

# Churches Together in Kingswood

*Bringing the love of Christ into our community*

## Summer 2023

## Events and Services



*The garden at Amercombe*

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

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

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



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**Fathers Day**  
**from 10:30 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Lower School Room**

*Church with a difference*

Coffee, Cake and Current Issues, Live music and Discussion



A small team of volunteers supported by the Keepers Wotton Area Community Hub have obtained initial funding, to provide a community hub in the village.

If you are interested in volunteering to help please either:  
email us at: [keepersinkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:keepersinkingswood@gmail.com) ,  
Go to <https://tinyurl.com/5pxkmuv> or scan this QR code



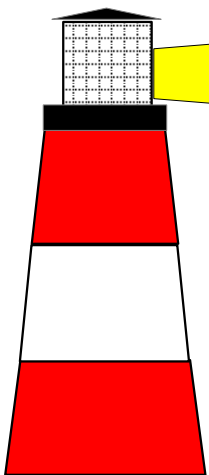
This year we are celebrating the **300<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of our church building so our fete will have a birthday party theme. There will be the usual mix of a range of stalls, games, teas, bar and barbecue with the traditional treasure-hunt for children and a grand prize draw. Come and enjoy meeting your friends and relaxing in the beautiful garden. £1.50 on the day or £1 in advance **under 12s free.**

# TOGETHER

Welcome to this Summer edition of our 'Churches together' leaflet. There is much here that can bring us 'together', I like investigating words, their origins and meanings. Meanings that we often sense without knowing it. 'Together' comes from an old English word; *togædere*, which in turn comes from an old Germanic word; *gaduri*, and that word is packed with meanings like, being in unity, compassionate, part of a body, and part of a gathering. In fact it doesn't take much to hear the word '*gather*' which also has its roots here. 'Church' from the Greek word, Ecclesia, simply means a gathering as well.



When we are truly 'together' we are stronger than the sum of our parts. Sometimes that is easily achieved and sometimes we need to work at it. A recent initiative from our churches to work with 'The Keepers' shows us what can be achieved when we work together for the good of others. And we at St Mary's church are celebrating 300 years of Christians worshipping 'together' in a building that is testament to that gathering. At the centre of our faith is the person of Jesus, who gathers us together with his parables, his teachings and his values. But above all it is his presence and love in our lives that powers our 'togetherness'. Come along and find your place in that togetherness. You would be very welcome!



## Lighthouse Youth Group

**Join us at the Lighthouse**

**Lower School Room, The Walk**

For 10-15 year olds. **Thursdays 6:30-8:30** term time only.

There is: pool, table tennis, food and drink. No need to pay.

For more information contact Dawn on 07590 984118

*Kingswood Congregational Church*





# Teas on the Abbey Green

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 3-5pm**

Join us for an opportunity to look around the Gatehouse, and enjoy Tea and Cake on the Abbey Green. Helping communities across the world struggling to access clean safe water.



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**10am Lower School Room**



A morning of fun for pre-school and primary school aged children with crafts, stories and song. *All children must bring a parent/carer (includes lunch).*

## Our Church Services

<b>Sunday Services</b>	11:00 St Mary's Church 10:30 During AUGUST	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.*

*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 open 10am - 4pm.*

