

St John the Baptist

Kingston & Putney Vale, Robin Hood Lane, SW15 3PY

Parish Newsletter
Welcoming
Worshipping
Serving

Summer Autumn 2026



15th August, join
us for fantastic
music and a
pop-up bar.

Early bird tickets
available in July.

St John the Baptist
Church and Grounds
Robin Hood Lane,
SW15 3PY.
Half price for
Wellspring Members



Live at St. John the Baptist Church, Kingston Vale

Sat 15th August • Gates 6:30pm

Tickets £20 • Early bird ticket options apply

tickets available from www.inthevale.org.uk

**Wellspring – life in all its fullness:
body, mind & spirit**

Find Community * Find Calm * Find Joy

A welcoming local initiative for all ages, backgrounds & traditions.

Move your body: Table tennis, Tai Chi, yoga, fitness circuits, walks, stretch & breathe

Connect with others : Film & games nights, community lunches, book exchange, tea, cake & quiz afternoons

Find Peace & Reflection: Fireside poems, mindfulness, nature meditations, labyrinth walking
Prices are low so everyone can join.

Pricing

First session FREE – then £5 per activity (dip in and out)

£10/month unlimited membership (join as many activities as you wish)

£5/month: students & low-income households

£1/month: children



www.inthevale.org.uk/wellspring



This autumn look out for
Bingo afternoon

New family activities.

4 October, Harvest to include a Bring & Share
Lunch

1 November Wellspring 1st anniversary party

12 December Christmas Tea with our own
Sinatra sing song

16 January Ceilidh, 16 January 2027

We look forward to meeting you all



Quiz Night!

Saturday 26th September 2026,
7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £10.
Wellspring Members £5.
Tickets available via
www.inthevale.org.uk

Bring your own drinks and nibbles
6-8 maximum on a table.
Individuals welcome.
Prizes for Winning Table.
All in aid of St John the Baptist
Church.



PARISH OFFICE

Sue Richardson: Administrator

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm

✉ email: stjohns@inthevale.org.uk

🌐 website: www.inthevale.org.uk

📘 facebook: [stjohnkingstonvale](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnkingstonvale)

Looking for Ideas for Children during the Summer, Why not try some of these

- Go for a Walk Try out a skateboard Play Pooh sticks
- Sail a paper boat Put up a paddling pool and go for a splash
- Try orienteering Pick some Fruit Watch the sun rise
- Gaze at the stars
- Try geocaching Go on a Family bike ride Build a den Watch
- some butterflies Go on a bug hunt Roll down a hill
- Try bark rubbing
- Build a house for hedgehogs
- Make a fairy wand with leaves and flowers
- Look for animal tracks Make a daisy chain
- Paint a rock and then hide it
- Spot all the colours of the rainbow in your garden
- Draw an insect
- Turn pebbles in to pets Paint with feathers Fly a kite
- Create an Obstacle course



Film night

18th August - The Princess Bride
held in Sherwood Grange cinema,
Robin Hood Lane.

**£5 per
session
free for
members**



The Princess Bride (1987 Fantasy-Adventure, Comedy)

The Princess Bride is a beloved fantasy-adventure film, directed by Rob Reiner and adapted by William Goldman from his own novel, blending fairy tale romance with comedy, featuring memorable characters like hero Westley (Cary Elwes), Princess Buttercup (Robin Wright), and swordsman Inigo Montoya (Mandy Patinkin) as they navigate fencing, fighting, giants, and true love against villains and obstacles, framed by a grandfather (Peter Falk), reading the story to his grandson.

Our film nights are for all who wish to share in the magic of film.

It is all too easy to just stay home and put on a film but, distractions undoubtedly arise.

Here at The Sherwood Grange Cinema, we are afforded the opportunity in sharing in the warmth and comfort of a fully equipped "mini cinema" where we can enjoy a brief chit-chat over a cup of something warm and often a nibble on something tasty before the main attraction begins.

The films will usually represent themed highlights within the calendar year for example; Halloween, Christmas, New Year etc. and the films may be anything from nostalgic, black and white gems to more familiar, up to date favourites (any future suggestion are welcome).

We look forward to seeing you.

You can sign up to join the film or any other community event on the website. www.inthevale.org.uk/wellspring

SERVICE INFORMATION

We are an inclusive church that celebrates and affirms every person.

Our congregation includes people of all ages and backgrounds – our aim is that you will feel at home here. We believe Worship should be open, joyful, and connected to the life of our community

- **First & last Sunday of the month:** 10.30am. Relaxed, informal worship (keyboard, guitars & singers).
- **Second & third Sunday of the month:** 10.30am. Traditional Holy Communion (organ & choir).
- **Early service:** First Sunday of the month at 8am (Book of Common Prayer).
- **Bible study:** Wednesdays at 7pm (Andrews Wing)
- **Children are welcome:** Stay in service or join Orchard Church activities
- **Accessibility:** Step free access, hearing loop, large print sheets
- **Refreshments:** Tea, coffee & biscuits before or after most services and a chance to chat, if you'd like to.

Kingston Vale Trust

Each year Kingston Vale Trust (charity number 205433) makes grants for the benefit of the people living within the parish of St John the Baptist Kingston Vale. (The parish consists of Kingston Vale, Putney Vale and parts of Kingston Hill – exact details of the boundary are available on request). The Trust intends to make grants of between £500 and £18,000 in 2026.

The trustees make grants once per year, assessing any completed application forms received by the end of October 2026. Grants will be awarded to the successful applicant(s) by the end of December 2026. Applicants must complete the application form and return it to the parish office. For an application form, please contact the Trustee Administrator, email: stjohns@inthevale.org.uk, phone 020 8546 2590, or a paper copy can be collected from the Administrator, on Wednesday or Friday mornings (9.30–12.30) at the Parish Office, St John the Baptist Church, Robin Hood Lane, SW15 3PY. The trustees will consider any not for profit organisation whose work in the view of the trustees will benefit the people who live in the parish. Grants are made at the complete discretion of the trustees.

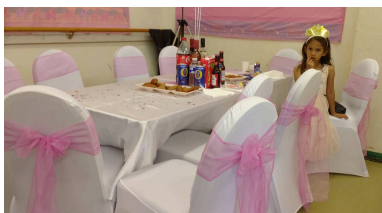
Why not apply to the Kingston Vale Trust?



Hall hire

Our fully accessible and modern refurbished halls are light and airy and are the perfect choice for a wide range of events like, adult, family or children's parties, regular clubs and meetings and certain indoor sports/exercise groups.

Our hire rate per hall is £38.00* per hour for one off bookings and £17.00* per hour for regular bookings minimum 6 weeks (*prices subject to change).



RECENT EVENTS

Medieval Merriment and summer fayre. What a lovely sunny day we had for our Summer Fayre in our garden, it was wonderful to welcome so many people from the community and further afield to our annual event. The tug of war was great fun!!

This year as requested, we provided more activities for children, we do hope the children enjoyed them. As normal our Plant stall, Tea Room, BBQ and Bar were very popular.

Thanks to you all for attending, and thanks also to our wonderful volunteers who looked after the stalls and sideshows.

Any suggestions, please send to the Parish office.





Tai Chi

Thursday 11.30 to 12.30

This class is
sponsored by
Walfinch.



**Get ready for something special this autumn brand new,
Children's film sessions. We are putting the finishing touches
on the shedule and dates will follow shortly.**



Girls in Motion

Saturday 5.30 to 6.30

First session FREE £5 drop-in

FREE with Wellspring membership

Let your Yoga
Dance

For girls aged 11-18

No pressure.

No competition.

Just fun, friendship
and fitness at your
own pace.



Move together

Fridays, 5.45 till 6.30 pm

First session FREE £5 drop-in

FREE with Wellspring membership

A fun, active
session for
parents,
grandparents,
carers and
children to
enjoy together.

