

# Churches Together in Kingswood

*Bringing the love of Christ into our community*

## SPRING 2021

## Events and Services



*Some of the eggs hanging on the Chipping last year*

*For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or*

[kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://kingswoodcongregational.org.uk)

[stmaryskingswood.org.uk](http://stmaryskingswood.org.uk)



**Wednesdays 8-9pm**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Feb & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Mar**

# THE POET'S GOSPEL

**A GOSPEL IN BLANK VERSE WITH RHYMED PARABLES**

Listen to the author read extracts from this new version of the gospel written in verse, then join the discussion afterwards.

*Also available to follow independently at [ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021/](http://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021/)*



## **10am Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Phone Church**

A short service of readings, prayers and reflections for those who don't go 'on-line' but want to 'connect'. Using a local rate number with a pin code you can join in with others from your church and community. For further details contact Revd Rick Williams on 01454 260476

## **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7pm**

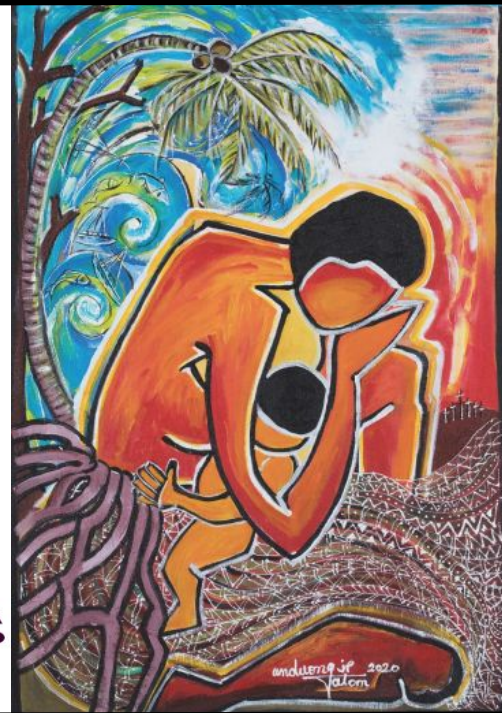
*Online and in the Congregational Church*

# **BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION**

A service prepared by the Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean). Calling women, men, and children of all ages to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace.

## **World Day of Prayer**

*(A Woman Led, Global, Ecumenical Movement)*



## **MOTHERING SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**It has been a year like no other for Mums.** Juggling work from home with home schooling, shopping for family and friends, and everything else that comes with being a Mum!

*Join online with either church to say a really heart felt thank you to all Mums with a song, a story, a prayer and some fun.*





# Experience Jesus this Easter

It looks likely, that this will be our second lockdown Easter, and as you can see below we are not expecting to be able to celebrate with our usual services and events.

But if you think about it, Easter began in lockdown. What fuller lockdown could you have but to be in a tomb, sealed with a heavy stone? Or in an upper room with the doors locked for fear of what lay beyond them? That was how Jesus and his disciples began their first Easter day.

But God showed he was bigger than lockdown. God even showed he was bigger than death. He did that on the first Easter Day, and he can still do it. If we are tempted to give in to despair in these difficult times, let us hang on to that Easter message that dark times do not last forever, and that God has his plans to surprise us even when, like the disciples, we might think that hope is lost. *Rick Williams*



## **PALM SUNDAY** 28<sup>th</sup> March 10:00am

*Online and in the Congregational Church*

We retell the story of Holy Week in readings and song.

## **Maundy Thursday** 1<sup>st</sup> April 7:00pm Agape Supper

Share a meal together on-line remembering the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples.



## **Good Friday** 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**10:30 Service** *Online and in the Congregational Church*

**Listen Anytime** to a series of personal reflections recorded by David, Rick and Tricia *details on the St Mary's website.*

## **EASTER DAY** 4<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am

*Online and in the Congregational Church*

Join us on Easter morning, together with churches in neighbouring villages to celebrate the joy of the risen Lord.

## **Flowers in the Memorial Garden**

Again this year please leave flowers by the Cross in the Memorial garden in memory of loved ones.

**Messy Church** packs will be delivered to families at the end of March, with lots to do including crafts, puzzles and an **Easter Egg** to paint and hang on the village Easter Tree. Then share the results on our Facebook group page [Messy Church Kingswood](#) *If you would like to receive a pack please email Sam Ponting at [messychurchkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:messychurchkingswood@gmail.com)*



# Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May

*Droughts are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis. Millions are struggling to get enough food and water. Envelopes for Christian Aid will be delivered to every house at the start of May. Every envelope can change a life. Please return the envelope to the box in the porch at St Mary's.*



## Prayers Around the Village

During the first lock down with the Church buildings closed, a few prayers were left at various locations in the village. These were placed for people to find and use as they took their daily exercise. Look out for new ones appearing over the Easter period.

A big **Thank you** for all the support given again to the **Reverse Advent Calendar**, all the toys bought for **Kids Stuff** and all the donations and help to distribute the meals provided by **The Long Table** at Christmas.

## *How to join us for worship.*

*All are welcome to attend services in either church(if permitted), or to join us online via zoom. In the Congregational Church the same service is available in church and online, at St Mary's the in church and online services are different.*

**Online** All you need is a phone, tablet or computer with access to the internet. Links are sent weekly. Email [robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk) (Congregational) or [news@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:news@stmaryskingswood.org.uk) (St Mary's) to get the links sent to you.

**Sunday Service** 10:00 St Mary's 10:30 Congregational

**Wednesday – Morning Prayer** 09:00 St Mary's

**In Church** When attending please use **Face Masks**, and sanitise hands on entry and exit. **Please note that congregational singing is not allowed.**

**Sunday Service** 10:30 Congregational

Additionally **St Mary's** is open 10:00 – 16:00 Tuesdays & Saturdays for individual prayer (donations for the food bank can be left at these times), the **Congregational Church** is open Wednesday 12:00-13:00 for prayer.

**Do you  
need  
HELP ?**

*If you are in financial crisis call 0808 2082138 for free (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll arrange for an emergency food parcel to be delivered.*