

Churches Together in Kingswood

Bringing the love of Christ into our community

Spring 2022 Events and Services



Lambs playing at Alderley

*Please note that all the events are subject to change.
For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or*

kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

stmaryskingswood.org.uk

7pm Friday 4th March

St Mary's Church

World Day of Prayer

A women-led, global, ecumenical movement

**I know the
plans I have for
you**



Lent Lunches St Mary's Room

Thursdays 3rd, 17th and 31st March 12:00-14:00

A choice of 2 home made soups, with good bread, cheese and fruit.

Supporting good causes at home and abroad.

MOTHERING SUNDAY March 27th

A special day for children to say thank you to their Mum.

Join us at either of our special services.

10:30 Family Service – Congregational Church

10:30 Family Service - St Mary's Church

*Afterwards collect an egg to decorate ready for the village
Easter tree on Palm Sunday.*



**10am Saturday 2nd April
Lower School Room**

*Join us for a morning of crafts, games, story telling, song and lots of fun for
pre-school and primary school aged children.*

*This time we find out about about
Joseph, his coat of many colours,
and how he helped the Pharaoh.*

*Please bring a packed lunch, there
is no need to book but all children
must bring a parent/carer.*



Experience Easter

Storm Eunice was yet another reminder of how much of our lives are out of our own control. I've recently had plans frustrated first by illness, then a car accident, now a storm. But of course that is nothing... we have all of us had two years of frustrated plans. For some the consequences of that have been merely inconvenient, for others dire. I was struck by the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the height of the pandemic: "It's a monumental thing that's overhanging us. We have a national case of PTSD in one sense, which will show itself." Now, as we (hopefully) start to emerge, is when the PTSD kicks in. Just as when the storm passes we will emerge to discover how many trees are down, so we are only now beginning to gauge the effects of COVID and the lockdowns, which have dominated our lives for so long.



Yet perhaps it is those very situations of losing control that we find faith. Self-reliance does not build a trusting relationship with God. Often, it is when the props that we have taken for granted are taken away, that we learn what is left. As we emerge from the storm of the pandemic, we will see the fallen trees. But I hope that is not all we will see. I hope we will also see the opportunity to plant new ones, build new relationships, with God and each other.

Rick Williams



Palm Sunday 10th April

10:30 Chipping

Eggs are added to the Easter Tree on the Chipping, Palm Crosses handed out as we journey down the High Street and into the Congregational Church, telling the story of Holy Week as we go.

Good Friday 15th April

10:30 Communion - Congregational Church *then*

11:15 Stations of the Cross around the village

followed by coffee & hot cross buns in St Mary's Room

2:00 pm The Last Hour (St Mary's)

EASTER DAY 17th April

10:30 Congregational Church – Family Service

11:15 St Mary's Church – Family Eucharist

Flowers in the Memorial Garden - Flowers may be left by the Cross in the Memorial garden in memory of loved ones.

Christian Aid Week 15th – 21st May

Droughts are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis. Millions are struggling to get enough food and water. We will not be doing a door-to-door collection this year but please donate at <https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate>

A big **Thank you** for all the support given again to the **Reverse Advent Calendar**, the toys bought for **Kids Stuff** and everyone who came to join in with **Carols on the Chipping** to support the Foodbank.

How to join us for worship.

We continue to welcome you to join us in church or online. 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 Use a phone, tablet or computer with access to the internet. Links are sent weekly. Email robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk (Congregational) or news@stmaryskingswood.org.uk (St Mary's) to get the links sent to you.

Sunday Service	09:00 St Mary's	10:30 Congregational
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Wednesday – Morning Prayer	09:00 St Mary's	
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In Church We are currently requesting the wearing of masks whilst in church and socially distanced seating can be made available on request .

Sunday Services	St Mary's Church Every 2 weeks at either 10:30 or 11:15, more details on the notice board or website	Congregational Church 10:30 weekly
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By Phone Every **Monday** at 10am. Psalms, readings, prayer and a message. For details of how to join email news@stmaryskingswood.org.uk

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. Also join us for a **Coffee and Chat** Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 Lower School Room

Sunday School Lower School Room 10.30 – 11.30. Parents can drop their children off and then join the Church service or collect them later.

The Churches support the local food bank. To help, please regularly buy one or two items and leave them in the collection box in the porch in St Mary's on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

