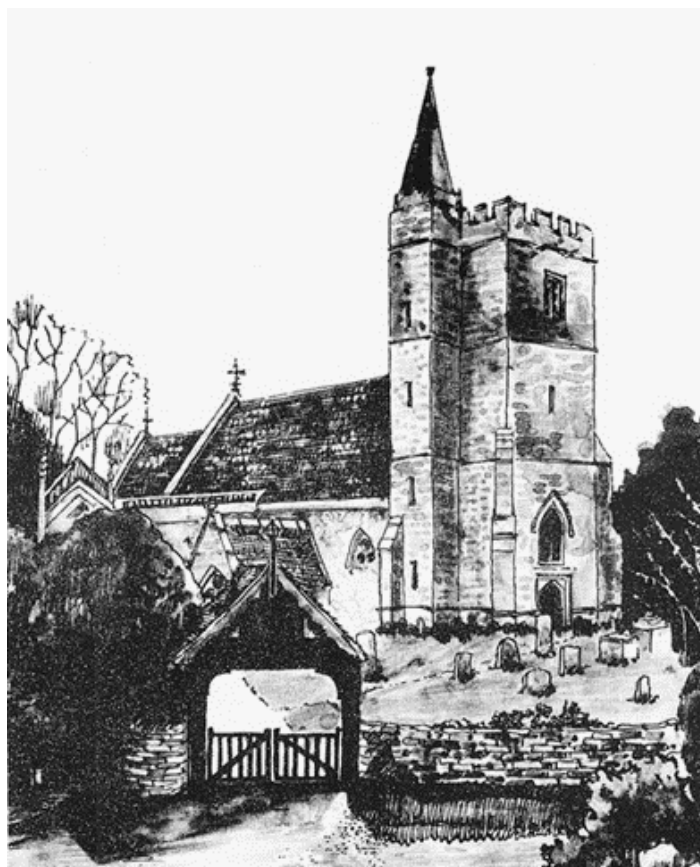


The Forerunner

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Service Calendar for June 2016

Wednesday	1st	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	5th	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	8th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	12th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	11.00 am	Family Service
		Nailsworth	3.00 pm	RSCM Celebration for the Queen's Birthday
Wednesday	15th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	16th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	19th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Family Service
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
		Nailsworth	6.00 pm	One Voice at Christ Church
Wednesday	22nd	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	26th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion & Inauguration of Sue Sobczak as Assistant Curate
		Horsley	6.00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	29th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion

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 12 July 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,

By the time you read this, I will be away on holiday! It is actually the first 'proper' holiday I have had for around eight years. (By proper, I mean two weeks away with absolutely no responsibilities!).

We have chosen to go to Las Vegas and then hire an RV and tour the Canyonlands.

I am really excited at the prospect - although the journey itself will be long! I am assured by many people that I will see sights that will astound me. At the same time there is always a tiny bit of nervousness - travelling so far away from home, driving a much bigger vehicle than usual and going to places I have never seen before.

A few days ago I read Psalm 23. It too is about a journey - a much more important journey than my holiday destination. It tells of someone's journey through life with all its difficulties and how, even as death was near, the writer felt the presence of God guiding and prompting. And ahead of them was a vision of what awaited on the other side of death - the groaning feast table and the place of honour.

God reassures us in that Psalm that, no matter where life's journey may lead us, he is always with us, trying to help us find the right path, leading us in times of struggle to places of calm and peace, and reassuring us that when life comes to an end here on earth, we will reach a place of celebration and honour.

I suddenly realise that my holiday is a pretty small journey and there is nothing to be nervous about. (Still excited though!)

Rev. Mike Smith

Rev. Sue Sobczak

It is a real joy to announce that Sue has reached the end of her training, been approved by Bishop Rachel and that she will be inaugurated at the 11.00 am Communion in Nailsworth on Sunday 26 June as Assistant Curate.

This is different from the position she has been in and means that she is now a fully fledged member of the clergy team here in the Nailsworth benefice.

Flower Rota

5th and 12 June
19 and 26 June
3 and 10 July

Angela Wooldridge
Annabella Lucy
Carol Burness

*Weddings: Thursday 2 June, 1.30 pm, Samuel Bond and Helena Brown
Thursday 9 June, 2.00 pm, Mark Hodges and Laura Boulton*

Lorna Reynolds

Sue White's World Tour

We say goodbye to our Church Reader Sue White who has for so many years driven up to Kingscote from Nailsworth whatever the weather to take our Morning Prayer and Family Services. In addition to her sparkling personality, she has always been so well prepared, and so gifted at engaging with the children.

She and her husband are experienced world travellers and we wish them well in this forthcoming odyssey.

The PCC

Cleaning Team

The next **Vestry Silver and Brass** cleaning session is at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 15 June. The PCC is working to arrange for commercial cleaning assistance in the church for all other aspects.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

The Coffee mornings are discontinued for the summer now.

The next event at the Village Hall will be a BBQ on Saturday 16 July; more details in July issue.

Carol Paton

Kingscote Parish Council

The date of next meeting of the Parish Council will be announced later.

All Parish Council business is reported online at www.kingscoteonline and as e-mail alerts. It is also displayed on the notice boards in Kingscote and Bagpath.

Anyone unable to access the community web-site please contact me for guidance.

Planning Approvals

- 14/01305/OUT Scrubbets Farm, Bagpath, erection of temporary agricultural workers dwelling.
- 16/01457/AGFO Hazlecote Farm Kingscote, shed to house new grain drying facility.

Anna Davison, Tel. 860 244

Grumbolds Ash Group

On Tuesday 14 June we visit Avebury near Marlborough which is the location of the beautifully restored NT Manor House and garden SN8 1RD, as well as the prehistoric stone circle which is a world heritage site. Depending on the weather and our preferences, we can visit some or all of these sites. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.30 am to share cars, and bring your NT card if you are a member.

Jutta Tubbs Tel. 860 194

An Appreciation of Jane Bateman

As most of you will be aware, Jane is planning to leave Bumpers Island this summer and move down to live closer to her family in Cornwall. We wish to say goodbye as a community to a person who has contributed so much over so many years, particularly in bringing the Village Hall back to life in the days of the Women's Institute and for providing such wonderful horticultural products. We will be gathering at 3.00 pm for a celebratory tea party on Saturday 2 July.

Please let us know if you can come so that we can prepare the catering. Donations of sandwiches and cakes will be most welcome.

*Jutta Tubbs Tel. 860 194
Joan Stimson Tel. 860 270*

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 7 June, *The Porcelain Thief* by Huan Hsu at Teresa's
- Wednesday 6 July, *The Outsider* by Frederick Forsyth at Angela's

Angela Wooldridge

Restoration of Church Nave floor

As reported earlier, the wooden floor in the Nave, particularly on the south side, is collapsing due to rotting of the supporting beams. The floor was constructed around 1860 during a major rebuilding project. There is no ventilation or damp prevention in the structure, so water has entered through the wall foundations and soaked upwards. Although the floorboards look quite good from above, they are extensively rotting underneath, and the beams are completely rotten along the south wall.

We have a time window between the last wedding on 3 September 2016 and Christmas to do the work, and our architect Toby Falconer is preparing a work plan and considering suitable contractors. This will be an expensive project and the PCC is considering how to raise the necessary funds.

The PCC

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 10 and 24 June.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Fridays 10 and 24 June.

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

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 10 June 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 June to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, *Tel. 860 194*

The Queen's Birthday Tree

Having graciously agreed to take part in our little tree planting celebration on Saturday 23 April, Vida kindly recited a ditty which she had prepared for us:

The Queen and I

Born in 1926, The Queen in a Palace
And me in the sticks,
We both joined up in the ATS,
During the war, to give our best.

A lot of changes we have seen
Over the years and in between.
Duty bound Elizabeth be,
Travelling around both far and near.

Enchanting folks
Whoever they are.
We celebrate this momentous date,
As next year it will be too late.

Vida Sutton

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.

5. Any good religion must aim to foster human flourishing, to help human beings to develop their full potential, however this may be defined. Any religion that cannot show itself as fostering the fulfilment of potential of all human beings needs to be resisted. This means affirming that human beings must be genuinely free to make choices without being wholly determined - or at least that they have the capacity to come to this degree of freedom. Of course, genetics, evolution, culture, upbringing and the past may influence people in their decisions, but this is not the same as their being determined. Good religion should aim to help individuals use this freedom to foster and develop their full human potential. The more a religion helps individuals to develop their full potential and foster, for instance the virtues, the better it is likely to be. Arrogance, pride, self-assertion, greed, lust, avarice and the like cannot be part of good religion, and where these are encouraged religion needs to be resisted.

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Why the Monarchy can Strengthen Religious Belief

An extract from an article by The Very Rev Dr Ian Bradley, principal of St Mary's College, St Andrews University, published in The Times on 7 May 2016.

From the time of her coronation, the Queen has taken her anointing and consecration very seriously and has expressed her understanding of the religious basis of monarchy and the exercise of its spiritual function in a sacrificial commitment to duty and public service, and a sure and steadfast Christian faith fortified and nourished through regular church.

The Queen has reached out to other faiths in her Christmas broadcasts, which have become more spiritual and personal over the years, commending not only the Bible, from which she has frequently quoted, but also the sacred texts of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Sikhism. She has increasingly come to assume the role of '*Defender of Faith*', first proposed by Prince Charles in a television documentary in 1994 when he suggested that rather than just defending the Protestant Christian faith, the monarch should stand for faith in more general terms, expressing a sense of the divine and the spiritual dimension of life in an increasingly secular society.

The Queen's quiet assumption of this role has interesting implications for the future of the monarchy. Like other aspects of the institution, it is profoundly countercultural at a time when polls show that more and more of the British people are non-believers and indifferent to religion. It gives royalty greater significance for those who do have faith, notably Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs as well as committed Protestant and Catholic Christians. It is among these minorities that monarchy, with its sacred associations and symbols, will perhaps find its greatest supporters in the future.

The Editor

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