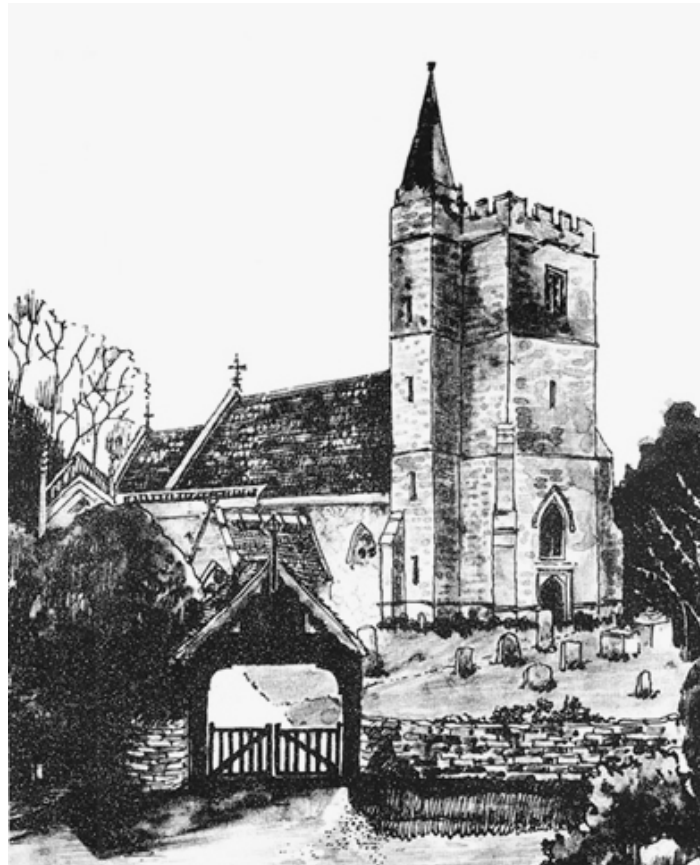


# The Forerunner

*The Magazine for the Parish of  
Newington Bagpath with  
Kingscote*

*December*

2016



## Service Calendar for December 2016

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
		Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Service
		Horsley	11.00 am	Holy Communion & Baptism
Wednesday	7th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>
		Horsley	11.00 am	Family Service
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	14th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
		Horsley	4.00 pm	Carol Service
		Nailsworth	6.00 pm	Town Carol Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
Wednesday	21st	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>24 th</b>	Horsley	4.00 pm	Nativity Service
		Nailsworth	6.00 pm	Crib Service
		Nailsworth	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion CW</b>
<i>Christmas Day</i>		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	28th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion

The next **PCC Meeting** will take place on Tuesday **10 January** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The **Carol Service** this year will take place on Tuesday 20 December at 7.00 pm with refreshments afterwards

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	<a href="http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/blog">www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/blog</a>
<b>Nailsworth Benefice</b>	<a href="http://www.stgeorgesnailsworth.org.uk">www.stgeorgesnailsworth.org.uk</a>
<b>Kingscote Community</b>	<a href="http://www.kingscoteonline.co.uk">www.kingscoteonline.co.uk</a>

## **The Vicar's Letter**

Dear Friends,

Once again, this letter was written not long after Halloween and the shops had already cleared out their usual stuff and had all the Christmas things filling the aisles - two months before Christmas. I spotted my first Christmas tree in a home on 11 November !

Some of the 'Christmas Mince Pies' have sell by date that expires before Christmas, and Hot Cross Buns have been spotted in Morrisons !

A few years ago I went to Ghana in December for the opening of a new church in the very north of the country - a remote village with no power and just a single well. Light at night came from candles which were only lit when you really needed to see.

Much of the time we sat in darkness, illuminated by the light of the fire used for cooking. Accommodation was in a small hut built out of mud and grass. Everywhere was the sound of animals moving around.

Water was in a bucket taken from the well. Life was hard, but simple. I left there a week before Christmas and landed back in Heathrow straight into the glitz and oversell of the commercial side of Christmas.

I found myself asking which experience made me feel closer to the events when God chose to break into our world by appearing in human form. The truth is, it was the simplicity of life in Ghana.

Don't get me wrong - I'm a sucker for tinsel and crackers and all of that. But if we prepare for Christmas too early, by the time it comes it has lost its magic and its meaning. So - take time to prepare slowly; enjoy the build-up and then really celebrate the day when heaven came to earth.

There are many opportunities to take timeout from the craziness and come along to church and just ponder the real wonder of Christmas. Treat yourself !!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

*Rev. Mike Smith*

## **Flower Rota**

27 November  
25 December  
8 and 15 January

ADVENT WREATH  
CHRISTMAS

Soffi Bond  
Flower Team  
Carol Hatherell

*Lorna Reynolds*

## **Carol Service on Tuesday 20 November at 7.00 pm**

We are looking forward to seeing parishioners and their guests at this year's service of readings and carols, followed by refreshments in the church. Based on past experience we will have the gallery open to provide extra seating. The logistics of serving the refreshments are always a challenge, so it will be appreciated if the aisle can be kept open for those serving.

The candles will be set up from 9.30 am onwards and any helpers will be very welcome. Also any offers of mince-pies etc. will be most welcome, but please coordinate this with Jane Nichols *Tel 860 534*.

*We wish all parishioners a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas*

*The PCC*

## **Cleaning Team**

The next **Vestry Silver and Brass** cleaning session is at 10.00 am on Monday 19 December

*Teresa Day*

## **Grumbolds Ash Group**

The annual Christmas Lunch will be held at 12.30 pm on Thursday 8 December at the Royal Oak, Leighterton. Please confirm your booking and choice of menu before 1 December. We shall be having our traditional Lucky Dip draw this year. Make your own travel arrangements beforehand. The menu has been circulated, but if you need one please let me know

*Jutta Tubbs Tel. 860 194*

## **Village Hall Programme**

**Coffee Morning** - Wednesday 7 December 10.30 to 11.30 am, coffee and cakes £2, all welcome.

**Christmas Family Event** - Saturday 10 December 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm, all welcome. Mince pies for adults, entertainment for children. Bring and share children's tea party food. *Mad Hatter* theme - please wear your maddest hat ! See enclosed flyer. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

Please confirm attendance at Tel. 861 311 or e-mail [brianmctear@btinternet.com](mailto:brianmctear@btinternet.com)

*Pauline McTear*

## **Kingscote Parish Council**

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council will be at 8.00 pm in the Hunters Hall on Thursday 1 December.

### **Planning Applications**

- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - repair of ice house including reforming of front elevation. Retrospective consent for opening in walled garden wall. Formation of new walled parting area complete with access gates.
- Demolition of existing Bagpath Court Cottage and erection of replacement dwelling including associated development.
- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - amendments to details of potting shed design.

### **Planning Approvals**

- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - Erection of ha-ha, change of use of land to residential curtilage, removal of estate railings, erection of glasshouse and potting shed, additional garden steps.
- Park view, Kingscote - felling sycamore tree, no objection.

**Recycling** - Notice has been received concerning the recycling dates over Christmas and the new year. Changes occur between 29 December and 19 January, and notification will continue in the January magazine.

**Bus service through Kingscote discontinued** - Despite intense lobbying by the Parish Council this is now confirmed, due to the cost and extremely low usage by Kingscote residents.

**Footpaths** - There are concerns about low hanging branches over footpaths which are a threat to the eyes of pedestrians. It is not easy to look where one is placing ones feet on the path as well as to check overhead.

**Road Safety Hub** - Concerns about highway issues, pot holes flooding etc. see or contact : <http://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/communityhub/> and email: [road-safetyhub@glosfire.gov.uk](mailto:road-safetyhub@glosfire.gov.uk)

**The Parish Council wishes all residents a very Happy Christmas**

*Anna Davison, Tel. 860 244*

### **Local Lifts**

In view of the loss of the bus service and the very high cost of taxis, residents should not be shy of asking a neighbour for a lift. Your neighbour may not be aware of your need. However you must ensure with the neighbour that they have insurance cover, which will probably not cover making a payment for the journey.

*The Editor*

### **Free-range eggs for sale**

Mrs Pat Cooksley of 2 The Windmill normally has some free-range eggs for sale at £1 for six. Best call afternoons.

## **Book Club at 8.00 pm**

- Tuesday 13 December *The Wonder* by Emma Donoghue, at Sheila's.
- Tuesday 10 January *Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry at Angela's.

Please note that after this we are aiming to meet mostly on the 2nd week of the month to avoid too many village events in one week.

*Angela Wooldridge*

## **Kingscote Mobile Post Office**

*There has been a delay in the initiation of this service due to problems in preparing some of the parking locations. Hopefully it will now commence in January.*

### **Where and when:**

Mondays and Thursdays - 12.45 to 1.45 pm, at the Village Hall Car Park.

### **What:**

Car tax, Passport checking, Euro travel cash.

Cash Benefits using PO banking services or Card Account.

Any required documents not on the van can be ordered for the next visit.

### **How:**

Access by steps, or electric rising tailgate for disabled or wheelchair users.

## **Restoration and Improvement of the Church**

Work inside the Church is nearly complete. There is only some detailed work to be done to allow the circulation of fresh air but not mice into the space beneath.

The disposal of spoil from the trench is proving to be a challenge, involving manual sorting of the larger stones and rocks for disposal off-site. The recent weather has not helped. Drilling through the very thick and deep foundations beneath the West Door proved very difficult.

Funding is presently tight, but we await the results of our appeals to major national funding bodies during December

*The PCC*

## **Weekly Recycling - Green food boxes and wheelie bins**

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays.

## **Fortnightly Recycling - Black boxes, White Bags and Blue bags**

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thurs 1, 15 and **Sat 31** December.

## **Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill**

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thurs 1, 15 and **Sat 31** December.

**Countrywide Bus Timetable** - Ring **traveline** on 0871 200 2233.

### **Mobile Library**

The next visit will be on Friday 23 December when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden from **10.30 am** to 12 noon.

### **Magazine**

Any material which may be of interest for the next issue of the Forerunner should be sent by **18 December** to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, *Tel. 860 194*

### **Sea - Fever**

(For the parish mariners)

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,  
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,  
And a grey mist on the sea's face and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide  
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;  
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,  
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again to the vagrant gypsy life,  
To the gull's way and the whale's way, where the wind's like a whetted knife.  
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,  
And a quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

*John Masefield, 1878 - 1967*

### **A Song was Heard at Christmas**

A song was heard at Christmas  
To wake the midnight sky:  
A saviour's birth, and peace on earth,  
And praise to God on high.  
The angels sang at Christmas  
With all the hosts above,  
And still we sing the newborn King  
His glory and his love.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

# Parish Directory

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- Organist:** Rosemary Sims, *15 Badger's Way, Forest Green, Nailsworth, GL6 0HE Tel: 832 446*
- Sidespersons:** Harry Tubbs, Rod Tibbert, Elin Tattersall, Jane Nichols.
- Electoral Roll:** Elin Tattersall, *3 Boxwood Close, Tel.01453 860 182*
- Mowing Team:** Harry Tubbs, Sebastian Cooper, Rick Bond, Roger Lucy, Ken Davies, Brian McTear, John Moore, Tony Wooldridge.
- Village Hall:** Bookings: Pauline McTear, *Kingscote, Tel. 861 311*  
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- Parish Council Chairman:** Graham Nichols, *Asheldown, 3 Ashel Barn Cottages, Kingscote Tel: 01453 860 534*
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