

KINGSTON PARISH

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THROUGH THE
VILLAGE

NEWS

February 2024

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Number 477

So we blinked, Christmas came and went and the New Year is well underway...

Traditionally a quiet time in the village, but we still have a few things going on to keep you busy – see inside for details...

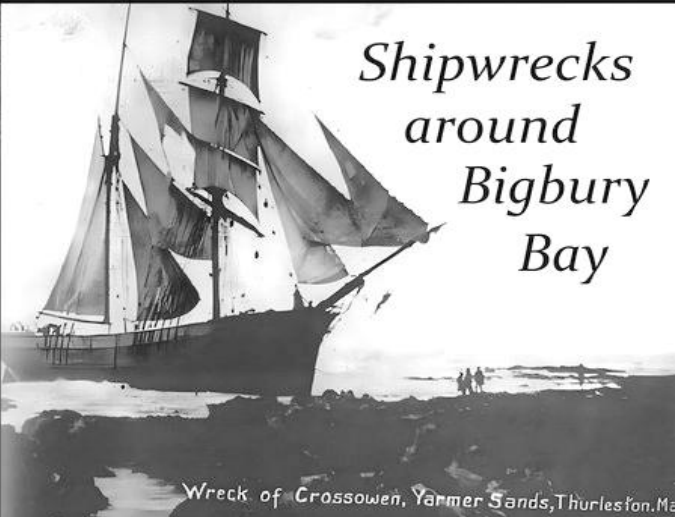
And of course, we have just had the village panto (review and photos inside) and I just wanted to say congratulations to everyone involved - what fabulous evenings of entertainment!!

Katherine

**All copy for March Newsletter by:
Monday 19th February please to
Katherine Harding.**

Thank you

Kingston Local History Society



*Shipwrecks
around
Bigbury
Bay*

Wreck of Crossowen, Yarnem Sands, Thurleston, MA

An Illustrated Talk by Henry Wainright

Kingston Reading Room
Thursday 1st February 2024
Wine and Refreshments 7pm
Presentation 7:30pm

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

DON'T FORGET –

- History Society Talk – Thursday 1st February in the Reading Rooms. All welcome.
- Tuesday Morning Market is back up and running after their Winter Break ☺
- Spend Valentine's Day with your loved one – AT THE VILLAGE QUIZ!!! 7.30pm in the Dolphin Inn.

**PARISH CHURCH
FLOWER/CLEANING ROTA**



2024

Feb 4 th – 11 th	Ruth J/Lorraine S
Feb 18 th – 25 th	No flowers/Margaret B
March 3 rd – 10 th	No flowers/Jacky C-S
March 17 th – 24 th	No flowers/Vanessa W
March 31 st Easter	All helpers/All helpers
April 7 th – 14 th	Carole Walters/Carol Beard
April 21 st – 28 th	Shioya Walters/Shioya Walters

KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB

The numbers drawn in the January 2024 draw are as follows:

128	Heather Summer-Nutting	£20
105	Glyn Magg	£20
96	Jan Williams	£15
61	Viv Freeman	£15
54	Kathryn Pinkerton	£10

Owen & Elaine Roberts -

owenroberts10@hotmail.com

01548 810968 / 07910 111471

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

(Also see Parish Website for further details)

Morning Market - every Tuesday 10 am til noon

2024

Feb 1 st	KLHS talk – Reading Rooms, 7pm
Feb 14 th	Quiz Night – Dolphin Inn, 7.30pm start
Feb 22 nd	KLHS talk – Reading Rooms, 7pm
Feb 29 th	Open Mic Night – Dolphin Inn

**TUESDAY MARKET
TEA/COFFEE ROTA**



2024

February 6 th	Kit/Penny
February 13 th	Jeanette/Margaret
February 20 th	Anne/Elaine
February 27 th	Jacky/Deidre
March 5 th	Pauline/Sally
March 12 th	Ann/John
March 19 th	Sandy/Sue G
March 26 th	Gina/Joan

**TUESDAY MORNING MARKET
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Tina - 07796 975291

MOBILE LIBRARY

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

2024

Jan 30 th	Feb 27 th
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“Devon County Council has made the decision that the Mobiles will sadly be closing at the **end of February 2024**. We are now working with Devon County Council on the next steps and how to best support customers through this transition...”

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Jan 11th & Feb 22nd

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pennyann.mcfarlane@gmail.com

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Kingston Local History Society



**Early UK Photography
and the Plymouth Region**

A Talk by Nigel Overton

Reading Room

**Thursday 22nd February
2024**

Wine and Refreshments
7pm
Presentation 7:30pm

Free to those in
Full-time Education

FEBRUARY SUDOKO

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(Answer on back page)



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Market in the Reading Room,
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Hand Made With Love in the South Hams

MNDA (Motor Neurone Disease Association) MARATHON MADNESS ROB BURROW LEEDS MARATHON – 12th MAY 2024

We have a plan, (thanks Hannah) and the race is on,
We are training for the Leeds Marathon.
On the 12th of May we are heading North, it's rather a long long way.
Wearing our blue and orange strip, supporting the fabulous M N D A.
A cause you know that is close to our hearts, a cause we all understand,
Affecting so many people up and down, and across this great land.

So we've picked up this running baton, invested in great running gear,
Put aside all other plans and given up cider and beer.
The 26 miles of hill and dale will certainly give us a test,
We have 16 weeks of training and very little rest.
So if you see us out there, on the lanes or on the roads,
Give us a toot or a wave, we'd appreciate it loads.

Joining us in this madness, taking the half marathon route,
Are Julia, Q and Izzy, so please give them a toot!



Thanks from Rachel, Jo, Q and Izzy

We do have a Just Giving page as a few people have indicated they would like to support the cause again but we know you have all already given very generously, so a toot is all we need.



However if you do want to donate the link is <https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-bush-1699780202245>
or scan the above QR code with your smart phone.

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QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 14th February 7.30pm

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OPEN MIC NIGHT

Thursday 29th February

FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS

6pm – 8.30pm

FOOD NOW AVAILABLE

Thursday eves 6pm – 8.30pm

Friday 6pm– 8.30pm

Saturday 12pm – 3pm, 6pm – 8.30pm

Sunday Roast 12pm – 4pm



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SHORT MAT BOWLS



The Kingston Short Mat Bowls Club

Normally meet every Monday &
Friday

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

FEBRUARY 2024 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 9:30am except the third Sunday of each month when a service of Holy Communion takes place at 11:00am.

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. As we go to press, Brian Alloway has volunteered to take the 11th February service. 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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who gave generously towards making our church such a beautiful place to visit during the Christmas season – the flowers, trees (inside and outside), the crib, the lighting and the general atmosphere. All was perfect for those either passing through on their travels, for regular worshippers, villagers and everyone who attended services at this special time of the year.

Our Carol Service on 21st December was enjoyed by around 140 people, who, along with our pop up choir, sang favourite carols and listened to the ancient traditional readings that give the Lessons and Carols such a special place in our pre-Christmas festivities. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard beforehand with rehearsals, Carol and Deirdre, to the Beards for hosting rehearsal space, to our wonderful pop-up choir who gave so generously of

their time for several weeks and, on the day, the choir, the Readers including Revd. Matt Rowland who, as well as reading the last lesson, also gave the Christmas Reflection and a blessing. Also many thanks to the sidepersons, light and sound, Irina, our wonderful organist and everyone else who worked behind the scenes, and indeed, to those who provided and served the delicious refreshments after the service. The retiring collection of almost £430.00 has been shared between the 'UNICEF children in Gaza Crisis Appeal' and our church. Thanks to everyone for coming!!

Christmas Day Communion service was enjoyed by everyone and also by 2 doggie congregants! Our thanks to Revd. Simon Franklin for taking the service with us, to our bell ringers, Irina the organist and everyone who helped to put together our Christmas Day service.

On 31st December we hosted a team service, led by Revd. Matt Rowland, at which time we celebrated Michael Tagent's retirement from his ministry as Reader after around 30 years of faithful duty among us. We were delighted to have Michael, Jacky and other family members with us as they joined the congregation of 90 people to say Thank You Michael! Here is a copy of Michael's message, first to our 5 Benefice churches and, additionally to us, as we were the host church on that day:

The farewell that the Modbury Mission Community gave me on Sunday was wonderful, if undeserved, and the card with all its signatures and good wishes is something which I will treasure. Please pass on to everyone at St James the Less Church my sincere thanks for their generous friendship and encouragement. I look forward to being back home among you in the near future.

- Michael

On Sunday, 14th January, Linda Dodwell joined us to lead the 9:30 am service now that Michael has officially retired as a Reader. Welcome and thank you from us all Linda, as you begin your ministry among us here in Kingston.

A men's breakfast was held at 9:00 am on Saturday 20th January at the Modbury Inn, hosted by Revd. Simon Franklin. At the time of publication, our scheduled speaker is Dr Diana Walters on the topic "facing down violence – heritage and peace building". Please contact Simon on 01548 830071 if you would like more information on future Men's Breakfast events.

On Saturday February 10th at 12:30 there will be a service to bless the marriage of Charlotte to Teddy. Charlotte is the daughter of Lisa Dyer. The Blessing service will be conducted by Revd. Matt Rowland.

On Sunday 11th February – There will be a Village service at 9:30 am led by Brian Alloway.

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, was held on 7th December and next year's date is already on the calendar! Please renew your 2024 dues as soon as possible (see a recent email from membership committee) – or contact Don Kelly who 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 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 FOR LATE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

28th January 9.30am

- Sunday Worship led by Joyce Howitt

4th February 9.30am

- Sunday Worship led by Gil Snook

10th February 12.30pm

- Service of Blessing of a Marriage

11th February 9.30am

- Sunday Worship with Brian Alloway

18th February 11.00am

- Holy Communion led by Revd. Simon Franklin

25th February 9.30am

- Sunday Worship led by Revd. Oli Long



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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:

29th January	Debbie Shotter		19th February	Colin Burton
5th February	Sally Denham		26th February	Peter Dowling
12th February	Q (Lorraine Squire)			

Volunteers to join the team and assist with Recreation Ground monitoring are always welcome – we cannot have too many! If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Kingston Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 15th February 2024 in the Reading Room.** The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th February. The Agenda will be placed on the Parish Website no later than 8th February. Public are welcome to join the Open Forum which is held at the beginning of each KPC meeting for any questions you may have.

Water: One of the most notable features of our Parish, which has been particularly evident over the last few months with 10 named storms hitting the UK, is how much water there is – on the roads, in the fields, in our gardens...

Flooding - Thank you from KPC to the various residents across the Parish who have cleared blocked drains swiftly when floods have occurred over the last several weeks. If you are driving through a flooded patch of road and there are pedestrians around – who may be busy clearing the drains to allow the floodwater to flow away – please drive slowly, carefully and above all considerately past them to avoid soaking them unnecessarily.

Please help keep water flowing smoothly in our parish - This is a combination of rainfall and spring water and it wends its way across the parish to the sea via open streams, culverts and drains. Crucially, it also tends to combine in the valley at Walkspool before moving on to the sea at Westcombe. Unfortunately, this means that anything in the water tends to get washed along until it meets an obstruction. It then attaches and, as things build up, eventually there is a blockage. When enough water builds up behind the blockage, it gets dislodged and moves on to the next straining point (or the sea) – a natural cycle of cleansing. This means that any plastic, cigarette ends, bits of twig, leaves, oil and road debris entering the water and joining its journey slows the flow and contributes to blockages. This can cause the water to back up towards the source and flooding occurs. Furthermore, the village sewerage network is fragile: it was designed and built in simpler times when washing was only done once a week and bath night was a weekly fixture. It now struggles with modern lifestyles and several dozen houses have been added to the system since. It is at full capacity and can burst from the constraints of the pipes and cause problems down at Walkspool. Although responsibility lies with South West Water, we can still help by simple adjustments to our behaviour. ***Please: never pour fat or oil down the drain – cool it in a pot, soak it up with kitchen towel and then place it in the bin; and take care when using disposable wipes – even if they claim to be “flushable” - please put them in the bin*** as our elderly system cannot cope with them, whatever the manufacturers claim.

SHDC Summary Accounts: SHDC have begun publishing a summary of their accounts so that constituents can see how they are spending public funds. Accounts for 2022/23 can be viewed at:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-12/Draft%20Summary%20of%20Accounts%202022-23.pdf>

Saving on Energy Bills: If you own your home, have a household income of less than £31K per annum and have heating that is not mains gas with an EPC rating of D, E, F or G, you could be eligible for some home improvements such as better insulation or a carbon heating system. SHDC are working with South Dartmoor Community Energy to help lower income households in the most need of upgrading. To check whether you are eligible and apply online:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/housing/housing-support/housing-grants-loans-and-services/help-reduce-fuel-bills/home-upgrade-grant>

Modbury Road Closures (Sewer Works): Various roads in Modbury will remain closed for much-needed sewerage upgrade works:

Church Street: road closed for 5 weeks from 8th January;

Moon Lane/Church Lane: road closed for 5 days from 12th February:

Poundwell Street: road closed overnight for 1 week from 29th January.

Please note that a one-way system diversion route around Modbury will be in place – details can be found at:

<https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/about-us/what-we-do/improving-your-service/projects-and-investment/modbury-sewer-replacement>

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.

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

Your Councillors are here for you:

Eve White (Chair) 810289	Mervyn Freeman (Vice Chair)	Holly Rahder 07973
Don Kelly 810358	Joel Wakeling 07546 511578	Sarah Banham (TBC)
Suzannah Grant 810013	Lorraine (Q) Squire (Clerk)	



VILLAGE PANTO – HANSEL & GRETEL



VILLAGE PANTO – A REVIEW BY KINGSTON’S ROVING REPORTER

Panto made a welcome return to Kingston last month, with 3 sellout nights at the Reading room. Written once again by Andy and Heather Summer-Nutting, the script was witty, clever, full of awful puns, groan inducing jokes and plenty of risqué innuendo!

The cast was superb. Fred Gulliford proved he was a master of the panto dame... and a master at wearing women's clothing, while Lorraine Squire hammed it up wonderfully playing the evil witch. She was joined by Gary Davis and Merv Freeman as her diabolical sidekicks. Gary and Merv turned in suitably villainous performances (with Gary's character accent originating somewhere between Port Talbot and Rawalpindi), reducing the audience to uncontrollable laughter.

Bryan Watkins, as Town Crier, was simply commanding, linking the scenes while trying to control the rowdy panto-goers and Viv Freeman! Rob Squire and Carmen Mears were a great double act in the title roles, bouncing off each other, and occasionally the scenery. Their duet of the musical number 'Holding Out for a Hero' was one of the highlights of the evening's entertainment – the audience simply cried.

Don Kelly and Anita Ellis, as Mum and Dad, showed that they can rightly claim to be the new Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh. Drawing on years of experience outside of panto, they played a ~~long-suffering~~ long married couple to perfection! Ava Swain, Taylor Thomson and Elise Neil brought mischief and mayhem to the stage whenever they appeared as the Woodland Pixies.

As usual the proceedings were regularly interrupted by serial heckler Viv Freeman - who reprised his roles in previous pantos as... Viv Freeman! Steve Mayhew hit all the right notes (but not necessarily in the right order) and supplied excellent musical support as Minstrel. The costumes and set design were superb - well done Karen Freeman, Phil Anderson, Pete Dowling and Joan Anderson, while the lighting and special effects were impeccable - a big thank you to Luke Adams.

Finally the whole show was consummately directed and brought together by Emily Page-Worthington. Emily later said that she was impressed with the dedication of the cast... to get to the pub after the show!!

Three nights filled with fun laughter and merriment, reminding us what an amazing village we live in. Well done and the big thank you from Kingston to Emily, the Summer-Nuttings, the cast and crew. Looking forward to 2026 already...



WATER Website

We are very excited to announce the launch of our new website. On it, you will find information on the WATER steering group, live and planned projects as well as information on how you can get in touch, sign up to our newsletter or volunteer.



Just follow: www.ermesriver.org

YEALM & ERME SPECIES SURVIVAL PROJECT (YESS)

Helping non-farming landowners enhance wildlife and climate resilience

We are delighted to report that the Environment Agency has awarded funds to help non farming landowners (NFLs) in the Yealm and Erme catchments to better manage their land to support wildlife and climate change resilience. Thanks to this funding, YESS, (a collaboration between **WATER** and the **Yealm Estuary to Moor (YEM)**), is working with ParkLife South West and Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT), to deliver a Pilot Project by the end of March.

The YESS project will provide expert advice and practical support leading to capital works and the Pilot Project will get us started. We hope that YESS will become an established project, with NFLs being encouraged through talks and events to become a network/community who can share experiences and provide mutual support to assist the longer-term success of the project.

The work will seek to mirror the successful project delivered by Devon Wildlife Trust in the neighbouring Avon catchment ('The Avon Project') though providing advice and delivering practical interventions to deliver multiple benefits.

Following a call to NFLs in the Erme and Yealm catchments, which resulted in over 70 responses, a short list of potential sites has been identified. A series of site visits and assessments is underway. We have received lots of exciting ideas from NFLs including tree planting, creation of hedges, ponds and meadows, flood and erosion prevention and fencing to protect trees and rivers from livestock. YESS plans to deliver at least 3 projects on the ground by the end of March.

WATER would like to thank YEM who have taken the lead in getting this project up and running.

Together with our partners we hope to apply for more funds in the future - so if you are a non-farming landowner with 1 to 10 acres of land please get in touch via:

<https://yemcorridor.com>

<https://ermesriver.org/get-involved>

NATIONAL LANDSCAPES



**National
Landscapes
Association**



**South Devon
National
Landscape**

In late November all Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), of which the South Hams is one, were renamed "National Landscapes". The re-naming is designed to reflect the national importance of these landscapes - the vital contribution we make to protecting the nation from the threats of climate change, nature depletion and the wellbeing crisis - and to create greater understanding and awareness of the work of the whole National Landscapes family. The re-naming is also intended to underscore how our communities within the National Landscapes can work with and for nature in the UK: restoring and protecting ecosystems, providing food, storing carbon to mitigate the effects of climate change, safeguarding against drought and flooding, and nurturing people's health and wellbeing.

You can find out more from: www.national-landscapes.org.uk

In South Devon, the National Landscape team are excited about continuing to deliver a wider range of initiatives for people and nature in increasingly challenging times. Jonathan Dimpleby, patron South Devon National Landscape, has emphasised that the new name is not merely a cosmetic change - instead, it must signal a new chapter. The area in which we in Kingston are lucky enough to live is treasured and matters to everyone and our future on a fragile planet. The aim of the new National Landscapes is to strengthen existing partnerships and forge new ones that will secure in perpetuity the huge range of benefits that come from these special places.

KINGSTON READING ROOM BOOKINGS

February 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY														
29 Jan 09:30 Caretaker cleaning 17:00 -17:30 HIIT CLASS 18:00 - 9.30pm	30 09:00 -12:30 Morning Market 18:30 - 10pm KEG Band Practice (Rusty)	31 08:30 13:30 Art Club 17:00 -18:00 HIIT CLASS	1 Feb 10:00 -1pm Yoga Class 18:30 KLHS	2 18:00 - 9.30pm Bowls Club	3	4														
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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 2024



- 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 £8 (from 1 February 2024) per hour or part hour, including set up and clean up times.
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- 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



CHURCH SERVICES: FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2024

Table with 6 columns: Date, Aveton Gifford 11.00 am, Bigbury 11.00 am, Kingston 9.30 am, Modbury 9.30 am, Ringmore 9.30 am. Rows list services for February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th (Palm Sunday), 31st (Easter Day).

GOD’S GENEROSITY

In the run up to Easter in the period we call Lent, our local churches are going to be thinking about generosity. What is the secret for a generous life? To living a life where we give more than expected?

In the film “Millions” two boys find millions of pounds a few days before Britain converts into the euros - soon it will be worthless. They have to try and spend it all in a few days or they will just be left with a pile of useless paper.

Imagine going to the Bureau de Change with some old French Francs or German Marks you have found down the back of the sofa. They would be worthless bits of paper but then the person behind the glass exchanges them for pounds or euros. You would walk away thinking, what an exchange - worthless paper for real money! In the same way, Christians believe that God gives us a great exchange. He, in Jesus, takes our failure and sin away and gives us forgiveness, purpose and a place with him beyond the grave. It cost him his Son’s life and all we contribute is our failure. It is an astonishing act of generosity and, once it grips your heart and mind, it can lead to a life of generosity as you live out what you have received. If you would like to hear more, come and join us in the run up to Easter and beyond.

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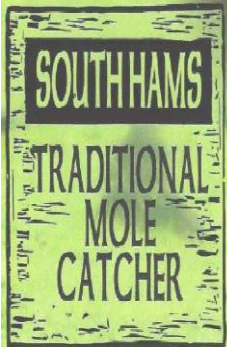


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