

MAY 2026

THE FORERUNNER

The monthly newsletter for the Kingscote parish
including Bagpath, Newington and Kingscote

Steve Teague
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WELCOME to the
May 2026
edition of
The Forerunner

In this month's magazine:

At the Village Hall:

- Bar Night will be held on **Friday 1st May**.
- Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will be held on **Sunday 10th May**.
- Book Club will be held on **Wednesday 20th May**.

Services at St John the Baptist will be:

- **Sunday 3rd May, 9.30 a.m.** - Holy Communion.
- **Sunday 17th May, 9.30 a.m.** - Morning Worship.

Events at Matarra and the Tetbury Goods Shed are detailed.

To join the mailing list for parish email alerts and the monthly Forerunner please go to the [Kingscote online website](#) and scroll down to join the mailing list.

Items of interest for next month's magazine should be sent by email to webmaster@kingscoteonline.co.uk (Andrew Adamson) by noon on the 20th of the month.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

May is a beautiful month, when spring is in full bloom and signs of new life are all around us. The fresh green of the trees, longer days, and warmer sun all speak of renewal, inviting us to pause and reflect.

In our churches, this sense of renewal has been at the heart of recent weeks. We celebrated Easter Day in April, rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life it brings. At St John the Baptist Church, children and young people created beautiful Easter gardens and there was much enjoyment in Easter egg hunts.

The Easter story includes very human moments. One well-known part is about Thomas, who found it hard to believe Jesus was alive until he saw him for himself—hence the phrase “Doubting Thomas.” His story reminds us that faith isn’t always simple. It can include questions and doubts, and that’s okay. The church offers a gentle invitation to everyone: come and see. Whether you feel full of faith, unsure, curious, or just in need of a quiet space, you are always welcome.

As May continues, Christians begin to look ahead to Pentecost. This is the day they remember God’s Spirit coming to Jesus’ followers. Before this, they were uncertain and afraid. Afterwards, they became brave and full of joy, ready to share love and hope with others.

Pentecost is sometimes called the “birthday of the Church.” But the church isn’t just a building—it’s people. It’s seen in everyday kindness, in caring for one another, and in supporting and encouraging each other.

As we enjoy this season, we might take a moment to notice the signs of new life around us—and think about where we see hope growing in our own lives. A kind word, a helping hand, or a moment of patience can mean a great deal.

VICAR'S LETTER

You are welcome to join us at your parish church of St John the Baptist for any of our services. Do stay after the service for refreshments and conversation. It would be lovely to see you.

With blessings,

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Easter Flowers

A flower display is important at Easter because it represents new life, growth and hope. Christians believe it reflects the belief in new life through the resurrection of Jesus.



Easter Gardens

Easter gardens tell the Easter Story. The cross reminds us of Jesus' crucifixion, the empty tomb of Jesus' resurrection and greenery of new life and new beginnings.



And one for the diary



**Thank you
to all our volunteers!**

**This year we will be having a thank you tea
for all our volunteers
on**

Saturday June 6th at 3.00 pm

**We also invite anyone interested
in joining us to come along.**



This is our opportunity to celebrate and thank all who give their time so generously to support our church. At a time when many churches around us are facing closure, we are especially grateful to our volunteers, whose dedication helps keep our much-loved church in Kingscote open and thriving.

This year, we will host a relaxed afternoon tea in the church. We also warmly welcome anyone interested in getting involved. Whether you are considering joining the PCC or simply offering some of your time in other ways, this is a great opportunity to come along and find out more.

You will hear about the life of the church over the past year, learn a little of its history, and discover plans for future building repairs, as well as ways you can support its ongoing life and ministry.



KEY DATES



The Nailsworth Benefice
Nailsworth, Horsley & Kingscote

**The Anglican churches of St George, Nailsworth, St Martin,
Horsley and St John the Baptist, Kingscote**

WORSHIP – MAY 2026

SUNDAY 3rd	EASTER 4		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 6 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 10th	EASTER 5		
	Horsley	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 13 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 17th	EASTER 6		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Morning Worship
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 20 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 24th	EASTER 7 - PENTECOST		
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 27 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion

KEY DATES

Church flowers

Thank you to those who are on the flowers rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year. We would love to have a few more people join the team, so if you feel you could do this, please contact Lorna Reynolds (01453 860231).



3 rd May	Jane Nichols
10 th May	Pauline Howes
17 th May	Pauline Howes
24 th May	Sheila Grey
31 st May	Sheila Grey

KEY DATES

Book Club

At **1.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday 20th May** in The Reynolds Room at the Village Hall, we will be discussing:

'Odd Boy Out' by **Gyles Brandreth.**

Do come along if you're interested.

If anyone else would like to come and join the Book Club, please contact Angela Wooldridge on 01453 860697.

Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collections

Food waste – Fridays 1st, 15th and 29th May.

Recycling, garden waste and black bin – Fridays 8th and 22nd May.

The 2026-27 calendar is available on the CDC website:

<https://community.cotswold.gov.uk/s/waste-collection-enquiry>

Recycling Centre

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open for pre-booked appointments. It is open from 9am to 5pm on all days except Wednesdays.

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 except bank holidays.



KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

1. Upcoming Meetings

On Tuesday 12th May in the village hall there will be two meetings organized by the parish council:

- Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.
- Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) at 8.00 p.m.

These meetings will be preceded by the AGM of the Village Hall Committee at 7.00 p.m.

You are encouraged to attend these meetings, but the Annual Parish Meeting is particularly important as this is your opportunity to raise any issues you would like to. If you are aware of matters you would like to raise, please email our parish clerk:
clerk@kingscoteparishcouncil.gov.uk.

It is also important because we will be discussing what can be done to improve safety on the A4135 near Hunters Hall. This is something which affects us all and there has been a spate of recent accidents at this location.

2. Safety at Hunters Hall junctions

Highways has offered to provide new junction signs with yellow backgrounds to increase their visibility and to add SLOW signs on the A4135 near the junctions.

To gain evidence of the need for further safety measures we have also asked Highways to deploy speed measuring equipment on the A4135 and we have asked the police and ambulance services for the full accident record during the last three years.

3. Local Government Reorganisation

Government has decided to eliminate the District Councils and there are three options for the new unitary council(s).

The Parish Council decided to support Option 1 – a single unitary authority for the whole county. However, we did so reluctantly with a comment that “Removing all the District Councils will make it harder to get community engagement. The neighbourhood partnerships are unlikely to replace the local involvement of District Councils and there will be fewer councillors.”

Kingscote Parish Council

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Current Planning Applications

1. Erection of drystone wall, and vehicle and pedestrian gate with associated works

Lower Hazelcote Farm Kingscote
Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XX

Ref. No: 26/00686/FUL | Validated: Tue
10 Mar 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision.

2. Erection of a single storey side extension, installation of an attached timber pergola, conversion of the garage with creation of a mezzanine level, and roof alterations with associated works

Kingscote Lodge Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8YN

Ref. No: 26/00659/FUL | Validated: Mon
09 Mar 2026 | Status: Awaiting
decision.

3. Structural interventions to nave walls and roof

St Bartholomews Church Newington
Bagpath Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8UE

Ref. No: 26/00640/LBC | Validated: Thu
12 Mar 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision.

4. Compliance with conditions 3 (Bat mitigation strategy), 4 (Drainage), 7 (Sample materials) and 8 (Sample panel - stonework) of permission 25/00333/FUL - Erection of replacement self-build dwelling

Upper Hazelcote Cottage Hazlecote
Farm Lane Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8XX

Ref. No: 25/03167/COMPLY | Validated:
Tue 21 Oct 2025 | Status: Awaiting
decision.

5. Erection of annexe, two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension, garage, and side porch with associated works. Demolition of existing outbuilding, conservatory and front porch

The Spinney Bagpath Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8YG

Ref. No: 26/00437/FUL | Validated: Fri 13
Feb 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision.

VILLAGE HALL

Events This Month

Bar Night

Friday 1st May

7.00 – 10.00 p.m.

Come along and enjoy a drink with your friends and neighbours, at the last village bar night until the autumn.

Card payment now accepted.

See you there!



Plant Sale

The Village Hall committee are holding a coffee morning and plant sale at the Village Hall on **Sunday 10th May** from **10.00 a.m.** to **1.00 p.m.**

If you can offer help, cake or plants, please contact any of the committee or Naomi (naomiteague@hotmail.co.uk, 07510 068476).



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 webmaster@kingscoteonline.co.uk

Thanks to Tim Sage for capturing and sharing this beautiful view of Richard and Julia Dalziel's blossom-filled tree and the church.



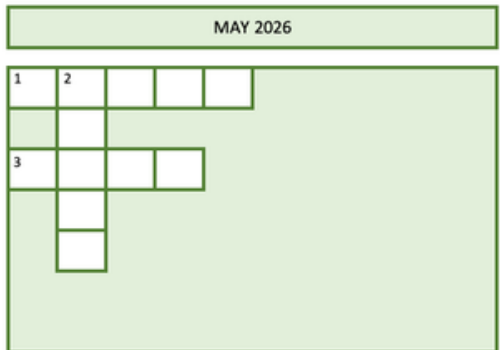
COMMUNITY CORNER

A Puzzle

Three cryptic clues to challenge the little grey cells (no prizes!)

Answers published next month.

1. Painful activity, to smooth a bit of masonry (1,3,1)
2. Helpless Australian city girl (5)
3. Eager pupil's plea for online phenomenon (4)



1. What can go round, one way or another (7)
2. Only virtues required for potential monks (7)
3. Since one is followed by two and three and four, it's very simple (7)



Matara Coffee and Cake

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, for a relaxed morning of coffee, homemade cakes, and friendly company. Each month brings something new to enjoy in our gardens.

Next Date: Wednesday 13th May, 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Cash donations only.



COFFEE AND CAKE

at
The Palm House

2nd Wednesday of each month
9 am – 12 noon

Enjoy coffee, cake, and the changing
beauty of our gardens, with something
new to enjoy each month



Matara Pizza Pop-Up

Our next pop up pizza night will be on Friday 1st May, 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

We are combining April's and May's pizza night into 1 due to private functions taking place.

Take-away or enjoy in our front courtyard with a drink from our bar.

Pop in or ring to pre-order (07359 718811) to ensure you don't miss out.



MAY MENU

13 Inch Pizzas

MAIN MENU

Margarita | £12

Portobello mushrooms on Parmesan truffle
carbonara | £13

Chorizo and roasted pepper | £14

CHEF'S SPECIAL

Chicken shawarma with nduja and caramelised
onion | £15

A LITTLE EXTRA

Homemade buttermilk ranch dressing
or Hot Honey | £2

VE and GF Available

Matara has made the FINALIST stage in the Muddy Stilettoes Gloucestershire & Worcestershire Awards 2026 in the Best Wedding & Party Venue category.

This means the absolute world to us, especially because it's driven by real support from couples, friends, and our community.

Now the finals are live, we'd be incredibly grateful if you could take a moment to vote for us (whether you've celebrated with us already or are planning to!).



[Vote for Matara here](#)

Voting is open until 1pm on Tuesday 26th May, and every single vote genuinely makes a difference.

If you've experienced Matara, a wedding, a party, or even just visited, your support means everything to our small team.

And if you have a moment to share the link with friends or family, we'd be so thankful.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

With love, Matara Team

TETBURY GOODS SHED

A R T S C E N T R E

GOODS SHED LIGHTS FOR MAY



- May 1** **Alistair McGowan 3-IN-One.** An evening of classic comedy, poetry and beautiful piano music with Alistair McGowan – three great shows in one. Tickets in advance £30. 7.30pm
- May 2** **James Morton's Groove Den:** This amazing saxophonist with new material drawing on his influences from soul, jazz, hip-hop and tough, grooving beats. Tickets in advance £16.50. 7.30pm
- May 6** **Prints at The Shed - an open evening:** A specially curated show celebrating 20 years of the Gloucestershire Printmaking Co-operative across a broad range of print disciplines. Admission free. 6pm
- May 7** **All My Sons: National Theatre Production.** Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) and Marianne Jean-Baptiste (Hard Truths) feature in an acclaimed new production of Arthur Miller's classic. Tickets in advance £15. 7pm
- May 9** **Fitzwilliam String Quartet:** Performing the String Quartet No 1 Op 49 by Dmitri Shostakovich and works by Beethoven and Mozart. Tickets in advance £24. 7.30pm
- May 16** **A CODA to Led Zepplin:** The music of the greatest rock band ever, Led Zepplin, performed live on stage with no tricks, backing tracks or safety net! Tickets in advance £25. 7.30pm

For more details of our other events including film, talks, exhibitions, and afternoon tea concerts and to book tickets visit our website:

www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

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