



FEBRUARY 2023

THE FORERUNNER

Digital publication for the Parish of Newington Bagpath with Kingscote

WELCOME to the
February edition of
The Forerunner.

WELCOME

In this edition of the Forerunner have a look at the photo of artefacts from the butler's pantry at Lasborough, which were brought to the coffee morning in the village hall in January.

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)

Reader Sue White writes for February

All about Candlemas

Candlemas or the presentation of Christ in the Temple is celebrated on the second of February each year and can be celebrated on the Sunday nearest to the date. It commemorates the time, described in Luke 2, when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to give thanks for his birth as the first-born son and to make an offering to God. Their offering was two turtle doves or two young pigeons, traditionally the offering of the poor, confirming that Jesus was born into humble circumstances on earth.

Candlemas occurs forty days after Christmas and in Medieval times the Christmas decorations could be left up until Candlemas. Candles were also brought into church on that day to be blessed for use in the following year. Snowdrops may have been brought into church to decorate the church for Candlemas as well as lots of candles. Some old churchyards have lots of snowdrops growing in them, perhaps to help celebrate Candlemas.

Today Candlemas is seen as a climax to the Christmas Epiphany season. It formed a scene in a Nativity tableau held in the chapel of a London hospital in the 1970s. The staff playing Mary and Joseph would walk in carrying a new baby, born in the hospital, they would be met by two of the older sisters who were playing Simeon and Anna. Simeon would take the baby, hold him up and give him a little squeeze so he would move a bit, and those watching would realise it was a real baby and not a doll. There would be a collective gasp of realisation.

Simeon and Anna were two older people who worshipped God devoutly and were guided by the Holy Spirit. They recognised Jesus, and Simeon spoke to Mary and Joseph about Jesus in words, known as the *Nunc Dimittis* which have been used in Evening prayer since the Reformation. He spoke of Jesus as bringing salvation to all people, a light for revelation to the nations and to bring glory to Israel. Understandably Mary and Joseph were amazed at what was said. Mary was warned by Simeon that a sword would pierce her heart, and 33 years later as she watched her son being crucified she is likely to have remembered Simeon's words. Anna too recognised Jesus and began to praise God and speak about him to everyone who was looking for a redeemer. Candlemas is a turning point in the Church year, a last celebration of the birth of Jesus as the light of the world, and a looking forward to his death and resurrection as the Saviour of the world at Easter.

As we move into February we come on the twenty-second to Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. As the days grow longer, hopefully the weather warms up and the flowers start to come out, we move into a period of reflection and penitence as we prepare for the fulfilling of Simeon's prophecy to Mary on Good Friday before the celebration of Easter.

As we are in a fairly dark time of year in early February, with short days, challenging news and times, the reminder that Jesus is the light of the world is very welcome. Jesus came to bring God's love to us all and to bring his light into the dark places in the world that we might dwell in light rather than darkness. As the days lengthen let us seek to live in the light of Jesus and to share that light with those who are in a dark place.

Sue White - Reader

KEY DATES

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

5th February at 9.30am - Communion Service

19th February at 9.30am - All Age service

CHURCH FLOWERS

The rota for the next few months is as follows:

- 5th and 12th February – Sheila Grey
- 19th February – Lorna Reynolds
- No flowers during lent

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 8th February, at 2.00pm 'A Town called Solace' by Mary Lawson, at Angela's.

Wednesday 8th March, at 2.00pm 'Greenlight' by Matthew McConaughey, at Bella's.

Wednesday 19th April, at 2.00pm 'The Marriage Portrait' by Maggie O'Farrell, at Teresa's.

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 21 February 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall. The agenda will be published on our website and the notice boards. Anyone from the parish is welcome to attend.

2. As you will be aware, the weather this winter has led to many new potholes developing on the roads in Gloucestershire. We have been liaising with GCC Highways about the problems in Kingscote parish, and although three serious potholes in the village have just been repaired, we will need to keep pressing for more action elsewhere in the parish.

3. We have also requested that the salt bins are topped up after the snow in December, and are reviewing where extra bins are needed and arrangements for storing salt for emergency use.

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 - Every Thursday in February

Recycling and garden waste - Thursdays
2nd and 16th February.

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 only for those without internet access- phone 01452 596 626.

POST OFFICE

The mobile post office will be at Kingscote Village Hall from 9am to 10am. every Monday and Thursday in February.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At time of publishing the newsletter, there was one prior notice of an application - for a new potato storage building at Home Farm - but no consultation dates were provided on the system.

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](#).

Domestic alternative fuel payment

The government has announced that the domestic alternative fuel payment is available for homes not using mains gas for heating. The one-off £200 grant payment will come to households via their electricity supplier at some point during February. This payment is in addition to the Energy Bills Support Scheme grant of £400 which households should already be receiving (payable monthly £66 / £67 per month between October 2022 and March 2023).

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Coffee morning

We have collections of rarities that are brought to our coffee mornings, so that we can work out what they are. This set was found in the butler's pantry at Lasborough in 1953 when Ann Giddings and her family moved down from Cheshire.

Come and join us on 14th February and bring any interesting artefacts along.

Celebrate VALENTINE'S DAY

Tuesday 14 February - 10.30 - 11.30am

To be held in the Main Hall. All are welcome and delicious home-made cake and coffee available. £2.50

FILM NIGHT - BIG NIGHT

Tuesday 21 February 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

The primary setting of Campbell Scott and Stanley Tucci's "Big Night" is an Italian restaurant called the Paradise, which, like the movie itself, is small, quiet, and elegant. Entry Free, Pay Bar - Come and join us and suggest films you wish to see.



PARISH DIRECTORY

Webmaster for www.kingscoteonline.co.uk

[Alice Cooper](#)

Forerunner Editors

[Elin Tattersall](#) (01453 860182)

[Pauline McTear](#)

[Alice Cooper](#)

Vicar

[Reverend Caroline Bland](#)

Vicar of the Benefice of Nailsworth including the parishes of Horsley and Newington

Bagpath with Kingscote:

3 Vicarage Gardens, Nailsworth, GL6 OQS

01453 836536

Rev.carolinebland@gmail.com

Nailsworth Benefice website

www.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk

Members of the Parochial Church Council

Jane Nichols (Treasurer, 01453 860534); [Elin](#)

[Tattersall](#) (Secretary 01453 860182); Chris

Alford, Jacqui Crew, Rod Tibbert

Vestry Silver and Brass Team

Teresa Day, Angela Wooldridge, Liz Widdows,

Pauline McTear

Nailsworth Mothers' Union

Trissa Jones, 01453 832551

Church Flowers Rota

Lorna Reynolds, 01453 860231

Organist

Rosemary Sims, 15 Badger's Way, Forest Green, Nailsworth, GL6 OHE. 01453 832446

Sidespersons

Rod Tibbert, Jane Nichols, Chris Alford,

Jacqui Crew

Electoral Roll

Elin Tattersall, 01453 860182

Churchyard mowing and hedge trimming

Kingscote: Rick Bond, Roger Lucy, Sebastian

Cooper, Ken Davies, Brian McTear, John Moore,

Steve Tattersall, Tony Wooldridge, Matt

Wookey. Coordinator-Chris Alford. Bagpath:

Alex Stephens.

Village Hall

Bookings: [Liz Widdows](#)

Secretary: [Angela Wooldridge](#), 01453 860697

Treasurer: [Pauline McTear](#), 01453 861311

Parish Council Chairman

[Tony Wooldridge](#), The Still House, Kingscote,

GL8 8XY. 01453 860697.

Parish Council Clerk

[Amanda Rossiter](#), 5 Trotman Avenue, Tilsdown,

Cam, GL11 5RE. 07920 103953.

The Forerunner is published by an editing team of volunteers from the parish and we welcome copy from parishioners, however opinions and views expressed by other contributors are not necessarily those of the editors.
