PARISH MAGAZINE

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NOVEMBER 2026

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From Stagnant Waters to Living Water

Finding refreshment and renewal in Christ



I went for a walk last week around a small fishing lake I hadn't seen in a few years. Sadly, it wasn't as I remembered. Due to the drought in the summer, the water level had dropped very low. Once beautiful and full of life, it has become cloudy and murky. Weeds and invasive plants have spread across the surface, choking out other growth. Oxygen levels have fallen, the water has become stagnant, and life struggles to survive. Without fresh water the pond has become lifeless and uninviting. Perhaps this pond reflects something of our own spiritual lives.

We can become so caught up in the busyness of everyday life that we neglect our relationship with God. Worries, disappointments, and resentment cloud our thinking, while the weeds of distraction and indifference choke the time we once set aside for prayer, worship, and reflection.

Like stagnant water lacking oxygen, our souls can begin to struggle for breath. Often, this happens so gradually that we barely notice. A stagnant pond doesn't have to remain stagnant, and neither do we. Jesus offers us living water. In John 4:14, he promises water that becomes a spring within us, welling up to eternal life. He invites us to come to him, drink deeply and receive the spiritual refreshment that only he can give.

Think of the difference between stagnant water and a clear, flowing stream. Fresh water brings movement and renewal, creating conditions in which life can flourish. Similarly, Christ can soften hardened hearts, bring clarity to confusion, replace bitterness with forgiveness and restore hope where weariness has taken hold.

Yet even a pond that has been refreshed needs maintenance. Weeds must be controlled, rubbish removed, and the water cared for. Likewise, our faith needs regular nourishment through prayer, Scripture, worship and fellowship with other Christians.

Have I allowed life's demands to leave little room for God?

This reflection isn't about condemning ourselves, but about allowing God to reveal where healing and renewal are needed. We can trust that he meets our honesty with mercy and love. When Jesus refreshes us, the effects can create a wonderful chain reaction. Just as a healthier pond supports more life, a heart renewed by God can bring new life to others. Greater patience strengthens relationships; forgiveness inspires reconciliation; and renewed hope enables us to encourage those who are struggling. His love flows through us into our families, church and wider community.

We need not wait until our faith feels lifeless before turning to him. Through a simple prayer, a passage of Scripture or a quiet moment of reflection, we can return to the source of living water.

May Christ cleanse what has become polluted, clear away what hinders our faith and breathe new life into our weary hearts. May we receive this with gratitude and allow his love to flow through us to others.

"Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." — John 7:38 (NIV)

Rev'd Joe

REMEMBRANCE



CHURCH SERVICES: NOVEMBER 2026

The UNITED BENEFICE *of*

IFORD *with* KINGSTON,

RODMELL SOUTHEASE & PIDDINGHOE,

Rector: Rev'd Joe Chipper Tel 01273 967511 email: Rev.JoeChipper@outlook.com

Sunday 1st

08:00	PIDDINGHOE	Said Communion BCP
09.30	KINGSTON	Family Worship with refreshments
09.30	IFORD	*Music and Meditation*
11.00	RODMELL	Parish Communion

Monday 2nd

16.00	KINGSTON	All Soul's Day – a quiet time, short reading and contemplative music to remember loved ones and light a candle

Sunday 8th

08.00	KINGSTON	Said Communion
09.30	KINGSTON	Remembrance
10.50	IFORD	Remembrance
10.50	RODMELL	Remembrance
10.50	SOUTHEASE	Remembrance
10.50	PIDDINGHOE	Remembrance



Sunday 15th

09.30	KINGSTON	***CAMEO** (Come and meet each other)
09.30	PIDDINGHOE	Parish Communion
11.00	RODMELL	Celtic Worship
16:00	IFORD	Evensong

Sunday 22nd

09.30	KINGSTON	Parish Communion
11.00	SOUTHEASE	Parish Communion

Sunday 29th

11.00	RODMELL	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE

* ***CAMEO***- is a relaxed Sunday gathering for conversation, friendship, Scripture, music and prayer—an open and welcoming space to connect, explore faith and build community, where everyone is invited to come along and bring a friend... with coffee & tea.

If you would like a visit, please do call or email. Every blessing, Rev'd Joe

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISHES

PLEASE send dates/times/location of any Charity Events, Parish Meetings, Socials with local benefit (not commercial) to i.k.r.maged@hotmail.co.uk or text to 07976 254316

NOVEMBER				
09/11	19.30	Iford	C7 meeting	Iford Hall
11/11	19.00	Kingston	Kingston Parish Council Meeting	Kingston Pavilion
12/11	19.30	Kingston	Kingston WI: talk A History of Sport	Kingston Parish Hall
14/11	12.00 – 16.00	Rodmell	Christmas Fair	Rodmell Village Hall
17/11	12.30-15.00	Kingston	Citizen's Advice Session	Kingston Pavilion
17/11	19.00	Rodmell	Rodmell Parish Council Meeting	Rodmell Village Hall
24/11	18.00	Kingston	Kingston Wildlife Gardening Forum	Kingston Pavilion
28/11	10.30-4.30	Kingston	Christmas Craft Fair	Kingston Parish Hall

DECEMBER				
06/12	10.30 – 3.30	Iford	Christmas Fair	Iford Hall
06/12	16.00	Rodmell	Service of Light	Rodmell Church
13/12	17.00	Piddinghoe	Carol Service	Piddinghoe Church
15/12	12.30-15.00	Kingston	Citizen's Advice Session	Kingston Pavilion
16/12	18.00	Iford	Carol Service	Iford Church
20/12	16.00	Rodmell	Carol Service	Rodmell Church
20/12	18.00	Kingston	Carol Service	Kingston Church
22/12	18.00	Iford	Carols in the Churchyard	Iford Church
24/12	16.00	Kingston	Christingle	Kingston Church
24/12	18.00	Southease	Candle Carol Service	Southease Church
24/12	23.30	Iford	Midnight Mass	Iford Church
25/12	10.00	Rodmell	Christmas Day Communion	Rodmell Church

JANUARY 2027				
13/01	19.00	Kingston	Kingston Parish Council Meeting	Kingston Pavilion
19/01	19.00	Rodmell	Rodmell Parish Council Meeting	Rodmell Village Hall

FEBRUARY 2027				
11/02	19.30	Iford	Iford Parish Meeting	Iford Hall
21/02	14.30	Iford	Winnie The Pooh; Stories, Songs & Tea	Iford Hall

If you attend any of these events, please send photos for inclusion in this magazine to i.k.r.maged@hotmail.co.uk

GENERAL NEWS

Fundraising for Air Ambulance Service Kent, Surrey and Sussex

KSSX AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY KENT SURREY SUSSEX

Following Managing Director of Iford Estate Ben Taylor's accident when his life was saved, following immediate application of first aid by staff, by the rapid response of two ambulances and a helicopter sent by the emergency services, John Robinson's group, the Leaky Buckets, played a special one-night gig to raise money for the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance service.



This charitable organisation costs £20.8M a year to run of which they have to raise 91% themselves.

If you are able, please make a donation at:
https://aakss.org.uk/donate/ ref Leaky Buckets





SAFER C7 PROJECT
Know what's planned in your area and……
please help raise the last little bit of funding

The Safer C7 Project is now ready to install village gateways, provide or improve crossing points, bus stops and footways between Wellgreen Lane junction, and between the end of the foot path from Northease to the Abergavenny pub.

Improvements planned along the road can be seen at www.thec7road.org/safer-c7-project
Plenty of opportunities to comment will be available. Iford's allocation will be discussed at the Parish Meeting on Monday, 9th November 2026 in Iford Hall or you can contact Steve Pearce (07961 111988) or Sue Carroll (07757 571941).

Funding: to begin with, SDNPA were actively considering undertaking the project management costs. Unfortunately, after receiving the grant, they decided not to which means there is a relatively small shortfall of £8,500 needed.

Please be generous and contribute whatever you can to help this last push to make the C7 safer for us all.

Lewes Citizens Advice offers free confidential and impartial advice and help with benefits, housing issues, cost of living, debt, energy and much more. The Lewes branch run help sessions at Kingston Pavilion from 12.00-3.00 on

citizens advice

20th October 17th November 15th December

Free Adviceline on 0808 278 7892 Tues-Thurs 10am-3pm

info@lewesdistrictca.org.uk www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/rural-outreach

KINGSTON

IN MEMORY OF
THE MEN OF KINGSTON PARISH
WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR

1914 - 1918

Francis Rowland Dobson, James Richard Moody, Boaz Charles Moody,

*Harold Hoather, Alfred Alexander Dean**

ALSO OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

1939 - 1945

George Arnold, Roger Ransome, Sidney William Parker

Kingston Women's Institute theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Thursday
12th November
7.30pm
Kingston Parish Hall

A History of Sport in Sussex
Mathew Home
For further info:
carolctaplin@aol.com or
sue@wylde.me.uk

New Members Always Welcome



Quiz and Chips More than 70 punters enjoyed a Fish & Chip Supper from South Street Fish Bar (with a generous discount to help the proceeds) in the newly and beautifully renovated Parish Hall on 26th September. They were punished terribly with the Quiz. While we did correctly identify Mexico as the native country of the Vanilla plant, the secret of keeping so many tasty fish suppers hot and crisp still eludes us.



Thank you to everybody who came and raised £530 to go towards your Church's support of Landport Food Bank.

Thanks too to those many who helped to set up, provided puddings or donations, collected Fish & Chips, scored for us and cleared up afterwards. It was all just a game and nobody cared who won or lost !!!!! but just in case anyone is interested the scorecard is posted here.

2026 "Quiz and Chips" event in aid of Kingston Church funds - Score Sheet

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	TOTAL SCORE		POSITION
Something Missing	9	8	5	6	20	7	55		1
Andy's Angels	6	8	7	5	20	7	53		2
The Cod Squad	7	8	12	7	9	9	52		3
Streetwise	7	17	6	7	8	6	51		4
The Smart Alecs	7	7	4	7	16	9	50		5
Scratchings	8	7	5	16	8	5	49		6
Pardon	10	7	6	9	6	10	48		7
We knew it Once	6	7	14	6	8	6	47		8
The Ever Hopefuls	7	6	5	7	14	5	44		9
The Optimists	8	8	8	5	8	7	44		9

KINGSTON CONTINUED

CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) Service

Ginny Foster led this service on the theme of Christianity, its stories and those of C. S Lewis. Ginny talked of her love of stories the Bible and the books of Lewis comparing readings from The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and Matthew 28v1-10, one a resurrection of Aslan and the other the resurrection of Jesus.. Lewis was an atheist as a young man and later found faith.



Wendy Forbes introduced the choice of hymns, all of which were played at CS Lewis's memorial which was held in 2013 on the 50th anniversary of his death and included laying a memorial stone in Poets Corner in Westminster Abbey. The hymns included He Who Would Valiant Be , All Creatures of our God and King and Oh Praise Ye the Lord. In addition, a beautiful choral piece was played for Reflection. a poem set to music composed by Paul Mealor. The final reading was from The Silver Chair, Puddleglum's speech about Narnia.

Harvest Festival – Iford & Kingston School

Our school community came together to celebrate Harvest Festival at St Pancras Church. Two special services were held for families and friends. The church was filled with the children's joyful singing, and Yr 5 pupils confidently shared a selection of harvest readings.

Thanks to our families' generous donations for Landport Food Bank. Their kindness and generosity will make a real difference to local families in our community.

We are also very grateful to one of our school grandparents, who kindly baked a beautiful traditional harvest wheat loaf for the occasion. Alongside the food donations, this helped to capture the spirit of gratitude, generosity and community at the heart of Harvest Festival. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the services, helping to make them such a special celebration.



Iford and Kingston School
Saturday 7th November
4.30-7.30pm.



To pre-register your interest in purchasing tickets, please email IKPTFA@skylarkfed.education



Village Voices Autumn Concert



With a yellow weather warning, driving rain and winds over 50mph, the intrepid folk of Kingston and beyond made it to the church for a real treat with the Village Voices Autumn Concert. With a wide-ranging programme from Vaughan Williams to Rutter to Simon and Garfunkel we were all Feelin' Groovy! At the end of the concert, and with hope the weather had improved (it hadn't), we all sung 'Bring Me Sunshine,' The whole performance was filled with joy and enthusiasm and a few noisy littl'uns.

With wonderful and entertaining solos by Briony Lambert and Larry Charlesworth, accompanied by Caroline Reid, the choir, directed by Lucinda Houghton, gave us an afternoon to remember.

Village Voices is a lovely community choir. There is no audition or necessity to read music– just enjoy making music. Meets on Thursday mornings (term time) in Kingston Pavilion.

More Information? Please contact Lucinda on 07976 936024 or email kingstonvillagevoices@gmail.com

IFORD WITH SWANBOROUGH



IN MEMORY OF THE MEN OF IFORD PARISH WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 -1918

Edmund Cannings, Ronald Hardy,
Walter Shepherd, Cyril Carley,
George Shepherd, Alfred Snashfold,
Harry Snell

Music and Meditation Sunday 1st November at 9.30am

Anyone of any religion or none is welcome. Spend half an hour quietly listening to poetry and music and the sound of silence in this noisy world.

Finish with a cup of tea/coffee at 10.00. Come at 10.00 just for refreshments and a chat if you prefer!

A Very Easy Give-Back to the Community

If you like being part of Iford, even if you are not religious, please volunteer to do some flowers or cleaning every so often for the church. An easy and pleasant thing to do to give back and not an onerous task. Contact editor (see back page)

Looking ahead to Artwave 2027!!

Artists and Makers are already looking forward to Artwave 2027. This will take place over the first three weeks of September. This year's Artwave in St Nicholas Church broke all our previous records and enabled a donation of £1,060 to be made to the PCC.



From the electronic……. → ……to the natural

The Experience
with Max Mezzowave

On Friday 2nd October the interior of St Nicholas Church was transformed by Max's fabulous Sound and Light show.



He promised *An Experience*, and for those adventurous souls who sat or lay down in the pews listening and feeling all the sounds it was certainly an evening to remember.

Another opportunity to experience this highly original performance is on 30th October at 7.00pm. Donation on the door.



Right time, right place, Sam Cox caught this wonderful light shining through the west window in the church – stunning!



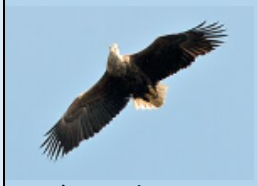
Harvest Festival An enthusiastic congregation brought a substantial number of donations for the Newhaven Food Bank in celebration of the Harvest. Strong hymn singing and a thoughtful sermon by Rev'd Joe Chipper followed by coffee or tea, made for a memorable Festival.

Our new kitchen and loo are proving to be a hugely successful community asset, making social activity after services so much easier.

IFORD WITH SWANBOROUGH CONTINUED

10.50am
Remembrance Sunday 8th November

Once again, the residents of Iford and Swanborough will gather in St Nicholas' churchyard to remember all those who lost their lives in war during the last century and more recently. The reading of the names of all those connected to Iford and Swanborough is the central Act of Remembrance and always a moving occasion. The Perspex figures provided by Anna MacLeod - *There But Not There* - will join us in the church from the start of November as a further reminder of those who never returned to this special community.



Flora and Fauna

In early October there were sightings of the huge White-tailed (or Sea) Eagle over Iford. The focus if a reintoriduction progFlora and Faunarmame which is gaining success, this is still a pretty rare sight. The wingspan of a Sea Eagle can be up to 240 cm, the Common Buzzard, which we see regularly is about 130cm.



Two smaller projects for St Nicholas Church

Sound System Upgrade: the current equipment failed some months ago. The temporary equipment has to be returned to the sound engineer soon. The aim is, once the faculty for the upgrade is granted, music will to be played through the system digitally - no longer analogue.

Porch Glazing and Glass Doors: this will prevent draughts blowing into the church during the winter months. The porch development will be our next fundraising target and will be set once we have successfully gained the necessary faculty.






Some of the lovely flower arrangements in the church over the Harvest Festival period

RODMELL with NORTHEASE

From Jenny Brown; Out and About in Rodmell



THIS TABLET IS ERECTED
IN HONOUR AND LOVING MEMORY OF
THE MEN FROM THIS VILLAGE
WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE WAR

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS"

1914 - 1918

Albert Attrell, Hubert William Barnes, Arthur George Hersee, Sidney Charles Robert Elliott, Archibald James Murdock, Henry James Baker, George Leonard Trigwell, Frederick William George Moore, Alfred William Botten

1939 - 1945

Frederick Malthouse

ERECTED BY FRIENDS OF THE FALLEN AD 1918



Remembrance Day Service
November 8th
BEGINS at 10.50AM

The start time means that prayers can be said before the two-minute silence at 11am.

If the wind is in the right direction we can hear the cannons at Newhaven Fort give their salute.

NOVEMBER 29th
UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE
at 11AM

This is the fifth Sunday of the month and it is Rodmell's turn to host the United Benefice Service to which all the churches in the benefice are invited.

It is also the first Sunday of Advent AND the Service of Light with lots of candles so the church looks amazing, so that means Christmas is on its way!!!

This is the first year we will have held a Christmas Fair in the church to raise much needed funds for redecorating the walls, sorting out the overflow from the rooves to try and stop flooding inside and numerous other items to be concluded before our next quinquennial review.
Do your Christmas shopping and support the church too. Teas, coffees and cakes will be available to buy.

SOUTHEASE





Southease
c1900

Remembering WWII Hurricane pilot Sergeant (Pilot) Arthur James Vaughan RAFVR

PIDDINGHOE



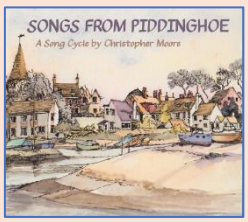
1914 – 1918
FOR
KING & COUNTRY
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
SERVING IN H.M. FORCES WHO
ARE CONNECTED WITH THIS PARISH

James Akehurst, John Akehurst, Charles Dudley Alce, Frederick Alce, William Alce, Harold Aukett, Robert Aukett, Walter Aukett, Lt Col Barwick, Edward Boyle, Lawrence Boyle, J Bray*, Victor Brown, John Combs, Arthur Henry Dunk, Sidney Dunk, J Evans, Arthur Evenden, Stanley Evenden, George Keeley, S Knight, Charles Paddy, John Paddy, Percy Penfold, Percy Stratton, Rev G Street*

** marked as 'killed'*

'Songs from Piddinghoe' In 2023, the internationally renowned VOCES 8 led celebrations for the restoration of the bells in St John's Church. Christopher Moore composed and orchestrated 'Songs from Piddinghoe' and was joined by the Tide Mills Community Choir and children from Harbour Primary School in Newhaven.

You can now get this unique Piddinghoe CD, celebrating life in Sussex, church bells, the seasons (with songs about winter and spring) and music which emphasises our cultural identity, balancing tradition with change.



The CD is available from Brigid Simmonds: brigid.simmonds@gmail.com.
Price £10 (plus postage if required). All proceeds will go to St John's Piddinghoe

CHURCH ROTAS: NOVEMBER 2026

	KINGSTON	IFORD	RODMELL
1st November			
Flowers	Kate Darby	Anna MacLeod	Pam Carpenter / Marcie Heywood
Cleaning		Linda Cripps & Sian Attwood	Maureen Ford / Jenny Brown
Sidespersons	Fiona Harrison / Elaine Pumphrey	Churchwardens	Michael Sword Daniels
8th November			
Flowers	Brenda Neller	Anna MacLeod	Pam Carpenter / Marcie Heywood
Cleaning		Linda Cripps & Sian Attwood	Maureen Ford / Jenny Brown
Sidespersons 8.00 9.30	Joe and Chrissie Chipper Dee Allen / Ann Grieves	Churchwardens	Audrey Valentine
15th November			
Flowers	Fiona Harrison	Jane Symonds	Carol Putnam / Carolyn Orchard
Cleaning		Jeanne & John Symonds	Michael and Anne Sword Daniels
Sidespersons	Ian and Gwyneth Macdonald	Churchwardens	Ian Bell
22nd November			
Flowers	Linda Creswick	Jane Symonds	Carol Putnam / Carolyn Orchard
Cleaning		Jeanne & John Symonds	Michael and Anne Sword Daniels
Sidespersons	Jeremy Boyes / Caroline Fry	Churchwardens	At Southease
29th November			
Flowers		Jane Symonds	Everyone
Cleaning		Jane Symonds	Jenny Brown
Sidespersons	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE AT RODMELL		

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Treasurer	Jeanne Symonds	1 New Cottages, Iford BN7 3ER	01273 479030

	KINGSTON		
Churchwarden	Vacant		
Treasurer	Jeremy Boyes	Deeping, Kingston Ridge, Kingston BN7 3JX	01273 473238

	RODMELL		
Churchwarden	Jenny Brown	Abergavenny House, Rodmell BN7 3HS	01273 473939
Treasurer	Helen Macaulay	147 Lewes Road, Newhaven BN9 9SU	07850 130878

	SOUTHEASE		
Churchwarden	David de Mallet Morgan	Buckle Point, Marine Parade, Seaford BN25 2QR	01323 897977
Treasurer	Helen Macaulay	147 Lewes Road, Newhaven BN9 9SU	07850 130878

	PIDDINGHOE		
Churchwarden	Vacant		
Treasurer	Helen Macaulay	147 Lewes Road, Newhaven BN9 9SU	07850 130878

REMEMBRANCE

DREAMERS

SOLDIERS ARE CITIZENS OF DEATH'S GREY LAND,
DRAWING NO DIVIDEND FROM TIME'S TO-MORROWS.
IN THE GREAT HOUR OF DESTINY THEY STAND,
EACH WITH HIS FEUDS, AND JEALOUSIES, AND SORROWS.

SOLDIERS ARE SWORN TO ACTION; THEY MUST WIN
SOME FLAMING, FATAL CLIMAX WITH THEIR LIVES.
SOLDIERS ARE DREAMERS; WHEN THE GUNS BEGIN
THEY THINK OF FIRELIT HOMES, CLEAN BEDS, AND WIVES.

I SEE THEM IN FOUL DUG-OUTS, GNAWED BY RATS,
AND IN THE RUINED TRENCHES, LASHED WITH RAIN,
DREAMING OF THINGS THEY DID WITH BALLS AND BATS,
AND MOCKED BY HOPELESS LONGING TO REGAIN
BANK-HOLIDAYS, AND PICTURE SHOWS, AND SPATS,
AND GOING TO THE OFFICE IN THE TRAIN.

SIEGFRIED SASSOON

If you would like a paper copy of this magazine, they are available in Kingston church for a contribution of £1.00. Deadline for the December issue is 16th November 2026. Please send items to the email below.

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