

# Churches Together in Kingswood

*Bringing the love of Christ into our community*

## Spring 2023 Events and Services



*The Messy Church entry for the scarecrow trail in 2022 showed Joseph explaining to Pharaoh the meaning of his dream.*



*Please note that all the events are subject to change. For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or*  
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# World Day of Prayer 2023

*A women led, global, ecumenical movement*

## Taiwan

*I have heard about your faith*

7pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Congregational Church

### **The Social Justice of the Sermon on the Mount.**

Looking at the core of Jesus's teaching and how it applies to us today.

**Lower School Room**

**Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March - 7:15 for a 7:30 Start**



### **Lent Lunches St Mary's Room**

**Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 add to the village Easter tree on Palm Sunday.*



**10am Saturdays**  
**25<sup>th</sup> March & 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**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. Includes lunch, but all children must bring a parent/carer. No need to book (or pay)*

## SPRING – A TIME FOR NEW LIFE

What on earth is happening in the world! Why the massive earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and all of the death and suffering that has occurred. Why are wars continuing to happen even though the horrors of the first world war led to it being called the War to End All Wars. Why are people being killed, kidnapped and tortured by Russians in Ukraine. Why are more and more people being murdered as the days go by. Why are terrorists still killing innocent people. God made all things, so why all this destruction? Well God made a promise called a new covenant when He sent His son into the world. That was Jesus and the new promise was that all who believed in him would not perish but would have eternal life with him. It seems almost fantasy doesn't it. Yet the bible clearly tells us that we will hear of wars. That nation will rise against nation. That there will be famines and earthquakes. There will be an increase of wickedness and the love of men will grow cold. God knows that these things will happen but His plan for us all is safety in eternity (meaning no end!) which is why we continue to spread the good news of Jesus. This Spring let in the new life that is Jesus.



Bob Hart-England

## Experience Easter

### **Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 St Mary's Church, telling the story of Holy Week as we go.

### **Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:30 Congregational Church – Family Service**

**11:00 St Mary's Church – Family Eucharist**



## Coronation Celebration

**Village Hall from 12:00 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Bring a picnic and join the village celebration for the coronation of the King Charles III. The afternoon includes a short act of dedication led by both village Churches, followed by: music, sporting activities, a magic show, BBQ, teas and other activities for children.



# St Mary's Celebrating 300 years 1723-2023



## 300 Days of Prayer from 22 Feb

As part of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Church building, we have committed to offer special prayers every day from Ash Wednesday until the end of 2023. There is a leaflet in Church with more details, including how to let us know if there is someone or something that you would like us to pray for.

## Happy Birthday St Mary's 27-28 May

At the end of May we are celebrating three special birthdays.

**The World Wide Church.** Churches around the world are celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the birth of Christianity.

**St Mary's Church.** The new church building for the people of Kingswood was completed 300 years ago.

**It could be yours too!!** Come along and if you wish, be baptised and born into the Christian family.

Our village wide celebration will be led by the **Bishop of Tewksbury** and supported by Clergy from around Gloucestershire.

**Saturday Afternoon.** Pick up a copy of a specially printed book and follow **Sophie and Joe** as they travel around the Kingswood **Looking for Jesus**. There will be activities around the village for people to discover more about the teachings of Jesus, and the life of church today here in Kingswood. There will be people to answer your questions and if you would like to, you can arrange to be baptised on the Sunday. The trail ends with free fish a chips by St Mary's Church and music on the Abbey Green.

**Sunday Morning.** A celebration to mark the three birthdays, with an opportunity to be baptised, and for older children/adults to be confirmed if they wish. Followed by refreshments with a special birthday cake.

### Our Church Services

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| <b>Sunday Services</b> | 10:30 St Mary's Church<br>(11:00 from April 9 <sup>th</sup> ) | 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

Cafe Church 10:30 Lower School Room - 28<sup>th</sup> May