

Churches Together in Kingswood

Bringing the love of Christ into our community

Autumn 2022

Events and Services



Getting the harvest in.

*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



Saturday 3rd September – VILLAGE SHOW
Come and find us between **1-4pm** and join in the fun of Messy Church. There will be animal masks to colour and biscuits to decorate as we explore God's Love for the planet.

Saturday 15th October - Lower School Room 10:00am - noon

Join us as we find out about how St Paul welcomed everybody to be part of the Christian family, and why we should never exclude others. There will be stories, craft activities and song, followed by lunch (*no need to book or pay*).



Both village churches have received grants from the GHCT helping to maintain our built heritage.

Cycle, ride or walk to just a few of the many beautiful local churches and help raise money so that future generations can also enjoy them.

For more details and sponsorship forms contact
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Live topics

We are resuming our series of "Live Topics" talks this autumn, in which we seek to look at the big issues of the day through the eyes of our faith.

Meeting in St Mary's room on the following Wednesdays at 7:30pm

- 14th Sept** **The Rise and Fall of Western Liberalism?**
a consideration of the rise of extremist politics.
- 12th Oct** **Living in Love and Faith**
looking at some recent Church of England material on sexuality and faith
- 9th Nov** **Welcoming the stranger**
refugees and economic migrants

Bring your **HARVEST GIFTS** to our Harvest services for the foodbank

18th September 10:30 Harvest Service Congregational Church

2nd October 10:30 Harvest Service – St Mary's

8th October 7pm Harvest Supper Lower School Room

All welcome please contact Annett Collett on 0779 527339

The cost of living crisis will make even more demands on the food bank. Please help if you can, by regularly donating items needed by the food bank (see <https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>) Donations can be left in the collection box in the porch in St Mary's on any day between **10:00 – 16:00**

Please do not donate items that are out of date, damaged or opened or food that needs to be refrigerated or frozen.



We are approaching the harvest season, a time when it is traditional to hold harvest festivals. Harvest this year will come in the wake of a summer of drought, and in the context of a world-wide shortage of grain and vegetable oils created by the war in the Ukraine. Inflation, largely driven by food prices, is at about 10%. All this is on the back of disruption caused by COVID and Brexit. Historically, we have perhaps got blasé about harvest.



In our new world, we are learning that we can take nothing for granted. In our churches we will be giving thanks to God for the harvest and collecting harvest gifts for those who are in need. You are welcome to come and join us. But whether you do so or not, whether you share our faith or not, use this opportunity to be grateful for the things you do have, and conscious of those who don't have them. In a time of general shortage, the need for those who can to care for those who cannot, becomes even greater than usual.

Rick Williams

All Souls Service Sunday 6th November 3pm St Mary's

A special service of remembrance and thanksgiving for 'those we love but see no longer'.

Remembrance Sunday 13th November

10:55 War Memorial & St Mary's

Village organisations lay wreaths at the War Memorial commemorating those who died in the service of the nation, followed by a Service in St Mary's



Toy Swap for

Saturday 19th November
10:00-12:00 Village Inn



Just bring any good toy and £1. Swap them at the swap shop for a token. Then swap the token for any other toy.

Teas, Coffee and Cake for Mums and Dads, all money raised goes to BBC Children in Need. (any toys left will be given to charity).

Thank you for supporting our annual open air service for Water Aid, last year it was too wet to be out doors, this year it was too hot !!
But we still managed to raise **£102.**



Our Church Services

Sunday Services	10:30 St Mary's Church	10:30 Congregational Church
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St Mary's is open every day 10:00–16:00

Congregational Church is open Wednesday 12:00-13:00 for prayer.

Wednesday Coffee Morning 10:00-11:00 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.