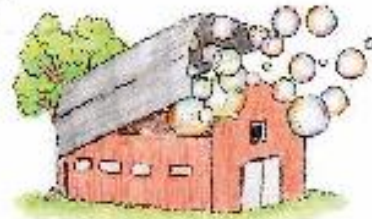


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## TREKKING TOADS & FRISKY FROGS

So it isn't just hedgehogs we need to look out for at the moment. Frogs and Toads are on the move to return to the pond where they were spawned, to hibernate for the winter.

They travel under darkness especially on wet evenings and sadly tonight the road from Sevenstones was littered with dead bodies, often larger individuals of 3 and 4 years old - the adults who will provide the next generations.

Some frogs hop out of the way but toads crawl very slowly in the cold weather and these are the majority of the casualties.

**Please slow down and avoid killing them** or, like me, travel with a container to scoop them up and help them on their way into the next available gateway - on the side of the road in the direction they were travelling...

Alison Lewis

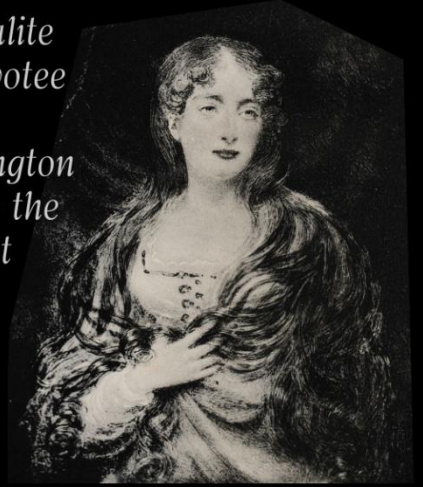


Kingston Local History Society

## The Remarkable Lady Shelley

*Diarist, Socialite  
Traveller, Devotee  
of the  
Duke of Wellington  
and Visitor to the  
South West*

A Talk by  
Clive Charlton



**Kingston Reading Room  
Thursday 23rd November  
2023**

Wine and nibbles 7pm

Talk at 7:30pm

Non-members - £5 Free to those in full-time education

2023



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**CAROLS ROUND THE VILLAGE**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December



Carols Round The Village will take place this year on Friday December 15th. We will meet at the Fire Station at 6pm, sing around the village and finish at the Dolphin at about 8pm. We will be collecting for Action for Children so please come and join us with torches and warm clothes. I will provide the carol sheets.

Many thanks, Vanessa

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## DO YOU LOVE TO SING?



If so, why not come and join our special 'pop up' village choir and lead the congregation at our Christmas Carol Service at 6pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. All voice parts are very welcome.

We plan on having 3 or 4 rehearsals before the service, but it doesn't matter if you can't make them all!

For more information, call Deirdre on 810445 or email [britmaf@btinternet.com](mailto:britmaf@btinternet.com)

## CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PARTY

Dear Children,

We would like to invite you to a Nativity Party in the Reading Room on Saturday December 9th from 10.30-12.00.

You can come ready dressed as any character in the Nativity story or we will have plenty of costumes on the day for you to wear. We will act out the Nativity story and then enjoy some festive activities and delicious party food.

Please bring your families to watch our little workshop play. Looking forward to seeing you!

Vanessa Walker and the Church Events Committee.  
(For any more information please contact me on 810497 or [vjwalker5@gmail.com](mailto:vjwalker5@gmail.com))

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Remembrance Sunday  
**SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER**  
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May Crimp (01548 842361)  
Jenny Kinder (01548 810750)  
and all Choir members



## Kingston Christmas Craft Fair

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**11:00 - 16:00**  
**Kingston Reading  
Room**

**Please come and  
support your local  
artists and craft  
makers and shop  
locally for Christmas.**





**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](mailto:kingstonclerk@gmail.com)).

**Recreation Ground Monitoring Team:**

Thank you from KPC. Weeks ahead are:

6th November	Colin Burton	4th December	Sue Green
13th November	Peter Dowling	11th December	Debbie Shotter
20th November	Simon Matson-Thomas	18th December	Sally Denham

We are still 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:** The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The Agenda will be placed on the Parish Website no later than 9th November. Public are welcome to join the Open Forum which is held at the beginning of each KPC meeting for any questions you may have.

**Councillor Steps Down creating a Casual Vacancy:** Cllr Heather Summer-Nutting is stepping down from Kingston Parish Council; we are sincerely grateful for all of her support and enthusiasm for the parish of Kingston. To replace Cllr Summer-Nutting, KPC are advertising the Casual Vacancy position. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Lorraine Squire (Q) by e-mail: [kingstonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonclerk@gmail.com)

**Refuse and Recycling:**

**Forthcoming Changes to the Refuse & Recycling Service:** SHDC now anticipate rolling out the full kerbside service to Kingston within the next few weeks – although exact date is still to be confirmed.

**Container Deliveries:** For those parishioners who have still been using the clear and blue recycling sacks, you should now have received your new containers comprising: 2x recycling boxes with lids; a white recycling sack; a kerbside food waste caddy; a smaller food waste caddy for your kitchen and an information pack explaining how to use it all. If you have not received your containers, please order them at: <https://waste.southhams.gov.uk/containerorder>.

**Food Waste Caddies:** For all parishioners who did receive their new containers in 2021, SHDC understand that you may have misplaced or re-purposed them. If you now need new food caddies ahead of the full kerbside service starting, please order them at: <https://waste.southhams.gov.uk/containerorder>.

If you need assistance or have any problems with the waste and recycling services, please contact Cllr Suzannah Grant on [sgrantkpc@gmail.com](mailto:sgrantkpc@gmail.com) or 01548 810013.

**SHDC Consultation – Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) Dog Control:** SHDC are consulting on reviewing their Dog Control PSPOs. PSPOs can be used to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific area that is having a detrimental effect on the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which will apply to everyone. Fixed penalty notices up to £100 can be issued to those who do not follow the Orders. The current PSPOs are due to expire in March 2024 and thus SHDC are consulting to see whether the current ones should be extended or any additional areas should be included. Offences SHDC are currently looking to extend are: failure to pick up after a dog (dog fouling); requiring dogs to be on leads and dog exclusion areas. The consultation is open until 14<sup>th</sup> November and anyone can give their views. It can be accessed via: <https://shdc-dogcontrol.commonplace.is/>

**Saving Energy:** Devon Communities Together (DCT) are offering 1-2-1 advice on saving energy and mitigating the impact of energy costs. This includes: how to access financial or wellbeing support; understanding fuel poverty; the energy market and energy costs; how to use energy effectively in the home; keeping warm; supplier services for vulnerable customers; smart meters; Devon oil collective and green energy. For a confidential chat you can contact DCT's Energy Champion, Martin Rich on: 01392 248989, 07984 001542 or [martin@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:martin@devoncommunities.org.uk)

**Council Tax Reduction Scheme:** SHDC review the Council Tax Reduction Scheme every year and are now keen to hear your views on 2 proposed changes for 2024-25. The first change sees more support for self-employed residents trying to grow their own business; the second aims to help ease financial pressures for residents with a disability or health condition affecting how much they can work. You can have your say via: <https://counciltaxreductionsouthhams.commonplace.is> until 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**Wild About The Erme River (WATER):** WATER is a proactive local group which has been set up to help improve the quality of the Erme estuary, especially the water quality and natural environment. They organise a number of hands-on activities, including regular river cleans. You can sign up for their regular newsletters at: [Wild About The Erme River \(list-manage.com\)](http://WildAboutTheErmeRiver(list-manage.com))

**Street Furniture:** Cllr Suzannah Grant is the councillor responsible for the maintenance of street furniture in the village. However, as she lives out of the village centre, she may not see any emerging problems immediately – if you spot something that requires attention, please help her by contacting her on [sgrantkpc@gmail.com](mailto:sgrantkpc@gmail.com) or 01548 810013.

**Winter Visibility:** With the clocks going back at the end of October, it is now dark increasingly soon after 5pm. If you are around the village in the dark, please **be bright, be light, be seen at night.**

**Sources of Information:** Kingston Parish Council website: [www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://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](mailto:burlockcouncil@gmail.com). If you are on Facebook, the Kingston Events Group (KEG) and Charterlands Chatter pages are also well worth joining.

**Neighbourhood Police:** For non-emergency police matters, contact the **Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team** on 01548 851058 or email [kingsbridge@devonandcornwall.police.uk](mailto:kingsbridge@devonandcornwall.police.uk)

**Your Councillors are here for you:**

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Don Kelly 810358	Joel Wakeling 07546 511578	
Suzannah Grant 810013	Lorraine (Q) Squire (Clerk)	

**Humanitarian Support for Ukraine**

Two more Convoys of Aid will be heading to the Ukrainian border before Xmas. I hope to go as a co driver in December if I can raise enough funds to help pay for van hire, ferry and fuel.

Mum and I continue to collect Aid and welcome any donations on the list or financial contribution to get the aid to where it needs to be.

Please see website -

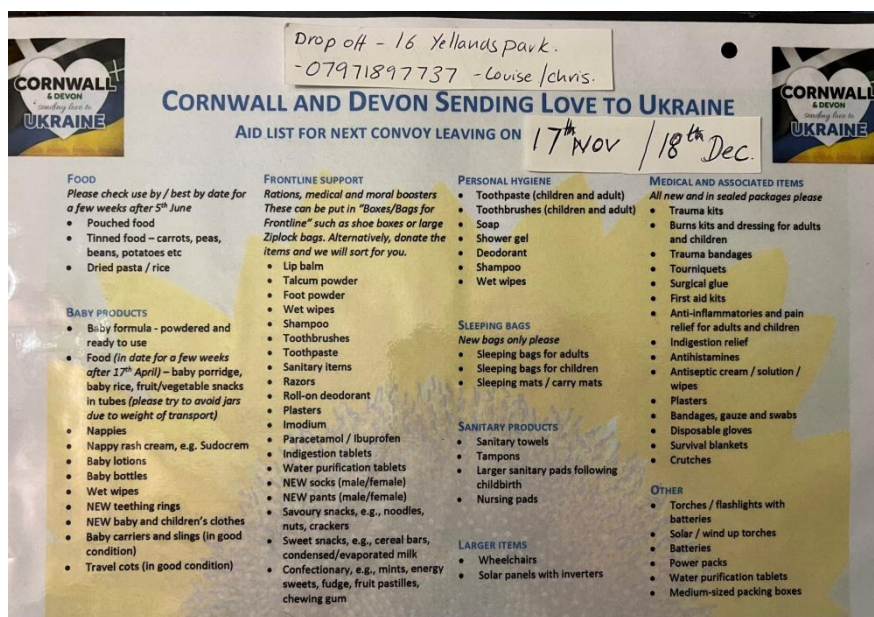
<https://sendinglovetoukraine.org>

My brother has a gofundme me page with fundraising info -

<https://gofund.me/6be1b7d7>

Please feel free to contact me if you want more details. Many thanks.

Louise McEvoy, 16 Yellands Park, Kingston. Tel: 07971897737 Email: [Louise.mcevoy@rocketmail.com](mailto:Louise.mcevoy@rocketmail.com)



# KINGSTON READING ROOM BOOKINGS

October 2023 - December 2023		November 2023							December 2023									
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18:00 - 9.30pm Bowls Club	09:00 -12:30 Morning Market 18:30 - 10pm KEG Band Practice								10:00 -1pm Yoga Class	18:00 - 9.30pm Bowls Club								10:00 -12.30pm Panto Rehearsal
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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](http://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](mailto:kingstonreadingroom@gmail.com)

## SAVE OUR PARISH CHURCHES

*On October 1st Sir James Burnell-Nugent spoke at our church service to emphasise the importance of saving our rural parish churches. The following is a note provided by him to explain the present situation.*

### **Does the Nation Need to 'Save The Parish'?**

A national campaign was founded in 2021 by Father Marcus Walker when it was recognised the Church of England was determinedly reducing clergy and other resources from parishes, especially small or rural ones. The purpose of the campaign is to persuade leaders in the Church of England that its greatest treasure is the parish system and it needs the necessary resources to flourish. You might be shocked that this campaign is necessary at all! The campaign is being fought through all forms of media, in the General Synod of the Church of England, at grass roots level in hundreds of parishes, and in Parliament.

### **Why is a campaign needed?**

The essence of Anglicanism is best summarised in John 10 :14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." This is the parish system – the shepherd (or priest) living amongst the sheep (parishioners) and them knowing each other. The priest exercises pastoral care and church leadership. The other key feature of the Anglican Church and its parishes is place. The vicar is the vicar of a place. People live in that place and go to church in that place. They may move, but they are baptised, married and have a funeral in a place (as of a right). Jesus told parables, performed miracles, was born and crucified in places that are known to us – Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. The parish is a place, a parson and the people. All inextricably linked.

Several dioceses wish to cast this aside and move to a new model of so called Oversight Ministry. An oversight minister is more akin to an area manager. Or to stick with the sheep analogy – more like a farm manager than a shepherd. The first oversight minister in Truro Diocese covers the whole Lizard Peninsula of 23 parishes. She has only one ordained assistant priest, who operates outside the parish system and does not work at weekends! A similar programme is being rolled out in Leicester Diocese, where they were promised 2-3 clergy for every 12 parishes in Minster Communities. The first one has been announced and has 33 churches with just one priest. At least 6 other dioceses are following suit.

The main reason we are given for why dioceses are doing this is because of a lack of money to pay clergy. Well, they seem to have plenty of money to pay people in head office! In Truro Diocese there is one person behind a desk for every 2 vicars and yet clergy have been cut from 84 to 50 in recent years. In Leicester Diocese there are over 150 people in 'head office'.

We have a fight on our hands to save the proven 1000 year old parish system and its churches. There is a clear sequence to their plans – lose your vicar – lose your congregation – lose donations - lose your PCC – lose your church. Please don't fall for it.

James Burnell-Nugent

[www.savetheparish.com](http://www.savetheparish.com)



**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

	<b>Aveton Gifford 11.00 am</b>	<b>Bigbury 11.00 am</b>	<b>Kingston 9.30 am</b>	<b>Modbury 9.30 am</b>	<b>Ringmore 9.30 am</b>
<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Worship	Village Service	Communion	Communion	Village Service
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Remembrance (10.50 am)	Remembrance (10.50 am)		Communion (BCP) (8 am) Remembrance (10 am)	
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
<b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Communion
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Worship	Baptism (followed by short Communion)	Sunday Worship	Communion (BCP) (8 am) All Age Service	Sunday Worship
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	All Age Carol Service (4 pm)	Carol Service	Communion (11 am)	Carol Service (6.30 pm)	Sunday Worship
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Christmas Communion	Communion (10 pm)		Family Nativity (4 pm) Communion (11.30 pm)	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Christmas Communion	Christmas Praise (10.30 am)	Christmas Communion (10 am)	Christmas Praise (10 am)	Christmas Communion
<b>December 31<sup>st</sup></b>			Team Communion (10.30 am)		

**‘We will remember them’**

November is the month for remembrance, as we remember on the 5<sup>th</sup> Bonfire Night and on the second Sunday Remembrance Sunday.

Before I was a vicar, I was a history teacher in a secondary school just outside of Bristol. The best lessons happened when the past became something that could be experienced in the moment. I remember one pupil bringing in a shell case from WW1 that a French farmer had dug up while ploughing his fields just as they were walking by. In that lesson we were able to handle not just history books but actual history.

I took a group of A Level students to Berlin while they were studying the holocaust and we walked around a villa in the Berlin suburb of Wannsee where many historians believe the Final Solution was planned at a conference in 1941. The past became very close standing in the same rooms where those terrible decisions had been made.

The events that Christianity is founded upon can seem very distant. Yet what makes those events so powerful is that they can be experienced in the moment. What is that experience? A joyful expectation of the future based on true events of the past which changes everything about my present. It is a hope worth exploring.

Michael Tagent

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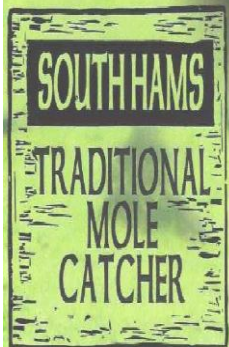


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