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# THE FORERUNNER

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

We have seasonal activities in the church and village hall during December. This includes the Advent service led by the Bishop of Tewkesbury on 1st December, the festive coffee morning at the village hall on 10th December, the Christmas Tree Jamboree at the church on 15th December, the candlelit Carol service on 23rd December and a Communion service on Christmas Day. More details can be found in the Community Corner section of this newsletter. And don't forget the Bar and Pizza evening at the village hall on 6th December. With all good wishes over the Christmas season from the parish magazine team.

Our thoughts will be with Harry Tubbs and his family following Jutta's passing on 14th November after she suffered a stroke in October. Jutta and Harry had lived in Kingscote for nearly four decades before moving to Sidmouth a few years ago to be closer to family members. Jutta was well known and respected for her readiness to help people in and outside the parish, for example, she had volunteered for Meals on Wheels for several years. Her talents in gardening and baking were also well known- it was always a treat to try Jutta's Bavarian-inspired cakes, biscuits and breads at village events.

Please send copy for the next edition of the Forerunner to [elin.tattersall@yahoo.com](mailto:elin.tattersall@yahoo.com) by noon on the 20th day of the month (01453 860182)

WELCOME to the  
December 2024  
edition of The  
Forerunner

# VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We enter another final month of the year! December sees the arrival of Advent, a time of anticipation and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Christmas. The reason for joy and wonder in this celebration is the beauty of giving, of kindness, peace and the boundless love that arrived in a humble stable. It is the time we retell the Christmas Story of the birth of Jesus. The Christ in Christmas!

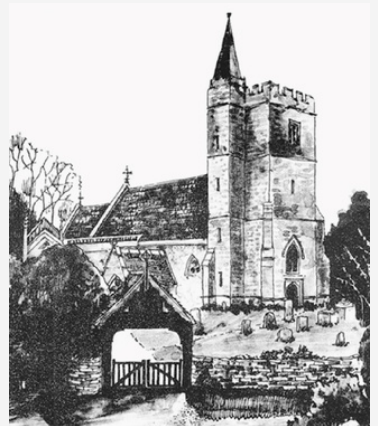
The name Christmas comes from the Old English phrase "Cristes Maesse", which means "Christ's Mass." It comes from the Latin word missa, which refers to the celebration of the Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper. So why is it sometimes written as Xmas? The X Comes from the Greek letter "Chi" (X), which is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ.

The churches in the Nailsworth Benefice offer a variety of Christmas services and would love to welcome you to join us as we celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth. In Kingscote at 6pm on the 23rd December, the Candlelit Carol service will take us on a wonderful journey through the Christmas story with readings and carols and then on Christmas Day, we will have a celebration of Holy Communion to welcome the Christ Child. All are welcome to come and celebrate!

December is also a time when we may look back over the year at the blessings, trials and challenges. Maybe it has been a year that has been life changing, either in a good way or in a difficult way and Christmas will be very different this year. As well as the joy of the season, let us also remember to think about sharing the love that Jesus brought to earth, by coming alongside those who are lonely or in need and bring a glimpse of Christmas love, joy and peace.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas filled with peace, joy and hope.

Reverend Caroline



# KEY DATES



## Events at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingscote Services in December 2024

### **1st Sunday of Advent – Sunday 1st December, 9.30am**

We will begin the season of Advent by welcoming Bishop Robert to our 9.30am service. Please come along and welcome Bishop Robert and stay for refreshments following the service.

### **Christmas Tree Jamboree - Sunday 15th December, 9.30 to 11am**

Come and join in with all-age fun activities at the church: Make decorations and adorn the Christmas tree in the church so it can look wonderful for the carol service, and make a mini tree to take home, as well as a Christingle. Party snacks will be served at the end of the session. (Parents and carers are asked to stay with their children)

### **Monday 23rd December – Candlelit Carol Service, 6pm**

Retelling of the Christmas story through Readings and Carols.

### **Christmas Day - Christmas Day Communion, 9.30am**

A Holy Eucharist on this special day

All are welcome to every service and event

### **Church flowers**

No flowers during Advent



Christmas Day - the flowers team

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 (telephone - 01453 860231). The rota for the year is on display in the church porch.

### **Book club:**

Book Club on Tuesday 17th December, at 2.00pm, at Sheila's to discuss 'The Lady and the Unicorn' by Tracy Chevalier. If anyone else would like to come and join the Book Club, please contact Angela on 860697.

## **Kerbside waste and recycling collections**

**Food waste** - Friday 6th, 13th, 20th December and Monday 30th December.

**Recycling and garden waste** – Friday 6th December and Friday 20th December.

The 2024-25 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 usually open in the winter from 10am to 4pm on all days except Wednesdays. It will be closed on the December and January bank holidays.

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.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

At time of drafting this newsletter there were no planning applications within the parish listed on the CDC website page and having a consultation expiry date in December 2024.

**Note-** Only applications classed by CDC as 'current', using the keyword Kingscote (i.e. the parish), 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.

<https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/>

# **Parish Council Update**

## **1. GCC Highways.**

We have asked the GCC Highways Manager to inspect the road in Hazlecote Valley since the recent patching has not been as extensive as we would like. We are also hoping to get action on the poor road surface opposite the entrance to the Walled Garden in Kingscote.

## **2. Asset maintenance.**

Councillors carried out maintenance recently on the parish assets – war memorial, bus shelter, and phone box. Drain covers were also cleared.

## **3. Missed bin collections.**

Cotswold District Council believe that they have overcome the problems associated with the new bin collection contract and the service is now thought to be satisfactory.

## **4. Citizens Advice.**

Citizens Advice – Stroud and Cotswolds is a very important charity which gives impartial advice and support to anyone who requests it. They are asking for donations to support their work and if you would like to do this the link is <https://citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/>

## **5. Next meeting.**

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 14 January at 7.30pm in Kingscote village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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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 [elin.tattersall@yahoo.com](mailto:elin.tattersall@yahoo.com)

## **Kingscote Village Hall**

We would like to thank Tim and Irene for arranging November Quiz Night. A good time was had by all

## **December events**

### **BAR NIGHT - FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 5.00 - 10.00 pm, with pizzas available**

Return of Ed Wooldridge's Pizza van - see poster for details. Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages at reasonable prices. Enjoy time with your neighbours - all welcome.

#### **Pizzas available from 5.00 pm**



Please pre-order if possible and note that this is a cash only event.

**Please note that there will be no Village Bar in January but it will return in February.**

### **FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING - TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.**

Everyone very welcome. Sausage rolls, mince pies, mulled wine and of course tea and coffee £2.50.

Come for a friendly catch up



**AND WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS !**

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# Bar and Pizza Night

# ALTRNA

Friday Dec 6th



PIZZA AND BAR



CASH ONLY

# PIZZA

**Option to eat in at the Village Hall with a drink from the bar or as a takeaway.**

If you can let Angela Wooldridge know rough numbers that would be helpful. Tel 07855691670

For more information about what we offer visit [www.alternapizza.com](http://www.alternapizza.com)



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# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Church news

At our Remembrance Service on 10th November, a wreath was laid in front of the war memorial and we took part in the act of remembrance for those who have fallen during wars: *"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them"*. The collection of £83 has been donated to the Royal British Legion.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Robert to the church in Kingscote on 1st December at 9.30am and hope you will be able to join in. Following the service, there will be opportunity to chat over refreshments.

The church will be busy with Christmas Tree Jamboree activities on Sunday 15th December 9.30 'til 11am. There will be activities for all ages including making decorations to adorn the church for Christmas. We ask that children are accompanied by parents/ carers, who are welcome to join in and bring out their arty side! At 11am we will have party-type snacks available -well deserved after all that creative work.



The Christmas Carol service will be on Monday 23rd December at 6pm. Come and join everyone for a friendly and atmospheric candlelit service just 2 days before Christmas Day. Drinks and nibbles will be served in the church after the service.

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# TETBURY GOODS SHED

## ARTS CENTRE

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER



- Dec 1** **Roy Howat Piano Recital:** The internationally acclaimed pianist gives us an evening of music by Chopin, Chabrier, Debussy and Faure. He has made a speciality of the French piano repertoire, playing around the world.  
6.30 Tickets £24 in advance (£14 under 25s)
- Dec 4** **A Winter's Tale:** Join Ratty and friends with the Last Baguette's Christmas special! Ideal for 2+ and their grown-ups. 10am/11am. Tickets £7 in advance. (Under 1s free.)
- Dec 7/8** **Christmas Fair:** A chance to find the perfect Christmas present made by local artisans – everything from pottery to knitwear, jams and chutneys and original prints and much more. 1030-5 Admission free
- Dec 13** **Comedy Club:** Comedy Christmas Crackers Paul F Taylor, Stephanie Laing and Danny Deegan bring you a night of festive comedy. 8pm. Tickets in advance £13.50 (under 25s £10)
- Dec 14** **Johnny Coppin** is back with All On a Winter's Night – his ever popular seasonal concert featuring new releases as well as perennial favourites. 7.30. Tickets in advance £20 (u16 £10)
- Dec 21** **Kim Cypher and her Band:** Join them for a jazzy Christmas special – a mixture of Latin, Blues, swing, funky groove and festive favourites. 7.30. Tickets in advance £18

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](http://www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk)

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