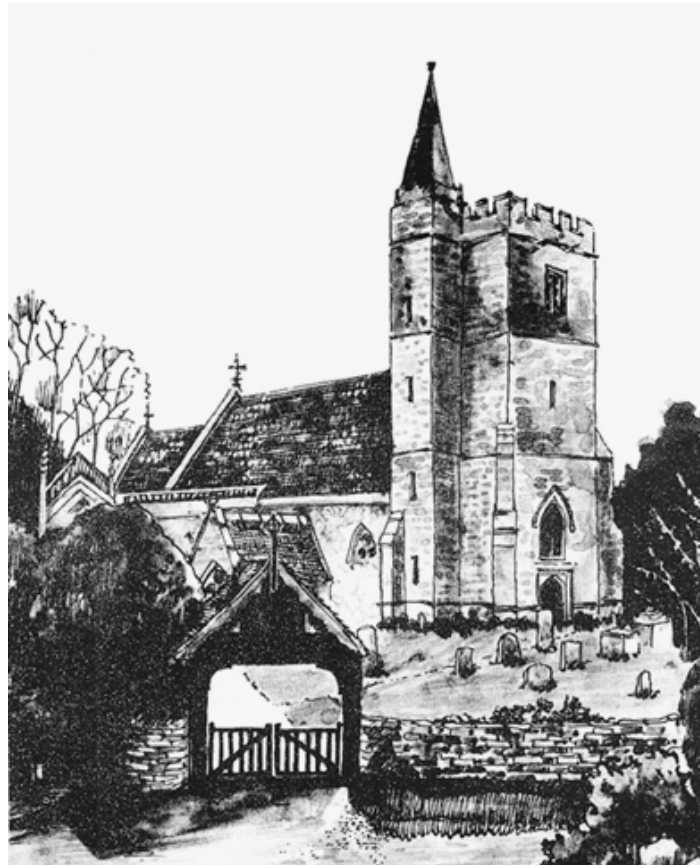


# The Forerunner

*The Magazine for the Parish of  
Newington Bagpath with  
Kingscote*

*December*

*2018*



## Service Calendar for December 2018

<b>Sunday</b>	2nd	Nailsworth Horsley Nailsworth	8:00 am 9:30am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Service of the Word
Wednesday	5th	Nailsworth	10:00am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b> Nailsworth	<b>9:30am</b> 11:00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Holy communion
Wednesday	12th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion with <b>Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>  Nailsworth Nailsworth Horsley	<b>9:30 am</b>  11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	<b>Christingle Family Service with Coffee and biscuits</b> Family Communion Town Carol Service Carol Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>* Carol Service followed by refreshments</b>
Wednesday	19th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	Nailsworth	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Monday <i>Christmas Eve</i>	24th	Horsley Nailsworth Nailsworth	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 11:00 pm	Crib Service# Crib Service Midnight Communion
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Kingscote</b> Horsley Nailsworth	<b>9:30 am</b> 9:30 am 11:00 am	<b>Family Communion</b> Holy Communion Family Communion
Sunday	30th	Nailsworth	!!:00 am	Holy Communion

\* Carol Service collection to Christian Aid charity

### Preparation for Carol Service

Anyone who will be able to help with preparing for and/or tidying away after the Carol Service will be most welcome from 9:30 am on 18 and 19 December.

*Harry Tubbs*

**Thought for the Month:**

### **Why did the Creator of the Universe come to earth as the vulnerable baby Jesus ?**

This side of the grave we cannot begin to fully comprehend the workings of the creator of the universe, but we need to try and he has given us many clues.

He had observed the mess which humans, the finest fruits of creation and evolution, had made with hatred, cruelty, and violence over several thousand years of pre-history. But the Old Testament relates how in the Middle East, through the prophets of Israel, he tried to reveal what he had hoped for. They partially understood the beauty and goodness of his creation, as is revealed in some of the Psalms.

The world was in those times ruled by tribal nationalism (still popular), and much of the suffering in the world not associated with hunger, drought and disease was caused by that. Some of the prophets realised that divine assistance was required, and they hoped and believed that God would provide a great leader to take charge.

Christians believe that God chose instead to visit the earth personally and save mankind from itself by massive injection of his spiritual power, love and grace.

*As C S Lewis wrote in his magnificent book 'Mere Christianity' :*

*Why is God landing in this enemy-occupied world in disguise and starting a sort of secret society to undermine the devil ? Why is he not landing in force, invading it ? Is it that He is not strong enough ? Well, Christians think He is going to land in force; we do not know when. But we can guess why he is delaying. He wants to give us the chance of joining His side freely. But I wonder whether people who ask God to interfere openly and directly in our world quite realise what it will be like when He does.*

*When that happens it is the end of the world. When the author walks onto the stage the play is over. God is going to invade all right: but what is the good of saying you are on His side then, when you see the whole natural universe melting away like a dream and something else - something it never entered your head to conceive - comes crashing in; something so beautiful to some of us and so terrible to others that none of us will have any choice left ? For this time it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature.*

*It will be too late to choose your side. That will not be the time for choosing: it will be the time when we discover which side we really have chosen, whether we realised it before or not, Now, today, this moment, is our chance to choose the right side. God is holding back to give us that chance. It will not last for ever. We must take it or leave it.*

*Harry Tubbs, Churchwarden*

<b>Diocesan News</b>	<a href="http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/publications">www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/publications</a>
	<a href="http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/blog">www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/blog</a>
<b>Nailsworth Benefice</b>	<a href="http://www.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk">www.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk</a>
<b>Kingscote Community</b>	<a href="http://www.kingscoteonline.co.uk">www.kingscoteonline.co.uk</a>

### **Flower Rota**

2 to 25 December	ADVENT CANDLES	Soffi Bond
6 and 13 January		Carol Hatherall

*Wedding: 28 December 12:30 pm, Orrin Pryse-Jones and Demi Bradford*

*Lorna Reynolds*

### **Brass Cleaning Team**

The next session will be on Monday 3 December at 2:30 pm.

*Teresa Day*

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Following the well attended Parish service at the church for the 11:00 am wreath laying, Lutz Wagner and Harry Tubbs attended the 3:00 pm Armistice Centenary service in Gloucester Cathedral. The building was completely packed with residents of the county, including a number of senior foreign military staff from the NATO Rapid Reaction Force base at Innsworth.

### **2018 Poppy Appeal collection**

I am pleased to report that we collected £1,056 for the Poppy Appeal this year in our district of Kingscote, Hazeltote, Bagpath and Leighterton. Many thanks also to our stalwart band of house-to-house collectors, to Calcot Manor and Spa, the Hunters Hall and the Royal Oak Leighterton, and of course to everyone who contributed.

*Sheila Hill*

## **2018 Christmas Lunch**

*On Wednesday 12 December instead of the Coffee Morning we are planning a Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall at 12 for 12:30 pm.*

*The cost will be £8 for 2 courses and a glass of fizz or soft drink.*

*\* We need to know the numbers to cater for by **Wednesday 5 December**, and also any individual dietary requirements.*

## **Village Hall Programme**

### **Village Hall Improvements**

The Village Hall committee would like to say a big thank you to all parishioners for their donations and support. With your contributions we have recently refurbished the kitchen and installed a new air extraction unit.

If you wish to make use of the VH facilities, do remember that residents benefit for a subsidised rate of £7.50 per hour or £40 for a full day. Please see the link below for more info: <http://www.kingscoteonline.co.uk/village-hall/hire-the-village-hall/> or contact the booking officer, Liz Widdows on 860 085 (evenings).

**Film Night** - Tuesday 11 December, 7.30 for 8.00 pm. *The Producer*, an ever-green political-comedy with Mel Brooks. The Guardian - 'Each time I've watched it, it has felt horribly pertinent to the present moment'. Entry free, Pay Bar.

**VH Hall committee** - We do need help on the VH committee with arranging future events, and someone with book-keeping and financial experience would be particularly welcome to assist the treasurer. Coordination meetings take up approximately one hour per month.

\* **Contact me on Tel. 01453 861 311 or e-mail: [bramctear@btinternet.com](mailto:bramctear@btinternet.com)**

*We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas  
and hope to see you soon in the new year*

*Pauline McTear*

## **Kingscote Parish Council**

The next PC meeting will be at 8:00 pm in the Hunters Hall on Tues 8 January.

### **Planning Applications**

- Brockhill House, Bagpath - Use of land as Garden
- 5 Windmill cottages, Kingscote - conversion of double garage into dwelling.
- Bagpath Court - Change of use of agricultural land to enable erection of two domestic outbuildings. Part compliance of conditions.
- 35 Kingscote - Side extension, with removal of outbuildings, and build new car port and storage. Pending Consideration.

### **Planning Approvals**

- Jandacott, Scrubetts Lane, Bagpath - Erection of two story extension with balcony above, and associated changes.

- Bagpath Court - Alterations and extension of threshing barn to create one independent dwelling.

**Road pothole reporting** - <http://www.kingscoteonline.co.uk/pothole-reporting/>

***The Parish Council wishes all of our Residents  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year***

*Fiona Thornton*

**Book Club at 8:00 pm**

- Wednesday 5 December *Maiden's Trip* by Emma Smith at Jane's
- Wednesday 9 January *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan at Pauline's

*Angela Wooldridge*

**Mobile Library**

The next visit will be on Friday 21 December when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden between 11:00 am and 12 noon.

**Horsley Tip Winter Opening Times**

From 28 October the opening times changed to 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, with whole day closure on Wednesdays.

**Weekly Recycling - Green food boxes and wheelie bins**

All current collection points - from 7:30 am on Thursdays.

**Fortnightly Recycling - Black boxes, White Bags and Blue bags**

All current collection points - from 7:30 am on Thursday 13 and Monday 31 December.

**Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill**

All current collection points - from 7:30 am on Thursday 13 and Monday 31 December.

**Mobile Post Office**

The Mobile Post Office will provide the service at The Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 and 10:00 am except on Monday 24 December.

**Free range-eggs for sale**

Mrs Pat Cooksley of 2 The Windmill normally has some free-range eggs for sale at £1 for six. Best call mornings.

## **The True Meaning of Christmas**

Once again it's Christmas time, time for us to be  
Busy wrapping presents and setting up the tree.

It seems we have so many things to think of and to do,  
We may forget that Christmas, has a deeper meaning too.

A meaning that goes far beyond, the things the eye can see,  
Such as Holly wreaths, Mistletoe, and gifts beneath the tree.

For these are only Symbols, of what happened Christmas morn,  
When in a little manger Gods only Son was born.

God put Him here upon this Earth, with one idea in mind,  
To put New Hope around the World, and love in all Mankind.

So even though we're busy, and many things to do,  
Let's not forget that Christmas has a deeper meaning too.

*Eugene W Miller*

## **For the Children**

### **A Gift for Mother**

I've worked on her present for weeks and weeks,  
While others were at play,

For I wanted a very special gift,  
For mother on Christmas Day.

I shall tie it up with pretty bow.  
And hide it away on a shelf.

Mother has told me that she likes best,  
The gifts that I make myself.

*Anon*

***The PCC wishes all Parishioners and  
their families a Happy and Peaceful Christmas***

# Parish Directory

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