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THE FORERUNNER

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

WELCOME

As we note that Spring has definitely sprung, see lambs in fields, feel the sun's warmth and enjoy the sight of daffodils by the score, this month's edition features news that the church will reopen for services during April, starting on Easter Sunday. We also have a parish council update and a poem sent in by Pat Cooksley.

All copy for the next edition should be [sent to Elin Tattersall](#) by the 20th of the month (01453 860182).

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VICAR'S LETTER

We will never forget the last year. March saw one year since the first lockdown and the Government's order to "stay at home: protect the NHS: save lives." We have all experienced so much change, so many people have been ill, been infected and affected. The numbers of deaths given in the statistics have been horrifying, and we remember that each person, behind each number in those statistics is a name, a person, a loved one and left a grieving family. Throughout the nation people stopped at noon to remember, the churches in our benefice tolled a bell and candles were lit in our homes at 8pm as we remembered the past year and to look forward with the light of hope for the future.

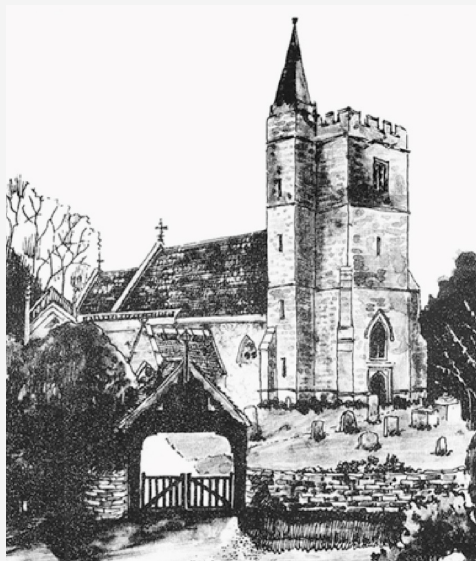
There has been so much change for everyone and we still don't know what the future will look like. As I write this letter in March, children are back in the classroom, we are waiting on government decisions as to whether the planned way ahead is on course and what changes will be made.

Last year the parish churches in the Nailsworth benefice were empty at Easter, but this year, we return to celebrate the meaning of Easter at St John the Baptist, St Martin's and St George's. As we remember the meaning of Easter, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus talked a lot about change, about dying, both actual and metaphorical. The Christian faith cannot shy away from death and change. With the pandemic, change and when this will happen is uncertain, but in all the uncertainty of life, one thing is certain and never changes, it is the events at the heart of Christian Faith - the Good News proclaimed on Easter Day.

The message of Jesus' resurrection and the new life it brings is unchanging. This unchanging event was only possible through the events of Jesus' death on the cross, because we cannot get to Easter day without journeying through Good Friday. Through our faith we know that death does not have the final word. Despite the darkness of Good Friday as Jesus died upon the cross, we saw the light he brought into our broken world through the Resurrection of Easter Morning.

Jesus was then and remains today the Light of the World, the hope in times of trouble. When our hearts are open to his love, then the world feels better as humanity embraces God's love for the world.

With blessings
[Rev'd Caroline](#)



KEY DATES

CHURCH SERVICES

Services return to our church during April 2021, starting on Easter Sunday and following the usual pattern of services on the first and third Sunday of the month at 9.30am. In April these are:

Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday service at 9.30am

Sunday 18th April at 9.30am

If you plan to attend the Easter Sunday service on 4th April please [let Jane Nichols know by email](#) or by telephone (01453 860534) so that we can arrange the seating to allow appropriate social distancing.

There will also be online or live-streamed Sunday Services from St George's Church, Nailsworth during April. Please check updated information and the on-line service link on the [Nailsworth Benefice website](#).

The church of St John the Baptist in Kingscote will be open for private prayer and contemplation from 9am to 4pm each Sunday, outside service times.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Now that church services are resuming, the flower rota is as follows:

4th April - Lorna Reynolds

18th April - Zoe Nichols

2nd May- Sue Spandler

16th May - Jane Nichols

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING & ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

St John the Baptist, Kingscote

This meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th April 8pm via Zoom. [Please contact the vicar](#) if you would like to attend the annual parish council meeting.

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The church electoral roll is being revised in 2021 so if you are not on it and wish to be added you have just a few more days to complete [this application form](#) and send it to Elin Tattersall. (Must be received on or before 28th March 2021).

The notice and hard copies of the application form for new members can be found in the church porch. Likewise [if you wish your name to be removed from the church electoral roll, please let Elin know](#).

Please note that this is about being a member of the church in Kingscote and is not linked to the electoral roll for voting in local and national elections, which is organised by Cotswold District Council.

KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Waste collection calendar

Although, at time of publishing, the Cotswold District Council website did not contain an updated calendar for food waste and recycling from April 2021, the council has confirmed to the editor that collections in April will follow the usual pattern, with no changes due to bank holidays. More information will be available on the CDC website [here](#).

Food Waste

Every Thursday in April

Recycling & Garden Waste

1st, 15th and 29th April 2021

RECYCLING CENTRE

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open from 10am to 4pm on all days except Wednesdays, 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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ashcroft House GL8 8YF – Change of use to equestrian and erection of stables and associated storage. Comment by 9th April 2021.

More applications may be made for comment during April. Please check the [Cotswold District Council website](#).

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Parish Council Vacancy. At a special meeting of the parish council on 18th March, Beth Calland was co-opted as a councillor. The parish councillors are very pleased to welcome her to this role.

The Parish Council Annual Meeting will be held by Zoom on May 4th at 7.30pm. Subsequently, we hope to be able to hold a physical Annual Meeting for the parish but the date will depend on the relaxation of Covid restrictions.

Fibre Broadband. Gigaclear contractors have completed installation of fibre broadband through the village as far as the village hall. The continuation of this work has been paused and we have not yet received a revised schedule. However, we have been assured that all the work originally planned will be completed.

Highways issues. We continue to liaise with Gloucestershire Highways about jetting of the drain near Hunter's Hall and drains in the Hazlecote Valley. We have also requested action on potholes in the Hazlecote Valley and the larger ones have been marked for repair. Kingscote Parish Council

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).

Thank you to Pat Cooksley from Kingscote who sent in a poem which is amusing and poignant. A web search indicates that this poem was composed by Henry Chinaski:

Join the Club

Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not amongst the dead.
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And mixed up in my head.
I've got used to my arthritis,
To my dentures I'm resigned.
I can cope with my bi-focals,
But - ye - gods- I miss my mind

Sometimes I can't remember
When I'm standing by the stairs,
If I'm going up for something,
Or have just come down from there.
And before the fridge so often
My mind is full of doubt;
Now did I put some food away,
Or come to take some out?

If it's not my turn to write dear
I hope you won't get sore.
I may think I have written
And don't want to be a bore.
So remember I do love you,
And wished that you lived near.
But now it's time to mail this
And say "Good bye my dear."

I'm standing beside the mail box
And my face - it sure is red.
Instead of posting this to you
I've opened it instead.

Poem- Smiling

In the March 2021 edition of the parish magazine the editor added to the national confusion about who composed the poem 'Smiling' by attributing it to John Giddings from Bagpath. John got in touch to let us know he just sent in the poem for others to enjoy and did not compose it. A bit of research has shown it has been attributed to many, including Spike Milligan.

Reflection

The church bells in Kingscote tolled on Tuesday 23rd March and a minute's silence was held as we marked one year on from the first Covid 19 lockdown, reflected on the changes to our lives over the last year and remembered those who have died. It was also a time to look forward in hopefulness. Some people also lit candles and lanterns to put in their windows and doorsteps at 8pm that evening.



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