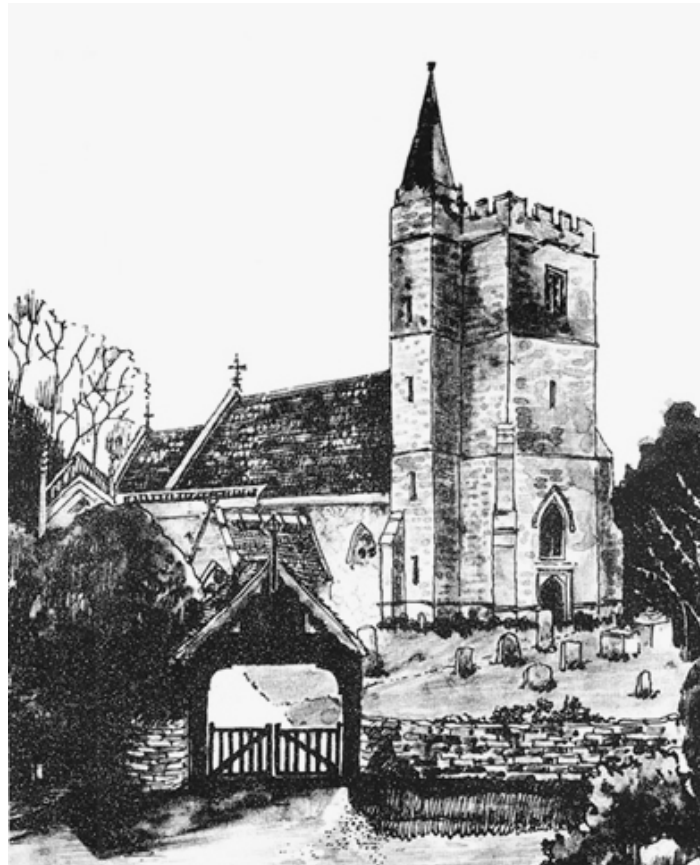


# The Forerunner

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

*December*

2017



## Service Calendar for December 2017

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer BCP</b>
		Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Service
		Horsley	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	3.00 pm	Forest Green United Carols at Nailsworth School
Wednesday	6th	Nailsworth Horsley	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion School Christingle
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	13th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b>
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
		Horsley	4.00 pm	Carol Service
		Nailsworth	6.00 pm	Town Carol Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20th</b>	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
		<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Carol Service*</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24th</b>	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	4.00 pm	Nativity Service
		Nailsworth	6.00 pm	Crib Service
		Nailsworth	11.00 pm	Midnight Communion
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
		Horsley	11.00 am	Family Communion
Wednesday	28th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	31st	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Joint Benefice Service

*\* Anyone who can assist with setting up the candles on 20 December or tidying them away on 21 December will be most welcome from 9.30 am on the day.*

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

## The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

There's a great Carol we shall be singing over the Christmas period - '*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.*'

But if there is often one thing missing in our preparation and celebration of Christmas it is stillness !

Year by year things get madder and more frantic and in all the incredible busyness and shopping and decorating and eating and drinking etc. we miss out on the great gift that is at the heart of Christmas.

For in the birth of Jesus we celebrate the coming of the 'Prince of Peace'.

So, here's a thought ! Why not make a New Year's resolution to try to take some time out of your busy life to find some more peace time.

And why not start that resolution now by taking time out over the course of Christmas to visit the church and spend some time just enjoying the atmosphere, the telling of the story, the joy of the carols - and probably the occasional mince pie ! The possibilities are many and are illustrated on the previous page.

To quote some lines from a favourite hymn .....

*Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress and let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.*

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Best wishes,

*Rev Mike Smith*

The **Next PCC Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 9 January** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

## Flower Rota

26 Nov to 24 December	ADVENT CANDLES	Soffi Bond
25 and 31 December	CHRISTMAS	Flower Team
7 and 14 January		Carol Hatherell

*Wedding on 9 December 12.30 pm Steven Shaw and Gemma Dore*

*Lorna Reynolds*

## **Brass Cleaning Team**

The next session will be on Monday 18 December at 2.30 pm.

*Teresa Day*

## **Village Hall Programme**

**Village Christmas Celebration** - Saturday 9 December 3.00 to 5.00 pm.

Mince Pies and mulled wine for adults. All welcome and children to bring a plate of food. See enclosed flyer for details.

**Film Night** - Tuesday 12 December 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Woody Allen's masterpiece *Manhattan*.

**Christmas Lunch** - Wednesday 13 December 12 noon for 12.30 pm. We are holding this event in lieu of the usual coffee morning. The cost will be £5.00 per head for two courses and coffee. All are invited.

For catering planning we need to know numbers and any food allergies/preferences in advance - by Friday 8 December at the latest.

Telephone on 01453 861 311 or e-mail: [brianmctear@btinternet.com](mailto:brianmctear@btinternet.com)

*Pauline McTear*

## **Carol Service on Wednesday 20 December at 7.00 pm**

All parishioners and their guests are invited to attend this service of carols and readings, followed by refreshments in the church. Those wishing to donate mince pies etc. please contact Jane Nichols on 860 534 to coordinate the supply.

## **Grumbolds Ash**

I wish to withdraw from the role of arranging the Grumbolds Ash outings, and this year has shown that it has probably run its course in its present form. If we wish to have an occasional outing it can be arranged by members of the community when there is sufficient interest.

*Jutta Tubbs*

## **Thank you**

I would like to express my gratitude to all those neighbours who have enquired about my health and offered assistance.

It is heart warming to know that such kindness and concern prevails in our tiny village.

My most sincere thanks to you all.

*Allan Jackson, Jasmine Cottage, Kingscote*

## **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 mornings.

## **Kingscote Parish Council**

The next PC meeting will be on **9 January** at 8.00 pm at the Hunters Hall.

### **Planning Applications**

- Kingscote Barn, Binley Farm - Change of use from agricultural land use to Use Class C1 Hotels, and siting of 16 units of accommodation to include 6 eco lodges, 8 glamping pods and 2 shepherds' huts.
- Brook House, 12 Bagpath - Demolition of existing kitchen extension, two-story extension to existing property, conversion of garage into annex.
- Walnut Farm, Bagath - Proposed alterations to outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation.
- 5 Windmill Cottages, Kingscote - Amendment to erection of first floor side and front extension with chimney and single floor front extension, and rendering of reconstructed stone.

### **Potholes**

The clerk to the PC can report potholes for remedial action, but the problem is so widespread and the time involved in locating and communicating a specific pothole makes this impractical. Parishioners are requested to contact the GCC contractor Amey on Tel. 08000 514 514 or e-mail on: [gcchighways@amey.co.uk](mailto:gcchighways@amey.co.uk)

### **The Gloucestershire Community Wellbeing Service**

The Cotswold Community Wellbeing Team is part of a countrywide service and may be able to offer support and advice to guide you during these times. The service is available to anyone over the age of 16 years. It is simple to get in touch with your local team either via your GP practice or directly through GRCC on 01452 528 491.

First of all, a named member of the team will have a conversation with you about what matters to you, where your interests lie, what your strengths are and what would help meet the challenges you face. This may lead to some one-to-one support, connection with others in your community or an introduction to a group or organisation.

***The Parish Council wishes all residents a Merry Christmas***

*Clerk to the PC Fiona Thornton*

### **Book Club at 8.00 pm**

- Tuesday 5 December - '*The Underground Railway*' by Colston Whitehead at Louise's
- Tuesday 9 January - '*Jamrach's Menagerie*' by Carol Birch at Liz's
- Tuesday 13 February - '*A Man called Ove*' by Frederick Backman at Jane's

*Angela Wooldridge*

### **Mobile Post Office**

The mobile Post Office parks at the Village Hall between 1.00 and 2.00 pm on Mondays (except 4 December) and Thursdays (except on Bank Holidays), and there will be no service during Christmas week.

It stocks a wide range of mailing materials, and can dispatch all mail and moderate sized parcels. It also stocks most generally used pro-forma/application forms for government services, and provides financial services for all major banks and currencies, including cheque payments as well as PO savings accounts and insurance.

### **Mobile Library**

The next visit will be on Friday 22 December when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden between **11.00 am and 12 noon**.

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

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 7, 14 and 21 and Saturday 30 December

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

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursday 14 and Saturday 30 December.

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

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursday 14 and Saturday 30 December.

*Harry Tubbs, Churchwarden*

### **Magazine**

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

## **Church Buildings**

This is a controversial and for many a tiresome matter. For those with little faith, they are a burden which they may feel they are under no obligation to share, but of which they are regularly reminded by those who are responsible for their upkeep.

For church members this is more daunting as they realise that they have an obligation to look after them. How could they reconcile their faith with allowing the buildings to look neglected and to be in disrepair? How could that ever glorify God, which is an integral purpose of faith and service ?

We are very fortunate in our small community to have had wonderful support for the restoration of the church building, which most people appreciate is a charming historical monument. It is at the bottom of the scale for Cotswold grandeur, but it has a human appeal which has not doubt ensured its survival and which is so loved by our wedding guests.

We therefore thank our parishioners for their magnificent support in recent years.

*The PCC*

### **OUR WEAKNESS, YOUR STRENGTH**

*A prayer composed by Soren Kierkegaard 1813 ~ 1855, a Danish Lutheran who lived in Copenhagen whose philosophical writings have come to be regarded as the origin of modern existentialism. To him Jesus was not an historical figure, but a contemporary spiritual figure with whom he could communicate directly.*

There is much to drag us back, O Lord: empty pursuits, trivial pleasures, unworthy cares. There is much to frighten us away: pride that makes us reluctant to accept help; cowardice that recoils from sharing your suffering; anguish at the prospect of confessing our sins to you. But you are stronger than all these forces. We call you our redeemer and saviour because you redeem us from our empty trivial existence, you save us from our foolish fears. This is your work which you have completed and will continue to complete every moment.

*The Editor*

### **A Thought from Terry Waite**

After nearly five years in captivity in Lebanon following his attempts to negotiate the release of western hostages, he has recently written a book on his subsequent reflections *Solitude: Memories, People, Places. SPCK.*

He makes a thoughtful observation which must surely be very relevant today:

*“God is a great mystery and religion is a handrail to guide us to that mystery - but that’s where the great religions get into trouble because they are arguing about what handrail you should be on, when it’s immaterial .“*

*H Tubbs, Churchwarden*

***The PCC wishes all parishioners a very happy and peaceful Christmas wherever you may be.***

**Hot from the press:** It has just been announced that the vicar will be leaving the benefice after Christmas 2017.

# Parish Directory

- Vicar:** Reverend Mike Smith, *3 Vicarage Gardens, Nailsworth, GL6 0QS, Tel. 07840 260 182, 01453 836 536*
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- Vestry Silver and Brass Team:** Teresa Day, Angela Wooldridge, Pauline McTear.
- Nailsworth MU:** Trissa Jones, *Tel: 832 551*
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- Gift Aid and Envelopes:** Jane Nichols, *3 Ashel Barn Cottages, Kingscote Tel. 860 534.*
- Church Flowers Rota:** Lorna Reynolds, *Tel. 860 231*
- 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, Rick Bond, Roger Lucy, Sebastian Cooper Ken Davies, Brian McTear, John Moore, Tony Wooldridge.
- Village Hall:** Bookings: Pauline McTear, *Kingscote, Tel. 861 311*  
Secretary: Pauline McTear, *Cherry Tree House, 861 311*
- Parish Council Chairman:** Sebastian Cooper, *Kenelm House, Kingscote, GL8 8XY, Tel. 01453 860 811*
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