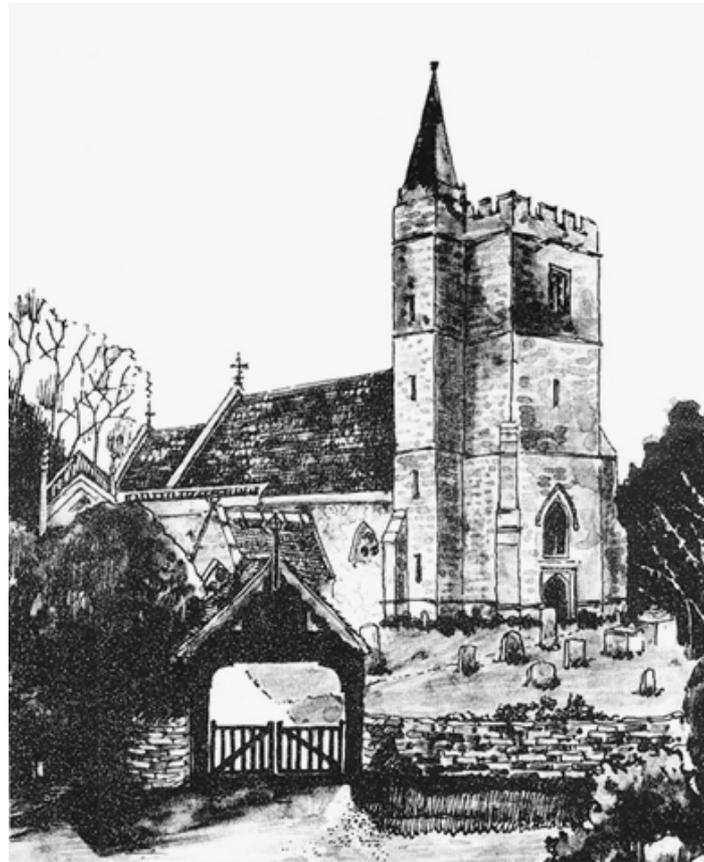


The Forerunner

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

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Service Calendar for December 2019

Sunday 1st	Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 4th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	Horsley	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 11th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy communion
Sunday 15th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Family Service
	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	6.00 pm	Town Carol Service
Wednesday 20th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	Horsley	6.00 pm	Carol Service
	Kingscote	7.00 pm	Carol Service
Tuesday 24th	Horsley	4.00 pm	Crib Service
	Nailsworth	4.30 pm	Crib Service
	Nailsworth	11.00 pm	Benefice Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25th	Horsley	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Benefice Servie of Holy Communion
Glouceter Diocese	www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/blog		
Nailsworth Benefice	www.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk		
Kingscote Community	www.kingscoteonline.co.uk		

*The PCC wishes all Parishioners a
Happy Christmas and a refreshing holiday*

The Vicar's Letter - *Hope, Love, Peace and Joy*

This time last year I was preparing to move to take the role of Vicar of the Nailsworth Benefice. Since my licencing in January, the months have gone so quickly and as I look back over the year, there has been much change, much that has been new. It has been a joy meeting so many people and getting to know the communities.

Now we reach December and the Advent season, I imagine there will be much time spent preparing for Christmas, shopping for gifts, thinking about gifts and decorations, of hospitality, food and drink, planning celebrations and gatherings with family and friends.

I wonder what this year has been like for you, I wonder what has happened in your life over the last 12 months. For some it will have been a good year, but sadly, not so good for others. Life doesn't always seem fair, and maybe you feel that this year, for whatever reason, it is difficult to look forward to Christmas.

For Christians, Advent, the four weeks leading to Christmas is a time when we are mindful of preparation, but it is a season to step out of the busyness of those preparations, from the rushing around, of buying gifts, preparing for the celebrations of Christmas Day, to focus on the gift of Jesus. As we prepare, it is also a time to stop and think about our own lives, to reflect on the year whatever it has brought. It is a time of pondering, to stop, a time of waiting, of preparation for the birth of the Jesus, who came to change the world, who came to give us hope for the future.

Advent is primarily a time for preparing our hearts so that we might become open to the wonder of what it is that we are waiting for - the coming of Jesus Christ, the coming of Hope, of Love, of Peace and Joy.

And then we come to Christmas, celebrate the joy of the birth of Jesus ! If you want to make Christmas special, and remember what it's all about, you will receive a warm welcome at the churches of St John the Baptist at Kingscote. St Martin at Horsley or St George in Nailsworth, at any of our Christmas events and services.

I wish you a blessed and Happy Christmas

Rev. Caroline

Flower Rota

1 to 24 December

ADVENT Candles

Soffi Bond

There are no weddings booked in December

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

New and visiting members always welcome. Call me on 860 367.

Teresa Day

Margaret Gale

On 20 October Margaret Gale (nee Burr) became Kingscote's first known centenarian, and there was a celebration for friends and family at The Kingscote Barn, where she was on excellent form as she welcomed her guests, enjoyed their company and showed them her telegram from H.M.The Queen.

Margaret came to Binley Farm in 1937, when her father took the tenancy there, and when her brother left Binley to farm in his own right, Margaret went with him to help. She then returned to Binley after her marriage to John Gale, who later went on to take over Binley Farm from her father. Their sons, Richard and Gerald, now run the farm and have made a great success of the Kingscote Barn as an event venue.

Margaret has been a supporter of village events, and was a loyal member of the Altar Guild for many years, regularly doing flower arrangements in the church. We would like to add our congratulations to Margaret and wish her all the best for the future.

Best wishes, Tim Sage

2019 Poppy Appeal collection

I am pleased to report that we collected £1,175.78 for the Poppy Appeal this year in our district of Kingscote, Hazlecote, Bagpath and Leitherton. Many thanks to the stalwart band of house to house collectors, to Calcot Manor and Spa, the Hunters Hall and the Royal Oak in Leighterton, and of course to everyone who contributed. As this was my first year of helping the Royal British Legion with their poppy collection I would like to add a personal thanks to everyone who so kindly helped me.

Annabella Lucy

Village Hall Programme

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 10 December, 12:00 for 12:30 pm. Instead of the Coffee Morning we will be serving a glass of wine or an alternative drink, two courses, followed by mince pies and coffee. We need to have numbers on or before 3 December for catering purposes, together with allergies. The cost will be £10 per person.

Film Night - Tuesday 10 December, 7:30 for 8:00 pm *Holiday* a light comedy, ideal for this busy time of year. No charge for admission - Pay Bar. All welcome.

Thank you to Martin Saunders - for his beautifully illustrated talk *Travels of a Rural Postie*. For those who missed it, Martin is planning a further trip to Africa and we hope that he will show us further photographs in due course.

Pauline

Kingscote Parish Council

Planning Applications

- 4 The Walled Garden, Kingscote - Prune Liquidamber at front of property, Dismantle small Malus Floribunda at front of property. Remove stump, prune Birch at back of property, prune Conifer located at lane-side of boundary wall.
- The Spinney, 18 Kingscote, fell large Ash tree in rear garden.
- Calcot House, Kingscote - Conversion of stables to holiday accommodation.

Planning Approvals

- Calcot House, Kingscote - Prune back Cherry tree overhanging branches to reshape.

Future Plans for the community:

Defibrillators

The Village Hall Committee organised a training and information evening on 11 November which was well attended and very informative. A demonstration on the use of the new defibrillators was followed by safety advice from the Ambulance Service and the fire service.

Households were encouraged to use the **What3Words** app. to define the exact location of their house, and to request a safety inspection from the Fire Service if they have any concerns.

(The units which we have are called IPAD and are produced by CU Medical Systems Inc. for public access, and made in Britain.

New fibre optic cable Planned for the parish

The Parish Council had an informal introductory meeting on 18 November with a representative from Gigaclear to discuss their plans for installing fibre broadband in the parish as part of the Fastershire project. The current plan is to start work in June 2020, and completion of the work in the Kingscote area is expected to take 6 to 9 months. Information meeting open to all parishioners will be held nearer to the start date.

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Community litter-picking

The Parish Council is planning a community litter picking on the afternoon of Sunday 23 February 2020. This will be followed by tea and cake in the Village Hall. If you are willing to volunteer for this please contact Tony Wooldridge on 01453 860 697 or tony.wooldridge1@gmail.com

More details of these topics will be available on the Kingscote Online website

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 4 February 2020

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

Recycling at Horsley Tip

Open everyday except Wednesdays from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New year's Day.

Kerb-side recycling

Thursday 5 December - food and garden recycling

Thursday 12 December - all recycling and waste containers

Thursday 19 December - food and garden recycling

Thursday 30 December - all recycling and waste containers

Cotswold District Council is calling upon all road users in the Cotswolds to respect our refuse and recycling crews, and exercise more patience following a spike in unsafe driving reports.

Dog Fouling at the bottom of Windmill lane

Offensive dog fouling is being experienced by residents where the footpath leaves Windmill Lane to cross into the first field. As local residents we cannot possibly justify inflicting the smells and dirt being left so close to the homes there.

If dog owners need to use Windmill lane for this purpose they can surely move 50m or so further up the lane. No doubt this medley of smells provides sensual pleasure for the many dogs which are brought there. Presumably the owners would not contemplate using their own gardens for the purpose.

The Editor

Book Club at 8:00 pm

- Wednesday 11 December ‘*The Bean Trees*’ by Barbara Kingsolver at Angela’s
- Wednesday 8 January ‘*The Hunting Party*’ by Lucy Foley and/or ‘*About Grace*’ by Anthony Doerr at Louise’s

Angela Wooldridge

Mobile Post Office

The Mobile Post Office will provide the service at The Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 and 10:00 am.

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.

Ring out, Wild Bells

By Alfred Lord Tennyson

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out wild bells, and let him die ...

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Parish Directory

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