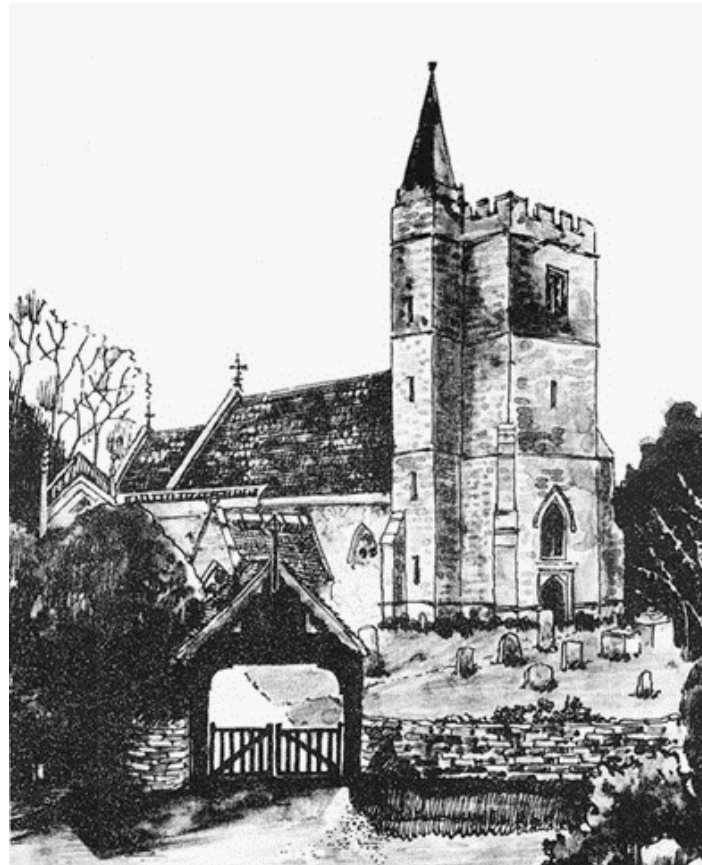


The Forerunner

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Kingscote*

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Service Calendar for July 2016

Sunday	3rd	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	6th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion & Baptism
		Horsley	11.00 am	Family Service
		Wednesday	13th	Nailsworth
Thursday	14th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	17th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Family Service
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
Wednesday	20th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW & Baptism
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6.00 pm	Evensong
		Wednesday	27th	Nailsworth
Sunday	31st	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Joint Benefice Service

The **Little Angels** mothers and toddlers group meets at 10.00 am on Fridays 8 and 15 July 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,

I have just returned from a holiday in the USA during which we visited a number of the canyons, including the beautiful Bryce Canyon and also the Grand Canyon. It is hard to put into words how amazing they are

On our visit to the Grand Canyon we walked a trail that gave the geological history of all the different layers. We learned that it had taken 30 million years to carve out the canyon and that it was still being carved out to a depth of the thickness of one piece of paper each year. We also learned that there was 1.2 million years of history in the rocks that was completely missing due to surface erosion.

The scale of the place, together with the age of some of the rocks we were looking at made me feel incredibly small and the span of my years on earth seemed completely inconsequential.

And yet at the same time, I was reminded about God's words in the bible about knowing the number of hairs on our heads, knowing us by name and holding each of us in the palm of his hand.

So, as I stood looking at so much history in rock, I also felt how wonderful it is to be loved by God - how precious we are in his sight, each and every one of us.

It is that knowledge and promise that can sustain us when things get tough or we feel as though no-one really cares. If you need to be reminded of that, just pop along to Kingscote Church and seek out God's company and he will reassure you of his love for you.

With every blessing,

Rev. Mike Smith

Flower Rota

3 and 10 July
17 and 24 July
31 July and 7 August

Carol Burness
Tracey Pool
Irene Ingleby-Oddy

Weddings: Saturday 9 July, 1.00 pm, Adam Hawkins and Caroline Reynolds.

Lorna Reynolds

Cleaning Team

The next **Vestry Silver and Brass** cleaning session is at 2.30 pm on Monday 11 July. The PCC is working to arrange for cleaning assistance in the church for all other aspects.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

The Coffee mornings are discontinued for the summer now.

Summer BBQ - You are cordially invited on Friday 15 July from 7.00 pm to enjoy burgers, sausages, pudding and music. Adults £8, accompanied children £4, family ticket £20. Pay Bar. Tickets available, in advance only, from Carol on: patonbagpath@btinternet.com

Carol Paton

Kingscote Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13 July at 8.00 pm at the Hunters Hall. It is hoped that the new Kingscote Parish Councillor will be confirmed by this date.

Applicants so far are Beth Calland, Jon Bowers, John Newman, Adrian Rowden and Tony Wooldridge.

Anyone wishing to show their support or contribute to the democratic process of selecting a new Parish Councillor please contact the clerk or an existing Parish Councillor.

Planning Approval

- Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use (for the breeding and care of up to 30 horses) - Ashcroft Farm, Bagpath GL8 8YF.

Planning Application

- Erection of first floor side extension and single story front extension, and rendering of reconstructed stone - 5 Windmill Cottages, Kingscote GL8 8YD.

The parish council is looking for a volunteer to prepare and re-varnish the Village Notice Board. Materials will be paid for. Please contact me.

Any parishioners wanting to add their weight to requests for pot hole repair, in the community please call Highways 0800 0514 514 and use the references; Bagpath Windy Corner 22005567 and Hazelcote Lane 11103527.

Anna Davison, Tel. 860 244

Grumbolds Ash Group

On Tuesday 12 July we visit Westons Cider Mill at Much Marcle (HR8 2NQ) between Gloucester and Hereford. We intend to join the tour at 11.00 am which

costs £10. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.30 am prompt to share cars.

It is possible to take a package including admission, cider tasting and Ploughman's lunch for £16.95 or for 2 courses at £21.

Jutta Tubbs Tel. 860 194

An Appreciation of Jane Bateman

As most of you will be aware, Jane will be leaving Bumpers Island this summer to 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 in the VH for a celebratory tea party on Saturday 2 July.

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 12 July, *The Outsider* by Frederick Forsyth at Angela's
- Tuesday 16 August, *The Little House* by Philippa Gregory at Louise's

Angela Wooldridge

800th Anniversary of the Coronation of Henry III

Henry III was the only English monarch since 1066 not crowned in Westminster Abbey, and it took place in Gloucester Cathedral 800 years ago. A variety of events have been planned in the Cathedral for September and October this year:

Church Restoration plans this Autumn

As reported earlier, the wooden floor in the Nave, particularly on the south side, is collapsing due to rotting of the supporting beams. 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. Normal Sunday services will continue.

We will also be diverting the Public Right of Way footpath in the churchyard to allow new cables to be laid between the West Door and the Lychgate. The principal reason for this is to replace the buried cable feeding the lights at the Lychgate, which failed an electrical inspection in 2014 due to poor insulation. However we will also take advantage of the open trench to lay conduits for a subsequent mains

water supply, and an underground power supply to replace the present overhead cables. The case for adding a foul water drain pipe for the future is also being considered.

The footpath diversion has been approved by the Gloucestershire County Council department responsible, under agreed conditions. The path will be temporarily re-directed towards the west side of the churchyard where there is an unobstructed route around the monuments. We shall be marking and fencing the trench to prevent it filling up with nocturnal dog-walkers.

We apologise in advance for the inconvenience which may result from this work.

The PCC

A Plea for Information !

Before 20 July, churches and communities across the Diocese are being invited to respond with the outcomes of conversations about their hopes for the future of our communities and how the Church can be a part of this. We are asked to consider how outward looking our church is and whether the community see us as being relevant ?

Our church officers and the PCC are dedicated to protecting and assisting the work of the church here, and we are fortunate to have such a fine Parish Priest in Mike Smith. We realise that we could hardly live in a more friendly, positive and integrated community.

However, the way that those of us who regularly come to church see ourselves, and the way that the wider community see the church may be very different indeed ! So, we wondered if you might be willing to tell us what you think.

There are just three questions we would like you to consider and respond to - anonymously if you prefer of course:

1. What is your hope or vision for your local community in the next five years ?
2. How might the church be a part of this ?
3. What is your opinion of the Church of England in your local community ?

Please let us have your responses to these questions in order to help us plan for the future.

You can jot them down on a piece of paper and drop them through the letterbox of 3 The Walled Garden or Kingscote House, or e-mail them to:

*Harry Tubbs - harry.jutta@gmail.com or
Godfrey Ainsworth - godfrey.ainsworth@btconnect.com*

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 8 and 22 July.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Fridays 8 and 22 July.

Bus Timetable Enquiries - Ring traveline on 0871 200 2233.

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 8 July 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 July to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, Tel. 860 194

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. The Editor.

6. Good religion respects human freedom. It does not seek to coerce people, is willing to educate young people into alternative perspectives other than its own, while being confident in its own position. Good religion rejects indoctrination and is not frightened of alternative possibilities. It respects autonomy and is willing to both accept the possibility of its own error and also confidently affirm its understanding of truth and the relevance of its beliefs and practices to the modern world. Any religion, therefore, that refuses to allow members to listen to alternatives or to understand alternative religious perspectives needs to be resisted, and religious traditions that refuse to allow or to accept conversion must be rejected as examples of bad religion.

The scm press can be contacted at: www.scm-canterburypress.co.uk

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