

# SPRING BOARD

## MARCH 2017 - There's a lot happening this Spring in Spring Grove!

### Spring Barn Dance - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Doors 7.30pm - St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane

Welcome in the Spring at our annual Barn Dance, with local band '64 Bars' and Liz calling. This is a fun occasion when all members of our community – families, young and not-so-young – can come together for a great evening out.

**Tickets** are £8 for adults, £4 for children aged 6-16, £20 for a family (2 adults + 2 children), and include a delicious hot supper and salads. Soft and alcoholic drinks will be available at the licensed bar. Please buy or reserve tickets in advance by contacting [SGRAKingston@gmail.com](mailto:SGRAKingston@gmail.com), Gordon Bell (15 Grove Lane, 8549 8540), Jackie Steinitz (26 Geneva Road, 8541 4482), Karol Smal (9 Grove Lane, 8549 8424), McClusky's Off-Licence (Bloomfield Road), or The Spring Grove pub!



### Singing It Back – Spring Concert – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April – St John's Church

Yee-Ha! Singing It Back present their Spring Concert followed by annual social - on this occasion - a hoedown.

**Tickets** £8 adults, £5 children includes American themed hot dogs and sides. Booking: [mary@singingitback.com](mailto:mary@singingitback.com). Donations to St John's Church.

### SGRA AGM - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, starts 8pm - St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane

The Annual General Meeting of the Spring Grove Residents' Association will be taking place. All residents of the area are welcome. We are anticipating the meeting will be attended by our local MP, Ward Councillors and representatives from the Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhood Police team and Kingston University, who will provide updates and can answer questions on matters concerning our area.

### Spring Grove Acoustic - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm - St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane

An evening of contemporary acoustic music. Following on from the well-received evening on 18<sup>th</sup> February we're putting on another featuring 3 great acoustic acts - Reverieme, Rob & Anne (from band Morton Valence) and one being finalised. The evening will be supporting local charity 'Love Kingston'.

**Tickets** will be £8 and there will be a licensed bar. More details to follow, but put it in your diary. Further information and ticket reservations from Tony (07802 381130) or Phil (07749 663809).

### BloomFields 2017 – Street Party – Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 12-6pm

The St John's Church team has started planning for another brilliant BloomFields Street Party. A beautiful sunny day is on order, with great music, Bar, BBQ, Tea Room, Punch and Judy, and loads of entertainment and fun for all ages. Anyone is welcome to get involved in the planning and lots of help will be needed on the day. Contact Jennifer, [jennifermarshall81@me.com](mailto:jennifermarshall81@me.com)

### Spring Grove Fringe - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, evenings - St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane

Put on your top hat. Wear your coat of many colours. Bring out the blue suede shoes and become a dedicated follower of fashion. **The Spring Grove Fringe** presents: **The Clothes Show – an evening of song, dance, poetry and prose.**

**Tickets** @ £17.50 which includes a 2 course supper from the Box Office [SGFKingston@gmail.com](mailto:SGFKingston@gmail.com) or 07905 468589

## News from St John's Church this Spring

### Special Services during March and April:

**Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> - Ash Wednesday – 7pm:** To mark the beginning of the season of Lent, a short service with the imposition of ashes

**Sunday March 26th - Mothering Sunday - 10am:** Parish communion with distribution of posies.

### Holy Week and Easter:

**Sunday April 9th - Palm Sunday** - the service begins at **9.45** at **St John's School car park** from where we process with palm crosses to the church, remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

### Friday April 14th – Good Friday

**1pm – 3pm - Children's Good Friday Workshop** with Easter activities and crafts, all children are welcome, accompanied by an adult please.

**3.30pm - all age Good Friday service**

**Sunday April 16th - Easter Day - 10am** Easter Day Communion with Easter Ceremonies and Easter egg hunt for the children.

### Bookfairs are back! Saturdays March 4th, April 8th, May 6th open from 10 - 2.30

There is a great variety of books to browse, all at very reasonable prices, read and return. We also have a wonderful selection of children's books for all ages. Come and sit and enjoy a book with your children; meet up with friends and enjoy a fresh coffee and delicious cake. The proceeds from the March café will be for our Lent Charity – African Vision Malawi. AVM is a Surbiton based charity carrying out vital food distribution in areas hit by flooding, along with their ongoing projects to improve nutrition in communities, including a training garden and feeding projects in schools.

### Regeneration Project and the Heritage Lottery Fund application

Our new bid for funding will be submitted in March for a decision in June. This is to carry out essential and transformative works to the church interior, and to create a Heritage and community Hub. More info can be found on our heritage blog <https://stjheritage.wordpress.com>

### First Monday Club - first Monday of each month, 2.00-4.00 in St John's Church

A social gathering for adults who enjoy tea, cakes, social activities, company, conversation and conviviality

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** Learn how to make different useful knots

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** A guided tour of St Mary's Church, Twickenham - transport provided. Time to be confirmed

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** An amble in Richmond Park with a picnic tea – depending on the weather. Time to be confirmed

### Little Groovers – every Tuesday, 9.45-11.15 in St John's Church

Friendly parent/carer, baby and toddlers group, still only £1.50 per family

### And finally ... the small ads!



**Lucca's Fish & Chips**

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