

Churches Together in Kingswood

Bringing the love of Christ into our community

Autumn 2023

Events and Services



John Green and Bob Copeland outside Holy Trinity, Wickwar taking part in the Ride and Stride for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust.

*Please note that all the events are subject to change.
For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or*
kingswoodcongregational.org.uk
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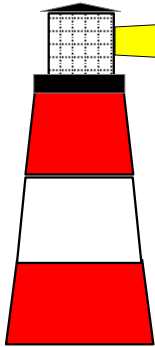
Saturday 2nd September – 1-4pm VILLAGE SHOW

Join us for some stories, crafts and fun to find out what Messy Church is all about. Then come along on...

Saturday 14th October – 10am Lower School Room

We return to the story of Joseph in Egypt, to find out what happened when the famine drove his family in Canaan to seek food from Pharaoh. Join us for crafts, song and lots of fun for pre-school and primary school aged children.

Includes lunch, no need to book or pay.



Lighthouse Youth Group

Lower School Room - Thursdays 6:30-8:30 (term time only)

For 10-15 year olds, with pool, table tennis, food and drink. No need to pay. For more information contact Dawn on 07590 984118

Kingswood Congregational Church



heritage open days

Celebrating Our Built Heritage

Saturday 9 September: 10 am - 6pm

Sunday 10 September: 10am-11am, 12pm-7pm

As part of our Tercentenary celebrations **St Mary's** will be open as part of the **National Heritage Open Days**. With an opportunity to explore the building aided by displays and a family quiz telling the story of the building over the past 300 years. English Heritage will also be opening **Kingswood Abbey Gatehouse** at the same time.

From Then to Now

Sunday 10th September 7pm

An illustrated and affectionate talk looking at how St Mary's has changed over the past 300 years (it was very different in 1723) and also at some of the artefacts to be found within the building.

Tickets £6 to include refreshments email dgrhatton@gmail.com

Ride and Stride Saturday 9th September

for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

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. Both village churches have received grants from GHCT to help maintain them.

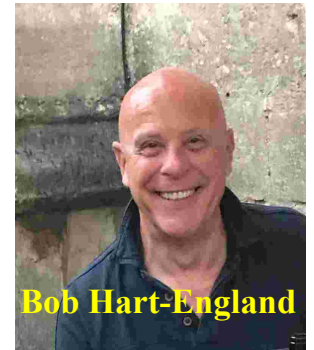
More details from David Hatton email dgrhatton@gmail.com



Rev'd Canon David Russell is retiring in September. He has led the Wickwar Benefice for 25 years (to which Kingswood was added 11 years ago). All are welcome to join his farewell service on Sunday 17th Sept at Wickwar church. David's last Service at St Mary's is on 10th Sept.

All The Kings Men

Living in Kingswood I think that I can see what really makes us a village. There are so many individuals and organisations who give time and money to help others whilst at the same time remaining largely unknown and unseen. For myself I see good friends I have personally and the good friends this village has. People in business who live here have given selflessly over the years to the good of Kingswood and continue to do so. In the bible Matthew tells us not to worry about tomorrow. He precedes that by saying *“When you give to the needy, don't announce it with trumpets.”* Perhaps it is no coincidence that our village is named Kingswood because over many hundreds of years we have been shaped by the Kings Men. People who give to others. Who is the King? That would be Jesus! And who are the Kings men? People who seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Ultimately, without many knowing it, God is looking after you. I would hate to be in a place that doesn't know Jesus. How about you?



Bob Hart-England

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

17th September 10:30 Harvest Service - Congregational Church

1st October 11:00 Harvest Service – St Mary's Church

As the cost of living crisis deepens both Churches are collecting Harvest gifts for the Stroud District Food Bank. If you can, please also regularly donate items using the collection box in the porch in St Mary's.

For details of items needed see

strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/



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

St Mary's Tercentenary Barn Dance

30th Sep 6:30 Kingswood Village Hall

A traditional family Barn Dance for Harvest to mark St Mary's Tercentenary. Tickets £7.50 (£3.00 under 16s) are available from the Spar Shop or Val Abbott (842059). Includes buffet, with drinks available from the bar.

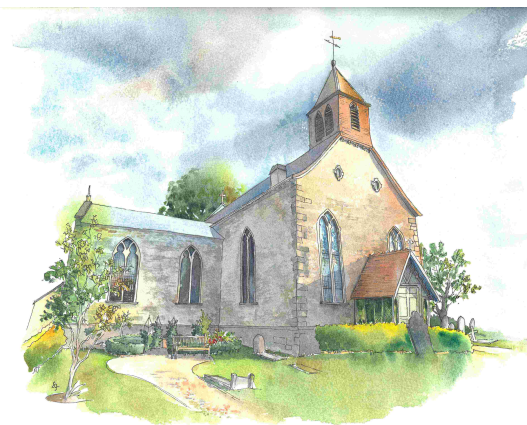
Family History Weekend

Saturday 28th October 12:00-16:00

Sunday 29th October 12:00-15:00

Sunday 29th October 15:00 All Souls Service

As part of our Tercentenary celebrations we are making the registers of births, weddings and funerals recorded at St Mary's available from the county archive. These registers date from the 16thC, and will be of special interest for those with a family connections to the village. The weekend ends with our annual service of remembrance and thanksgiving for 'those we love but see no longer'.



Remembrance Sunday 12th 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

Coffee Morning and Toy Swap



10:00-12:00 Sat 18th Nov
at the **Village Inn**

Hosted by the Messy Church Team. Just bring any good toy and £1. Swap them at the swap shop for a token. Then swap the token for any other toy. All money raised goes to BBC Children in Need. (any toys left will be given to charity).



SUNDAY SERVICES

10:30 Congregational Church 11:00 St Mary's Church

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.*



Drop-In Cafe *Lower School Room*
Open Tuesdays 2pm-5pm and Fridays 10am-1pm.
Community Pantry and Information Point
St Mary's Church available daily 10am-4pm