

Kingsthorpe Community Church A Baptist - Methodist Partnership **Notices – Sunday 9th March 2025**

Services take place at Kingsthorpe Community Church every Sunday, at 10.45am

Sunday 9th March Morning Worship led by Laura Partington

Sunday 16th March Celebration Service for Kingsthorpe Community Church

<https://zoom.us> Meeting ID: 824 5301 1738 Passcode: 8181

One tap mobile: 02034815237, 82453011738#, *8181# UK Audio Only 0131 460 1196

PATHFINDERS: The children and young people meet in their groups today. Everyone is welcome to join us.

COMING THIS WEEK:

Badminton - Mondays from 8pm. at KBC. Contact - Ray Cheeseman 01604 842893

Girls' Brigade - Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:45pm at KBC during term time. Contact the company on 07951387364.

Tiny Tots & Carers' Group – Mondays 9.30 to 11.30 in the Main Hall at KBC, during term time. **Contact Carol on 07740171452.**

Prayer Meeting - meets online on Weds at 11 a.m. on Zoom – 824 5301 1738 passcode 8181.

INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Funeral for Bob Lane - Friday 14th March 11.15 a.m. at Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor

Thanksgiving service for Paul Fisher Monday 17th March 1 p.m. here at Kingsthorpe Community Church. Please feel free to dress as colourfully as you would like.

More Sad news we have heard that Len Law who was a Baptist member died in August 2024. Len was diagnosed with dementia before his wife Sheila passed away some years ago. We believe Len moved away a few years ago to be nearer his brother and be looked after in a care home.

KCT Prayer Lunch Tuesday 11th March

We will meet at St. Aidan's R.C. Church, Manor Road, 12.00 until 13.00, bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee will be provided). It's a good time to catch up with what is happening in our churches. When lunch is eaten we have a time of prayer. No-one need feel pressured into praying out loud, but just to pray as the Spirit leads. Sometimes it is just good to listen and add your own Amen. Although this has been initiated by KCT all are welcome.

Young People event - Saturday 15th March 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Towcester Road Methodist Church, NN4 8DZ For more information please contact Rev David Speirs 01604 705642 or Rev Malcom Oliver 07957252208. An opportunity for Secondary School age Young People to explore their faith, with fellowship, food and prayer.

KCC Celebration Lunch Sunday 16th March - Don't forget if you put your name down for lunch make sure you stay after Worship next Sunday! There is no charge for lunch but there will be a collection plate for donations towards the work of the Church if you feel able to do so.

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH TEA SERVICE AT 4PM: The Afternoon Tea Service will be led by Rev. Dr. Samantha Gillard and will include Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to join us for this short service in the Hall, which will be followed by tea and cakes.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 30th MARCH – We would like to distribute posies to everyone during worship on Mothering Sunday. If you can help by providing greenery or flowers please see Penny Clarke. Likewise if you are able to help make up the posies please speak to Barbara Ingman or myself. We'll meet at 10am on Saturday 29th March in the primary room. Please bring a good pair of scissors if possible. Thank you, Penny Clarke

Jumble Sale held last Saturday raised a total of £764.87 for Church funds. Thank you to all those who helped or supported in any way.

Flower Rota for 2025 is on the board in the porch. If anyone would like to provide flowers could you please put your name by your preferred week.

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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Harlestone Road players Pantomime Aladdin -The True Story, last week. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed performing it. Thanks to your generosity we raised an amazing £3,440 for the Maggie's Cancer Centre, it is now being built at Northampton General Hospital. You can see progress of the construction as it fronts Billing Road. Widow Twankey (Heather Davies) and all the cast.

Brampton View Services – These are held monthly on a Wednesday evening, the next dates are: **Mar 19th**; April 16; and May 21st. If you are interested in helping or leading one of these 30 minute services please see Martin or write your name on the sheet in the porch. Thank you, Martin Turnbull 07808 665 552 magetu@gmail.com

Lent: There will be a time of discussion and prayer during Lent at Kingsthorpe Community Church on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm commencing on Wednesday 12 March and then on the four following Wednesdays until and including 9 April. All are welcome whether you are able to attend just one or all of them. If you would like more information please speak to Adrian Hicks.

Leaders Meeting Minutes from January have been sent out by email - there is a copy in the folder behind the IT desk.

Kingsthorpe Community Church meeting minutes from our first meeting in January have been emailed round - there are a few printed copies on the coffee table at the back of the church

KCC Church meeting/KBC AGM and ordinary Church meetings Sunday 6th April after worship. Please bring your own lunch. AGM packs are being distributed to all Baptist members of the congregation but there will also be some spare copies at the back of the church on the coffee tables. Everyone is welcome to take one - there are reports on all of the Church activities that will now come under Kingsthorpe Community Church. Any nominations for new Baptist Church Deacons must be received by Sunday 30th March.

Appeal for Pastoral Care Contacts As we move forwards as Kingsthorpe Community Church we are trying to streamline how we look after our Church family, by doing what is known as pastoral care. Rev Dr Samantha Gillard will have overall pastoral responsibility and together we have decided to have a team of Pastoral Care Contacts (PCC's) who will voluntarily work in conjunction with the 2 appointed Pastoral Secretaries (Lois Leeson and Diane Jarvis). The Pastoral Care Contacts will have possibly 10 or 11 people in each of their groups. The PCC role is defined in this Job Description -

Know your group. They will have your contact details.

Receive from people within your group any matters of concern and pass them on if necessary to the Pastoral Secretaries or whoever can be of help.

Receive information from the Pastoral Secretaries about your group e.g. change of address.

Distribute church letters, cards etc. If there are people in your group who do not receive emails, but are "print only" people you might pass on to them information of interest e.g. special services or events.

You will be invited to 2 pastoral meetings a year.

If you would like to be a part of this new team please talk to either Lois, Diane or Catherine B.

Our next step will be to set up a group of people who will visit church family who find getting to church no longer possible or who are facing a challenge of some kind. As a PCC this can be part of your role, or not.

Bethany Nearly New Sale Saturday March 29th 10 a.m. til 2 p.m. - there is a box at the back of the Church to donate items for this event. They are asking for "nearly new" bags, jewellery, bric-a-brac, jigsaws, books & CD's. Please donate any items by Sunday 23rd March.

March's Dine & Divine: As we journey through Lent, and hear once again of Jesus' journey to the cross, it is appropriate that the conversation topic for March's Dine & Divine is '**Journeys**'. And we would love it if you would 'journey' with us to the Whitehills pub on Tuesday, March 25th from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. We can even pick you up to make your journey easier! If you would prefer not to eat, just come for the chat. But the meals are very good value and good quality. More details on the attached flier, but talk to Lois Leeson, Pam Kirkland or Penny Clarke if you want to know more, and make your booking with Penny by Sunday, 16th March.



These are all the words people shared in the service on 23rd February with Rev Dr. Samantha Gillard as we followed the ancient Chistian tradition of Lectio Divina to reflection on Psalm 37.

A Prayer for Peace & Justice in the world

For the countless dead and wounded of Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. For the soldiers and civilians, dragged into war by the arrogance and greed of their so-called leaders.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

For the men, for the women, for the children, for the animals. For the hostages, and for the families who pray for their safe return. For our damaged planet.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the world, including those who care only for power and plunder, and who turn truth into a lie, and free speech into a mockery.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We pray for Hamas terrorists. We pray for Russian terrorists. We pray for Israeli terrorists, that all may learn the futility of revenge.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Martin Luther King, who gave his life for truth and justice, wrote: 'I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war, that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.'

We pray for all who strive for truth, peace and justice. May they have the final word.

Lord. In your mercy: Hear our prayer. Amen.

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Lent Bible Reflections

Please see below for details of the Lent Bible Reflections taking place across the Circuit. There are weekly sessions here at Kingsthorpe Community Church on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 p.m., starting on March 12th for 5 weeks, but you are welcome to attend any of the sessions in any of the churches, as each will be following the same programme.

DAY	DATE	TIMES	VENUE	FACILITATOR
<i>Monday</i>	10 th March	13.00pm	<i>Roade</i>	Revd Ian Forsyth
	17 th March			Roade Team
	24 th March			Revd Ian Forsyth
	31 st March			Revd Ian Forsyth
	7 th April			Roade Team
<i>Tuesday</i>	11 th March	19.30pm	<i>Astcote</i>	Revd Ian Forsyth
	18 th March			Revd Malcolm Oliver
	25 th March			Revd David Speirs
	1 st April			Revd David Speirs
	8 th April			Revd Dr Samantha Gillard
<i>Wednesday</i>	12 th March	14.00pm	<i>Kingsthorpe</i>	Adrian Hicks
	19 th March			Adrian Hicks
	26 th March			Revd Dr Samantha Gillard
	2 nd April			Revd Ian Suttie
	9 th April			Red Dr Samantha Gillard
<i>Friday</i>	14 th March	10.30am	<i>St Andrews</i>	Jenny Brooks etc
<i>Thursday</i>	20 th March			Jenny Brooks / Paul Barford
	27 th March			Jenny Brooks / Paul Barford
	3 rd April			Jenny Brooks / Paul Barford
	10 th April			Jenny Brooks / Paul Barford

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Car Parking in Waitrose Car Park - if you feel you may exceed the 2 hour free parking time due to being in Church, please complete the form at the front of the church with your car registration number.

KBC, Please send any notices to Diane Jarvis - denidjarvis@hotmail.com - by 4 pm Thursdays.

KMC please send any notices to Catherine Jones - kingsthorpemethodist@outlook.com by 12 noon Thursdays.



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