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THE FORERUNNER

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WELCOME to the
December edition of
The Forerunner.

WELCOME

There is a lot going on in our parish during December. See the Community Corner section for details: Roxy Dukes is collecting donations for the Foodbank in early December. There is a wreath making workshop on the 11th, a Christmas lunch on the 13th and a children's Christmas party on the 18th. We're also looking forward to our Carols by Candlelight service in the church on 20th December- the first since 2019.

Holiday date changes for recycling collections and recycling centre opening are also provided in this edition of the Forerunner.

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

Sign up here to get your name onto the mailing list for the parish website e-alerts.

The Forerunner Editing Team

(Elin Tattersall, Pauline McTear & Alice Cooper)

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

Christmas is in sight! The world we live in has a great anticipation for Christmas, though its true meaning often gets lost. The church season of Advent is the time leading to Christmas and Jesus' birth. Advent means 'coming' it is a time of preparation and anticipation before the celebration of the birth of Jesus. There is great sense of joy, but this joy doesn't end here because in January we enter the season of Epiphany.

Like our homes, at Christmastime, churches are often decorated with a Christmas tree and lights, lights reflecting Jesus born as the light of the world. Our nativity scene tells the story of Jesus' birth – the kings won't arrive until 6th January when we celebrate Epiphany!

The shops are full of attractive things to buy, gifts to give at Christmastime, but Jesus is the greatest gift of all, and we will celebrate this gift with special Christmas services.

At St John the Baptist we will hear the Christmas story and sing carols at the Carol Service on Tuesday 20th December and on Christmas day we will celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas morning.

Christmas is a season of great joy, but in all this joy, we should remember that despite its message of joy - this season can be a difficult time for many people; for the lonely, the homeless, those who are separated from their loved ones and for many other reasons. It is a time when we need to make sure we reach out to others, sharing the love of Jesus to all around us, to make a positive difference to someone's Christmas.

With blessings,
Rev. Caroline



KEY DATES

DECEMBER EVENTS AND SERVICES AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGSCOTE

4th December at 9.30am- Communion Service

18th December at 9.30am- All Age Christingle Service

20th December at 7pm- Carols by Candlelight

25th December at 9.30am- Christmas Day service

CHURCH FLOWERS

The rota for the next few months is as follows:

- 27th November and throughout Advent - Advent wreath- Soffi Bond
- Christmas Day and 1st January – Flowers Team
- 8th and 15th January – Naomi Teague
- 22nd and 29th January – Jane Nichols

Thank you to those who are on the flowers rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year. More new people would be most welcome. Please contact Lorna Reynolds (telephone - 01453 860231).

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 7th December at 2.00pm to have a get-together before Christmas at Pauline's. We are reading 'Possession' by AS Byatt, over December and into January.

Wednesday 11th January at 2.00pm at Louise's to discuss 'Possession'.

If anyone else would like to come and join us, please contact Angela on 860697.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

1. The next meeting of Kingscote Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 29 November at 7.30pm in the village hall. The agenda is on the website and the notice boards. Anyone from the parish is welcome to attend.

Kingscote Parish Council

KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

The calendar for kerbside collection for the year is available from the CDC website. Key in your address on [this website page](#).

Food waste - Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December and Friday 30th December

Recycling and garden waste - Thursdays 8th and 22nd December.

Note- On Thursday 5th January, food and recycling waste containers are due for collection but there will be no garden waste collection.

RECYCLING CENTRE

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open from 9am to 5pm on all days except Wednesdays, apart from Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, but only for pre-booked appointments. [Book your visit here](#). Phone bookings are possible for those only without internet access - phone 01452 596 626.

POST OFFICE

As far as we are aware, the mobile post office will be at Kingscote Village Hall from 9am to 10am, every Monday and Thursday in December, apart from bank holidays.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At time of publishing the newsletter, the following application was listed as current and had a December consultation deadline:

Kingscote Lodge GL8 8YN - Erection of side extension, first floor extension, front porch, detached garage and associated works. Consultation expiry deadline 12.12.22

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](#).



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](#).

STROUD FOODBANK APPEAL FOR NEWINGTON BAGPATH AND KINGSCOTE: A message from Roxy Dukes

I'm organising a collection of donated items from the parish for the Stroud and District Foodbank. Last year the car was heavily loaded with great donations and we're hoping for as many, if not more, donations this year.

Please drop off items to my home between 5th to 7th December (8 Kingscote: As you come into the village from Hunters Hall - the house is the first of a group of 3 terraced houses, just before you get to the post box).

Please donate items which have a long shelf life, are in date, unopened and in good condition. *(Please do not donate pasta, tea or food that needs to be refrigerated or frozen).*

DECEMBER EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We will not be holding a Coffee Morning in December- rather there will be a Christmas lunch event:

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 13 December - 12.30 for 1.00pm

Glass of fizz, 2-course meal, meat or fish pie, followed by coffee and mince pies. Vegetarian options are available. £12.50 per person.

Contact Pauline to book your place by Tuesday 6th December latest. 01453 861311 or brianmctear@btinternet.com.

Please confirm your choice when ordering, together with any dietary considerations.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT

Sunday December 18th - 3.00-4.30pm

Come and have fun with other local children on a variety of winter themed games and activities.

Mulled wine and mince pies available for adults

Please contact Jen on 07980 853786 with the number of children you will be bringing.

(If you would like to help with the running or organising of the day, I would love to hear from you too).

FILM CLUB

In the school Christmas holidays we intend to show a matinee 'Dr Doolittle' for children and adults alike. The date is to be confirmed and entry is free.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday 11th December 1.30pm to 4.30pm

There are still a couple of places left on the workshop. If you are interested, please phone Naomi on 07510068476 for more details and to reserve a place.

Church news

We are very much looking forward to welcoming people to the Advent and Christmas services and events at the church during December - in particular the carol service at 7pm on 20th December - having missed services over the last 2 years. As the church is lit largely by candles, it is a very special event (but do bring a torch so that you can see the words on the carol sheet!)

Building work is now complete in the church and here are some photos of the work, including the glass balustrade in the ringing chamber in the tower. People will have spotted the repairs to the door leading to the tower and the paved area outside that west doorway. We were not allowed to replace whole panels in the door, and the 'corduroy' stone slabs outside, from Forest of Dean Stone Firms in Parkend, were chosen as they perform well in terms of allowing water to drain along the grooves, good resistance to cracking as a result of frost damage, and being more slip-resistant. We're told that the door and stone slabs will 'weather in' and the builder and architect overseeing the work will check it all again before the summer.

The flagstones which have been used to repair the floor inside the church have already started to lighten as well.



The trees in the churchyard have also been trimmed in the last week, in keeping with the applications to Cotswold District Council in 2022. Many thanks to the people who helped with this task by carrying branches, felled by the tree surgeon, to the trailer - done in very wet conditions- even hailstone showers at times. This has saved a considerable amount of money which can be used for future repairs, therefore our thanks go to Graham, Phil and Jane Nichols, Mike Wilcox, Shaun Pinkney, Steve Tattersall and Chris Alford for their time and efforts. Thanks also to Lorna Reynolds for kindly allowing us access to her field so that the timber could be collected by trailer.



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12.30 for 1.00 p.m.

2-course meal with glass of fizz

(meat or fish pie, please confirm your choice when ordering)

Mince pies and coffee

£12.50

All Welcome

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