The Forerunner

The Magazine for the Parish of Newington Bagpath with Kingscote

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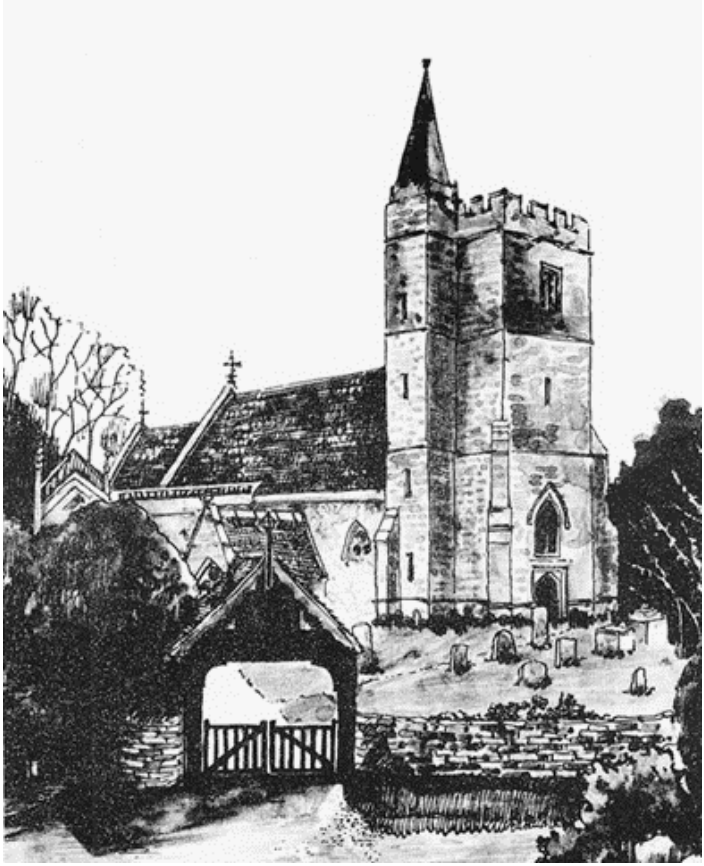

Service Calendar for May 2016

Sunday	**1st**	**Kingscote**	**9.30 am**	**Morning Prayer**
		Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Service
		Horsley	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	4th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	**8th**	**Kingscote**	**9.30 am**	**Holy Communion BCP**
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion & Celebration of Reader Ministry
Wednesday	11th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	**15th**	**Kingscote**	**9.30 am**	**Family Service**
Pentecost		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Joint service with Christ Church & Five Valleys at Nailsworth Primary School
		Nailsworth	6.00 pm	One Voice at Christ Church
Wednesday	18th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	19th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	**22nd**	**Kingscote**	**9.30 am**	**Holy Communion CW**
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6.00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	25th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	28th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	**29th**	**Kingscote**	**11.00 am**	**Joint Benefice Service**

The **Little Angels** mothers and toddlers group meets at 10.00 am on Fridays at Nailsworth Church. Refreshments served afterwards in the Parish Rooms.

The next **PCC Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 10 May at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

Diocesan News	www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/publications www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/blog
Nailsworth Benefice	www.stgeorgesnailsworth.org.uk
Kingscote Community	www.kingscoteonline.co.uk

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

People often ask which is the most important Christian Festival. They usually mean between Christmas and Easter !

But the truth is, the Christian faith only makes sense with all of them. They form - together - a chain that expresses so much of who God is and what his purpose for us is.

It all begins with Christmas, when the **humility** of God's love is shown as he comes to earth to live as a human being. His earthly life is epitomised by **compassion and care** for the oppressed and downtrodden.

On Good Friday, when Jesus refused to give in to the power seekers, he shows the **depth** of God's love as he was willing to face death rather than compromise his desire to love and willing to wipe away the failings of humanity.

Easter Day shows the enormous **strength** of God's love - so powerful it could even overcome death.

In May we celebrate last two great Christian events. May 5th is Ascension Day when Jesus returned to heaven showing the **trust** of God's love as he left the continuing work of loving one another to those who chose to follow him.

Finally we celebrate Pentecost (or Whitsunday as we may remember it) - the day on which the Holy Spirit (the **power** of God's love) came upon the disciples and transformed them from fearful men and women into powerful advocates of God's love for the world. It was the day that the church was born and we are the heirs to the command of Jesus to go and tell the world of God's love.

Each link in the chain shows us something of the nature of God and his enormous love for us, and you can't leave any of them out !

So remember, thanks to the chain of events that God put in motion, His love is never far from you.

Rev. Mike Smith

Flower Rota

1st May	Zoe Nichols
8th and 15th May	Sue Spandler
22nd and 29 May	Jane Nichols
5th and 12 June	Angela Wooldridge

Weddings: Saturday 21 May, 2.30 pm, Harry Hyde and Bea Harford

Lorna Reynolds

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

On behalf of the whole community, we thank the teams of helpers under the leadership of Seema Bowers and Graham Nichols who provided such enjoyable and fitting entertainment on 21 and 23 April as we celebrated the Queen's birthday. Both the Beacon Bonfire and the afternoon tea party were very well organised and supported.

It was an appropriate part of a heartfelt national expression of our gratitude to Her Majesty.

The Editor

Cleaning Team

The next **Vestry Silver and Brass** cleaning session is at 2.30 pm on Monday 9 May. The PCC is working to arrange for commercial cleaning assistance in the church for all other aspects.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

Coffee morning - Wednesday 11 May, 10.30 to 11.30 am. Coffee and cake £2.

Sherry Tasting - Friday 20 May, 7.00 pm. If your idea of sherry is an Amontillado on a Sunday lunchtime, this will change your mind. Robin Scott-Martin will bring 7 sherries to taste which can go with any thing from smoked salmon to sticky toffee pudding, and we will be supplying tapas to match ! £5 per person, Contact Carol on *patonbagpath@btinternet.com* if you would like to come.

Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Committee invites all residents of the Parish of Newington Bagpath with Kingscote aged 18 or over to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in **Kingscote Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 18 May 2016.** This is immediately before the Parish Assembly.

Agenda:

- To receive the report of the Village Hall Committee.
- To receive the 2015 accounts of the Village Hall Committee.
- To accept the resignations of the present Village Hall Committee.
- To elect the Village Hall Committee for the coming year.
- Any other business.

All parishioners are invited to inspect, in advance of the AGM, the 2015 accounts of the Village Hall Committee. These can be seen on the community website *www.kingscoteonline.co.uk* or by contacting Viv Ainsworth by e-mail on *vivienne.ainsworth@btopenworld.com*

Carol Paton

Kingscote Parish Council 2016 Parish Assembly and AGM

The Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM, will take place on Wednesday 18 May at 7.40 pm, following the VH AGM. **All are welcome.**

Planning Applications

- 15/04974/FUL Jandacott, Scrubbetts Lane, Bagpath, erection of two storey rear extension.
- 19 Kingscote, conifer - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value.
- 14/01305/OUT Scrubbets Farm, Bagpath, erection of temporary agricultural workers dwelling.

Anna Davison, Tel. 860 244

Plant Sale at Bumpers Island

Saturday 21 May from 10 am to 12 noon

This will include the Cacti Collection

Helen on behalf of Jane Bateman

Grumbolds Ash Group

On Tuesday 10 May we visit the Rhododendron Gardens at Bowood House near Chippenham which open at 11.00 am. Entry to the garden walks costs £7.50/£6.75. Note that the entrance to the garden at SN11 0LZ is off the A342 Chippenham to Devises road, and signs for the house should be ignored.

Meet at the Village Hall at 10.00 am to share cars.

Jutta Tubbs Tel. 860 194

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 afternoons.

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- Tuesday 17 May, *The Janissery Tree* by Jason Goodwin at Jane's
- Tuesday 7 June, *The Porcelain Thief* by Huan Hsu at Teresa's
- Wednesday 6 July, *The Outsider* by Frederick Forsyth at Angela's

Angela Wooldridge

Zoe and Nellie's Journey to Badminton

I and my horse Nellie have qualified for the Mitsubishi Cup at Badminton, to be held the day before the main Championships. If you would like to follow our journey, I have been chosen to 'blog' for E-eventing. I would be so grateful if you could visit my professional Facebook page *www.facebook.com/ZDElite* and click the links. If you do not do Facebook you can click or copy these links:

My first blog:
http://e-venting.co.uk/2016/03/badminton-blogger-an-introduction-2/
My second blog:
http://e-venting.co.uk/2016/04/badminton-blogger/

Showing your support by 'liking' my Facebook page really helps with the small sponsorship offers I am beginning to get.

Zoe and Nellie

Weekly Recycling - *Green food boxes and wheelie bins*

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Fridays.

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

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Fridays 13 and 27 May.

Fortnightly Waste - *Grey wheelie bins to landfill*

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Fridays 13 and 27 May.

Bus Timetable Enquiries - Ring **traveline** on *0871 200 2233.*

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 13 May when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Magazine

Any material which may be of interest for the next issue of the Forerunner should be sent by 20 May to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, *Tel. 860 194*

The Queen's Birthday Tree Planting

We wish to thank those in the community who helped in preparing the site in the churchyard for the Queen's 90th Birthday tree, particularly: Graham and Philip Nichols who pulled out the three old stumps with their JCB, the Bagpath A Team who with Rick Bond excavated the hole for the planting, and again Graham who back-filled the excavation and restored the wall behind it.

The PCC

Good and Bad Religion, by Peter Vardy

(Published by scm press in 2010)

This is a scholarly theological study from the Vice-Principal of Heythrop College, London University, which is a splendid contribution to clarifying the confusion and concerns which we are all experiencing in the rivalry between world faiths and the struggle with atheism and apathy. We have been given permission to serialise the 6 broad conclusions which he draws from the study in subsequent issues of the Forerunner. The Editor.

4. The demand to practice justice is one of the strongest, most powerful and most universal of all religious demands. God is held, above all, to require justice, and any religious group that fails to practice justice needs to be challenged. Religious groups need to be willing to confront fellow members of the same religion where they show lack of justice. To fail to do this is to be complicit in evil. This can apply within the religious institution, within families, within countries as well as internationally. Good religions must be willing to challenge the preconceptions and assumptions of the culture of which it forms a part, and should provide an independent voice that seeks to foster justice, however unpopular that may be and whatever the cost.

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Queen Elizabeth I

1533 ~ 1603

She composed her Book of Devotions*, now kept in the British Museum, purely for her own use. The text below is the first section of a prayer subsequently called* A Monarch's Self Offering.

O Lord God, Father everlasting, which reignest over the kingdoms of men, and givest them of thy pleasure; which of thy great mercy hast chosen me thy servant and handmaid to feed thy people and thine inheritance: so teach me, I humbly beseech thee, thy word, and so strengthen me with thy grace, that I may feed thy people with a faithful and a true heart; and rule them prudently with power.

O Lord, thou hast set me on high, my flesh is frail and weak. If I therefore at any time forget thee, touch my heart, O Lord, that I may again remember thee. If I swell against thee, pluck me down in my own conceit, that thou mayest raise me in thy sight. Grant me, O Lord, a listening ear to hear thee and a hungry soul to long after thy word. Endue me with thy heavenly spirit. Give me thy spirit of wisdom, that I may understand thee. Give me thy spirit of truth, that I may know thee.

The Editor

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