

Waiting time - Signs of Spring

A few weeks ago I was swapping weather stories with my sister in Australia. She was sweltering in 40 degree heat while I admitted to a mild January, but with those damaging storms in the north. Then I said, 'But my snowdrops are out!' We both knew that the countdown to an English spring had begun. Snowdrops, then crocuses, then daffodils (some for St David's Day perhaps) and hyacinths and finally the multi-colours of the tulips.

Spring is on its way, but winter is not over February, March and even April can give us some icy winds. I love the way the bulbs cope; they just stop and wait. Some of our plants need 'wraps' to protect them from the frost; but the bulbs, though fragile looking, can take the cold blasts. As soon as a little warmth returns they bravely bloom and cheer our hearts.

In the Christian calendar Lent is that time of waiting. It is a time to take stock; for many these have been difficult days with health and financial worries. Some of our young people are looking towards the exam season aware of their uneven schooling of the last two years. For them this may be a desperate 'catch up' time.

For many Christians this is a time of spiritual 'spring cleaning' to remember the basics of our faith.

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all mind and with all your strength' and to 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. (Mark 12: 30-31)

Sometime we give up something for Lent, those special chocs perhaps, - a little sacrifice. Often we do something extra to help those around us, a sacrifice of our time and energy.

And it is good to give a little extra time to study God's Word and to pray. So as we come to Easter we may give real thanks for our redemption. Jesus died on the Cross and rose again conquering sin and death.

When we raise the Cross on Good Friday morning and we rejoice together on Easter Sunday we are not just remembering a past event. We are celebrating that 'He is Risen' is the Good News for each of us today.

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SUNDAY SERVICES 6.00 pm.

March		
"	6th.	Mr. John Evans
"	13th.	Mr. Adam May
"	20th.	Tea and Hymns at Central 3.30 pm.
"	27th.	Miss Pam Greener (c)
April		
-66	3rd.	Rev. Linda Williams
"	10th.	Mrs. Gill Short
"	15th	Good Friday - Raising the Cross 9.00 am.
		Rev. Andrew Gale
"	17th.	Easter Sunday Rev. Andrew Gale
"	24th.	Mr. Roger Barton (c)
May		
"	1st	Mrs. Diane Maple
"	8th.	Mr. Roger Barton
"	15th.	Mr. Ian Benjamin
"	22nd.	Tea and Hymns at Central 3.30 pm.
"	29th.	Miss Pam Greener (c)

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TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

We meet at 2.30 pm. On the first Tuesday of each month at Perry Green Baptist Chapel.

Please Join us.

You are Always Welcome.

The next sessions are as follows:

March 1st. Mr. Len Fowler

April 5th. Mrs. Barbara Donaldson

May 3rd. Mrs. Diane Maple





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Kimpton Art Show 2022

www.kimptonartshow.co.uk

We are going to have a do in 2022!

Alongside the **Kimpton May Festival** we are aiming to bring life back to the village for the Bank Holiday weekend which is:

Friday 29th April (evening) - Monday 2nd May.

OPENING NIGHT: FRIDAY 29th April 6 – 9pm ENTRY £5

SATURDAY 30th April: 10am – 5pm SUNDAY 1st May: 10am – 5pm MONDAY 2nd May: 11am – 3pm Weekend ENTRY £1, children free

The purpose of the Kimpton Art Show, over and above the thrill of exhibiting art within the beauty of St. Peter and St. Paul, is to raise funds for the Parish Church Restoration Fund, and for the May Festival Charity which distributes money to local good causes.

At the last show in 2019 we exhibited hundreds of pieces of art work, paintings, ceramics and glass; so, if you have a bit of wall space, or a shelf to fill, then please consider visiting the event.

As a team we work through from January to May entirely focused on improving the logistics of the Art Show. This year, as with our prior plans in 2020, we are meeting frequently to devise a new and safe format; and our overarching purpose remains to warmly greet our artists and visitors. It is understandably a busy weekend and if you feel like you may be able to offer an hour of your time to assist us with the stewarding of the church and the art work, we would be very happy to hear from you.

We sincerely hope that you can join us in 2022. We have greatly missed the art community in the village and look forward to a buoyant and successful reunion.

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WORDSEARCH

Queen Elizabeth II Coronation and Jubilee

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<u>Jubilee</u>
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Medal

Coronation

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Lunch
Souvenir
Coins
Stamps
Celebration
Pudding

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EVENTS AND SERVICES



Raising the Cross Good Friday 15th April 9.00 am





Easter Sunday Service Sunday 17th April 6.00 pm.





Easter Egg Hunt Monday 18th April 11.00 am.





Kimpton May Festival & Kimpton Art Show 29th April to 2nd May





Recordings of Services are available on the web



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Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee

1977 Silver Jubilee 2002 Golden Jubilee 2012 Diamond Jubilee 2017 Sapphire Jubilee



I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it. *Princess Elizabeth*, 21 April 1947

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953