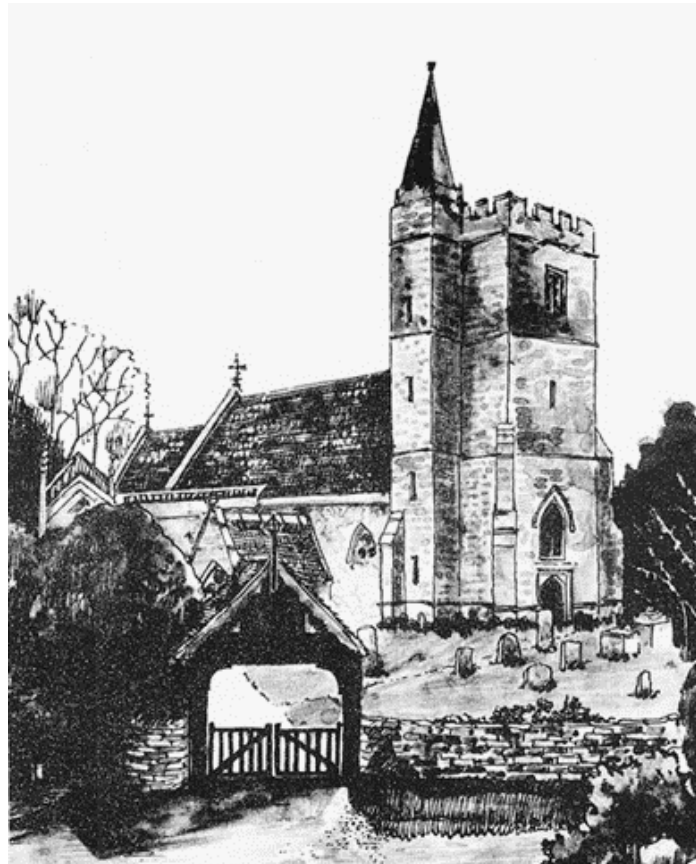


The Forerunner

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

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Service Calendar for October 2016

Sunday	2nd	Kingscote	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Harvest Festival & lunch
		Horsley	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	5th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	9th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Horsley	11.00 am	Harvest Festival & Lunch
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	12th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	16th	Kingscote	11.00 am	Harvest Festival & Lunch*
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
Wednesday	19th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	20th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	23rd	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6.00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	26th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	30th	Horsley	11.00 am	Benefice Service
		Nailsworth	4.00 pm	Remembering loved ones

*** Bring a dish after the service in the Church
to share over lunch in the Village Hall.**

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 8 November 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,

As we enter October, we enter the season of Harvest Festivals. Both our churches and our schools will be celebrating the Harvest that we so enjoy.

The truth is we are mostly very fortunate to live where we live and to enjoy the relative affluence that our lives bring.

We certainly don't have to walk miles each day to get clean water, or scrub around in the dirt for a few seeds to try and eat something. More than 1.3 billion people in our world live in extreme poverty - less than £0.94 a day. 805 million people worldwide do not have enough food to eat. More than 750 million lack adequate access to clean drinking water.

But we are not immune even in this country. Oxfam has just published a report stating that the richest 1% of the UK population now owns more than 20 times the total wealth of the poorest 20%, making the country one of the most unequal in the developed world. They also concluded that, *'Whatever your views on Brexit, the referendum brought divisions within our country to a head, with many people expressing distrust and disconnection with political processes and voting for change in the hope that it would improve their economic position.'*

27% of children in this country live in poverty according to recent statistics, and the percentage is rising.

We are right to give thanks for all that we have. But part of our desire to give thanks is that we might share that joy with those less fortunate than ourselves - that is 'loving our neighbours as ourselves' as Jesus taught us.

Words alone are never enough - only actions demonstrate real care.

We can donate to food-banks and charities, campaign and lobby MPs and Councils, examine how we use our wealth to preserve the riches of our planet

With every Blessing,

Rev. Mike Smith

Flower Rota

2 October
9 October
16 and 23 October HARVEST
30 October and 6 November

Vivienne Ainsworth
Wendy Ingram
FLOWER TEAM
Elin Tattersall

Lorna Reynolds

Cleaning Team

The next **Vestry Silver and Brass** cleaning session is at 11.00 am on Wednesday 12 October.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Tuesday 4 October 10.30 to 11.30 am, coffee and cakes £2, all welcome.

Harvest festival Lunch - Sunday 16 October from 12 noon after the Harvest Festival Service. Please bring a contribution of food to share. There will be a pay bar and a raffle to raise money for the current work at the church.

Film night - Tuesday 18 October 7.30 for 8.00 pm, *The Bridge of Spies*. This is an atmospheric and intriguing Cold War story starring Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance and Alan Alda. Admission free, pay bar.

(Film Nights will now move to the THIRD Tuesday of the month.)

Carol Paton

Kingscote Parish Council

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council will be at 8.00 pm in the Hunters Hall on Tuesday 1 **November**.

Planning Approvals

- Lasborough Park - Rationalisation of various garden walls and landscape features.

Planning Applications

- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - Erection of ha-ha, change of use of land to residential curtilage, removal of estate railings, rationalisation of garden walls and landscape features, erection of glasshouse and potting shed, additional garden steps.

Anna Davison, Tel. 860 244

Grumbolds Ash Group

On Tuesday 11 October a shopping trip to Bath is planned. Meet at the VH at 9.30 am to share lifts and 'Park and Ride'. We will find somewhere suitable for lunch.

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 25 October, *The Amber Keeper* by Freda Lightfoot at Pauline's
- Tuesday 8 November, *The Outrun* by Amy Liptrot at Louise's

Angela Wooldridge

Restoration and Improvement of the Church

As most parishioners will have noticed, the programme of work inside the church has commenced and a large section of the rotten nave floor has been removed. Timber for new floor beams has arrived. We will continue with normal services using the north side pews in the nave.

The work in the churchyard is proceeding at lower priority. We apologise for the untidy appearance of the site in the meantime.

We emphasise that further funds are required, and we have approached major national funding bodies. However most of them will not be making new grants until December, so we will not know until then whether we have been successful.

The PCC

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 Thursdays 6 and 20 October.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 6 and 20 October.

Bus Timetable Enquiries - Ring traveline on 0871 200 2233.

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 28 October 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 October to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, *Tel. 860 194*

Kingscote and Horsley Woods

There is a web page on the internet attributed to Wikipedia which records that Kingscote and Horsley woods, including the Conygre Wood, has been recognised since 1966 as a Site of Special Scientific Interest on account of its biological content.

This mentions the ancient forest profile of beech, ash and oak, and the ground-cover of wild garlic, bluebells, wood anemone and dogs mercury. Strangely there is no mention of what is to us is most notable - mature box, snowdrops, aconites and primroses. Perhaps that is a protection measure.

The Editor

When the milkman called

For those of us who remember Milk deliveries in Bottles, here is a good example of a collection of notes left in milk bottles

Dear Milkman,

- I've just had a baby, please leave another one.
- Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.
- Cancel one pint after the day after today.
- Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.
- Please cancel milk. I have nothing coming into the house but two sons on the dole.
- Sorry about yesterday's note. I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round.
- Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed Coronation Street. Will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea.
- My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do it before you deliver or do I have to shake the bottle?
- Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and didn't know about it until a neighbour told me.
- From now on please leave 2 pints every other day and 1 pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.
- Back door is open. Please put milk in 'fridge', get money from cup in drawer, and leave change on kitchen table in pence as we want to play bingo tonight.

Contributed by Carole Hatherell, Hazlecote

Mere Christianity - *The Practical Conclusion*

(An extract from the well known book by C S Lewis)

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 on to 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 then 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, to-day, this moment, is our chance to choose the right side. God is holding back to give us that chance. It will not last forever. We must take it or leave it.

Extract chosen by The Editor

Earnestly Seeking

Distinguished, onetime colonial power,
Heart of oak, and naval soul,
Anchored uncertainly off Europe
Seeks harbour for similar role.

Mature, vibrant, stylish nation,
Still fun-loving, young at heart,
Seeks creative cultural identity,
Interested in pop and modern art.

Witty enthusiastic, sport loving,
Not just a hope and glory land,
Seeks warmer cosmopolitan image
To suit a wide-ranging national brand.

Considerate, sincere, yet confused country,
Values its past, yearns for applause,
Seeks genuine like-minded companions
For long-term friendship, possible common cause.

Maggie Ward

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