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# THE FORERUNNER

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**WELCOME to  
the January  
edition of  
The Forerunner.**

## WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of our parish magazine for 2021.

Some will be happy to leave 2020 behind them and Pat Cooksley has sent in a poem which may raise a smile as we face the new challenges that Covid 19 and restrictions bring in 2021. We have some updates on activities in December and thanks for generous donations made. Also look out for the changes to the usual kerbside waste collection dates during January. All copy for the next edition should be sent to [Elin Tattersall](#) by the 20th of the month (01453 860182).

If you did not manage to get your name onto the [new mailing list](#) for the parish website e-alerts just [sign up here](#).

Best wishes to everyone for 2021

**The Forerunner Editing Team**

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# VICAR'S LETTER

Happy New Year!

First, I hope you had a good Christmas, even if it had a different feel than in past years.

Maybe you came to St John the Baptist to listen to the Nailsworth Silver band and join in the carol singing on Christmas eve, or joined the church service on Christmas morning in church or a service on-line, maybe you managed to meet with your family and make a bubble on Christmas day.

None of us know what the new year will bring, but one thing is certain is that there is hope with the COVID 19 vaccine, which has already been given to some who are most vulnerable.

This is the hope that will change our lives once again and gradually bring us back to a new normal, being able to once again meet together without restrictions.

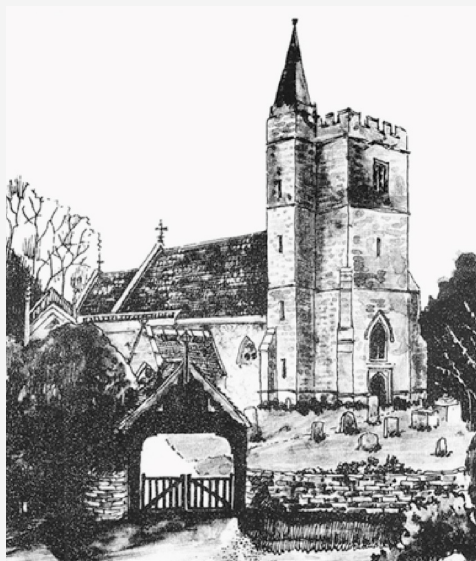
Under the new tier, tier 4, there are of course greater restrictions, but worship is still able to continue in churches and St John the Baptist will continue with services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and be open on a Sunday between 10am and 4pm for private prayer. In Psalm 46 we read the words "Be still and know that I am God!" The church is a place of worship and a place to be still, to pray, think and enjoy the quietness.

As I look with hope to 2021, the words that come into my mind are those of the apostle Paul who wrote to the early church in Thessalonica saying 'rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.'

I pray that we will all be able to look forward with hope and rejoice in positive change. With blessings,

With blessings

Rev'd Caroline



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# KEY DATES

## CHURCH SERVICES

Church services and private prayer can continue in Tier 4 areas. Services in the church are on the first and third Sunday of the month, so during January on:

3rd January 9.30am

17th January 9.30am

Go to the [Nailsworth Benefice website](#) or contact our vicar Caroline for links to streamed services.

Outside service times, the church in Kingscote will be open for private prayer each Sunday from 9am to 3pm.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

January - Lorna Reynolds

February - Wendy Ingram

## KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

**[Check revised dates here](#)**

### Food Waste

Monday 4th January (instead of 31st December), Saturday 9th January (instead of 7th January); Friday 15th January (instead of 14th January); Thursday 21st January; Thursday 28th January.

### Recycling & Garden Waste

Saturday 9th January (instead of 7th January), then on Thursday 21st January.

## RECYCLING CENTRE

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open from 10am to 4pm on all days except Wednesdays and New Year's Day, but only for pre-booked appointments. [Book your visit here](#).

## POST OFFICE

The mobile Post Office will be at Kingscote Village Hall every Monday and Thursday from 9am to 10am, except on the 7th, 11th and 14th January, when [refurbishments to the main branch in Cam](#) means that the Post Office van cannot go out.

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Although there were no current applications with January consultation deadlines at time of going to press, more applications may be made, for comment during January. Please check the [Cotswold District Council website](#).

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Fibre Broadband

A number of parishioners participated in an online meeting with Fastershire and Gigaclear on 25 November. The village is to be connected to the Gigaclear network via Tetbury: initially cables are being installed along the A4135, and installation in Kingscote village will begin in February 2021. We have been notified by the County Council that road closures may occur between 8 February and 30 March. The actual dates will be notified on site at least a week in advance.

### Highways issues

The Parish Council has been liaising with Gloucestershire Highways for some time about improvement of the drainage near Hunter's Hall, new Kingscote village signs for the A4135, and the signage at Ashel Barn. Although we recognise the tight budgets under which Glos. Highways are operating, we are continuing to press for this work especially resolving the flooding at Hunter's Hall.

## Ash dieback at Bagpath Common

Glos. County Council Highways department has now agreed to take responsibility for the ash trees affecting safety of the public roads at Bagpath Common. They have surveyed the extent of ash dieback and are obtaining quotes for the felling judged necessary. Because of budget constraints the work is being planned for next financial year, possibly late summer 2021. We have requested an online public meeting to discuss the plans before the work is implemented.

The Parish Council

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

**We welcome your contributions to this, our parish newsletter, in whatever format - photographs, puzzles, recipes, poems and stories and will try to publish a selection each month. Please send them to Elin Tattersall (01453 860182).**

Thanks to **Pat Cooksley** from Windmill Lane, who sent in three verses of a poem which has a humorous view on growing old. We managed to [find even more verses on this website](#). Some state its composer is unknown, while others attribute the poem to Constance O'Neon around 1953.

## **I'm Fine Thank You**

There is nothing the matter with me  
I'm as healthy as can be.  
I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze,  
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,  
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm all right.

My memory is failing, my head's in a spin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this - as my tale I unfold,  
That for you and me who are growing old,  
It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin,  
Than to let folks know the shape we're in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?  
Well my 'get up and go' has got up and went.  
But I don't really mind when I think with a grin,  
Of all the grand places 'my get up' has been.

Old age is golden, I've heard it said,  
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,  
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in the cup,  
My eyes on the table until I wake up.  
Ere sleep overtakes me, I think to myself  
Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?

When I was young, my slippers were red;  
I could kick my heels right over my head.  
When I got older, my slippers were blue;  
But still I could dance the whole night through. But now I am old, my slippers are black;  
I walk to the store and puff my way back.

I get up each day and dust off my wits,  
And pick up the paper and read the 'obits'.  
If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead  
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.

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## CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR STROUD FOOD BANK

### A message from Roxy Knights

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Kingscote Community Collection for Stroud Food Bank in December. We had a really good turnout from the parish and filled our car with donations to take to Stroud. There was a great range of Items, all equally welcome, and they were very gratefully received.



### CHRISTMAS CAROL CHEER

Thanks to Nailsworth Silver Band who braved the cold on Christmas Eve to give a treat of a carol concert for us in Kingscote and in Bagpath. They took requests, played around 10 carols and finished off with a hearty 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. Thanks to all who came along, enjoyed the event and made donations totalling £187 to Christian Aid.

People were also very generous in donating during the Christmas Day service, with £136 collected for the Children's Society. Thank you all.

We still enjoy carols during Epiphany, until 31st January, so this is a reason to listen again to the carol service held at Nailsworth Church on 20th December, [available from this link](#). As Caroline, our Vicar, states 'On Sunday the 3rd of January, the church will celebrate Epiphany, the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles, the visit of the Magi to Jesus. The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the cycle ends with the presentation of Christ in the temple (Candlemas), this year celebrated in the church on Sunday 31st January.'

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