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# THE FORERUNNER

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

## WELCOME

In this month's edition, try our quick Christmas Quiz to test your knowledge of some Christmas traditions and find out about Christmas events at the Village Hall - on the 11th and the 14th December. Nailsworth Silver band will play carols outside the church in Kingscote on 22nd December this year, instead of our traditional carols by candlelight service in the church.

Merry Christmas to everyone, from the Editing team (Elin Tattersall, Pauline McTear, Alice Cooper)

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

I wonder how much your Christmas shopping habits will change this year. In conversation, people have said to me, 'I'm going to the shops early, when it's quiet', or 'I'm ordering everything online this year', evidence that life for many still feels fragile and insecure. Life has always gone through fragile times as we were reminded at our remembrance services, as we looked back on wars and lives lost. This year there has also been a focus on issues such as Climate Change, political struggles, and mental illness.

Back in Jesus' day, on that very first Christmas, life was fragile. Daily life was a struggle for ordinary people under the powerful rule and persecution of the Romans, but it was among this fragile world that angels sang 'Peace to God's people on earth', declaring God's coming presence on earth.

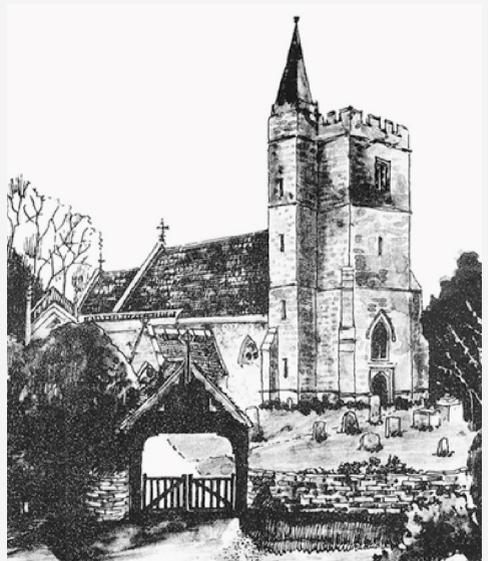
The good news of Jesus's birth was declared in an uncertain world, new hope declared to a struggling world and a peace which can sustain and empower us all to work for a better future with the help of his presence.

There are many things that we cannot change, but some things we can. Scientists and the medical profession have changed the future with the development of the Covid vaccine, making a safer future for all and discussions and planned action to combat climate change, both global and as individuals all helps to change what we can to save our planet.

Jesus, born in fragile times, came to change our future. He came to bring the good news of love and peace and the reality of how we should care for our neighbour. Caring for and loving our neighbour means continuing to keep each other safe from the virus, tackling issues such as climate change, poverty and reaching out to places locally and far away where people are vulnerable, in the best way that we can.

This Christmas may we all look to a new, healthier and happy the new year for all, and help to create a better future for all. Wishing you a peace, hope and joy this Christmas.

With blessings  
Rev'd Caroline



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# KEY DATES

## **SERVICES AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGSCOTE**      **CHURCH FLOWERS**

5th December 2021 at 9.30am - Communion Service

19th December at 10.50am - All Age Service

25th December at 9.30am - Christmas Day

Communion Service \*see below

We ask people to continue to wear face masks inside the church (unless they are exempt).

People are also asked to use the hand sanitiser provided and to continue to observe social distancing. The church is now open every day- with thanks to our team of people who open up and lock it up daily.

\*As you can see above, there will be a Christmas Day service at 9.30am. **Please let Elin Tattersall (elin.tattersall@yahoo.com) know if you are planning to attend** so that we can prepare a seating plan, to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Carol Singing - 22nd December

Start your Christmas celebrations by joining in with carol singing outside St John the Baptist Church in Kingscote on Wednesday 22nd December. Exact timing is to be confirmed and we will send out an e-mail alert and put up posters when confirmed.

Nailsworth Silver Band members will be playing your favourite carols and it's a great opportunity to meet with neighbours and friends to celebrate Christmas. (This event is in lieu of the carols by candlelight service at the church).

The rota is as follows:

Advent - from 28th November Soffi Bond

26th December + 2nd January - Flowers Team

If you are able to join the rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year, please contact Lorna Reynolds telephone - 01453 860231

### **BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, 8th; December at 2.30pm, at Pauline's to discuss 'Bird in the Bamboo Cage' by Hazel Gaynor.



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## **KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**

The calendar for kerbside collection is available when you [key in your postcode on this web page](#).

**Food waste-** every Thursday in December

**Recycling and garden waste –**  
9th December, 23rd December 2021

## **RECYCLING CENTRE**

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open from 9am to 5pm on all days except Wednesdays, but only for pre-booked appointments. [Book your visit here](#). Phone bookings are possible for those without internet access- phone 01452 596 626. At time of publishing this Forerunner edition, Christmas opening hours were not clear, but the calendar system should show Christmas opening hours in a few weeks.

## **POST OFFICE**

The mobile Post Office will be at Kingscote Village Hall every Monday and Thursday from 9am to 10am.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

3 The Walled Garden- flowering Cherry Tree – remove tree and roots. Application published on 17th November but no consultation date deadline supplied online.

Note- Only applications classed by CDC as 'current' and with relevant consultation expiry dates are included in The Forerunner each month. The standard consultation expiry date seems to be around 21 days after validation of the application by CDC although there are exceptions and sometimes applications do not seem to be listed on the website immediately after validation. Applications may not feature in the Forerunner if both the validation date and the expiry date fall in between Forerunner publications.

If you are keen to keep abreast of all new planning applications it is recommended that you [check the CDC website regularly and/or register to receive email alerts direct from CDC](#).



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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).**

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Saturday December 11th**

**3pm -5pm**

Kingscote welcomes the children of the village (along with their parents and grandparents) to join in some festive celebrations in the village hall.

There will be a variety of stalls including ...

- make a snowman decoration or reindeer food
  - write a letter to Father Christmas
  - grab a Christmas tattoo
  - find the matching snowman
  - have a go at the bauble shy
- ... all whilst the adults can grab a mince pie and a drink.



## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Tuesday 14 December 12.30 for 1.00 p.m.

2-course Christmas Lunch with glass of wine  
£10.00

Book a place by contacting by e-mail  
brianmctear@btinternet.com or phone 01453  
861311 by December 7th, latest

Please let us know of any food allergies or preferences

## **FILM NIGHT**

Tuesday 21 December

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

People's Choice Award for Favourite Comedic  
Film about a man struggling to get home for  
Thanksgiving

**The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for their support during the year and wish you all a Merry Christmas.**

## **2021 POPPY APPEAL**

I am very pleased to announce that we have collected a grand total of £1,315.99 in our district of Kingscote, Hazelcote, Bagpath, Lasborough, Newington, Boxwell and Leighterton. Many thanks in particular to all the helpers, Alison Challis, Louise and David Marsh, Pauline and Brian McTear, Clare Dixon, Jeanette Jones, Nina Davies, Deborah and David Hewitt, The Hunters Hall and Calcot. And also to all of you who have given so generously.

Annabella Lucy

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# CHRISTMAS QUIZ QUESTIONS



**9 teasers to get you into the Christmas spirit. (answers on the next page):**

1. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
2. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
3. In which country did eggnog originate?
4. How many gifts were given in total in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
5. In which country is it tradition to eat KFC for Christmas dinner?
6. When do the 12 days of Christmas start and finish in 2021-22?
7. How many of Rudolph's fellow reindeers' names start with 'D'?
8. Which city has been donating Trafalgar Square's Christmas tree to London every year since 1947?
9. Traditionally, when should you start making a Christmas pudding?



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# CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS



1. Germany
2. Four: former business partner Jacob Marley, and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future.
3. Britain
4. 364
5. Japan
6. Starts on Christmas Day 2021 and finishes on 5th January 2022
7. Three - Dancer, Dasher, Donner
8. Oslo in Norway
9. On a Sunday, five weeks before Christmas



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