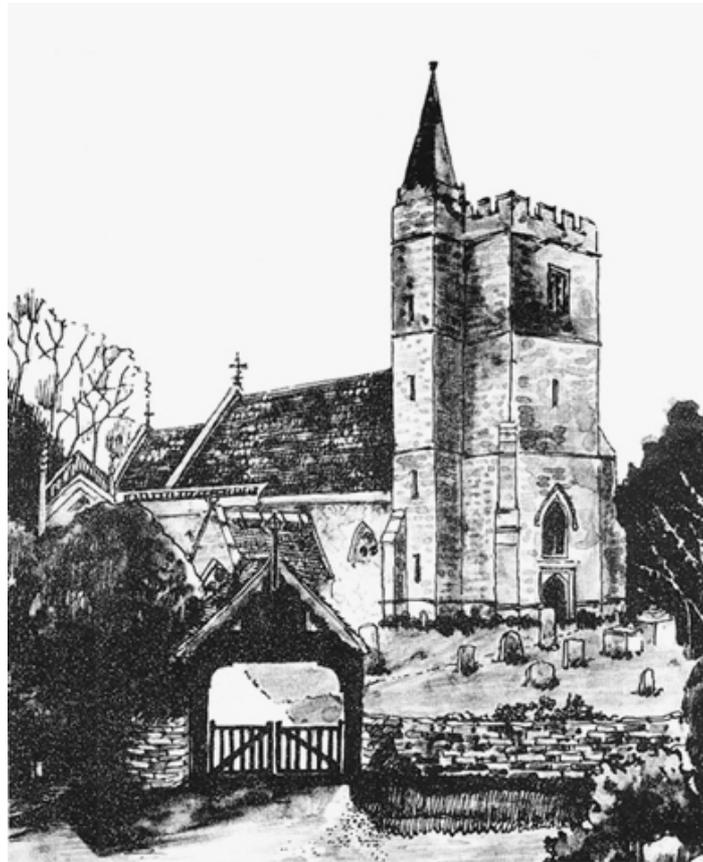


The Forerunner

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

November

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Service Calendar for November 2016

Wednesday	2nd	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	3rd	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	6th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Service & Baptism
		Horsley	11.00 am	Holy Communion & Baptism
Wednesday	9th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	13th	Kingscote	10.45 am	Service of Remembrance
		Horsley	10.45 am	Service of Remembrance
		Nailsworth	10.45 am	Service of Remembrance
Wednesday	16th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Family Service
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
Wednesday	23rd	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW
<i>Advent</i>		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	3.15 pm	Messy Church at Nailsworth School
		Horsley	6.00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	30th	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 **8 November** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The **Carol Service** this year will take place on Tuesday 20 December at 7.00 pm.

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,

Sam, my wife, often asks me where she has left her keys, as if whilst she can't remember I will somehow read her mind and we will find them. We then go through the rigmarole of tracing her movements until we find them !

Going back and remembering is something we do every year on Remembrance Sunday. It is a difficult time for many and voices are often raised about why we continue to 'glorify war'.

But we remember by looking back in order to try to make the future better. And when we look at the present state of affairs in our world, it is more than ever necessary to remember and then renew our determination to make this world a better place.

Reports suggest that the 250,000 people living in East Aleppo will have their homes destroyed by the end of the year. This is not the work of IS but of a Government and its allies against its own people. Those in the firing line have said that the US and its allies are as much to blame by not doing more to stop this action.

John 14:27 quotes Jesus saying, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Peace is Jesus' promise to the world.

Our task is never to forget what violence can do, and do all that we can to hasten the day when peace rules in our world.

With every Blessing,

Rev. Mike Smith

Godfrey Ainsworth

I am sad to say that Godfrey has decided to step down from his role as Churchwarden and member of the Church Council with immediate effect.

Godfrey has been a real support to me personally, and has contributed a great deal to life of St John the Baptist Church and the work of the Church Council, for which we are extremely grateful.

Mike Smith

Flower Rota

6 November		Elin Tattersall
13 and 20 November	REMEMBRANCE	Flower Team
27 November	ADVENT CANDLES	Soffi Bond
25 December	CHRISTMAS	Flower Team

Lorna Reynolds

Cleaning Team

The next **Vestry Silver and Brass** cleaning session is at 10.00 am on Wednesday 9 November.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 9 November 10.30 to 11.30 am, coffee and cakes £2, all welcome.

Sherry Tasting - Friday 18 November, from 7.00 pm. There will be 6 sherries to taste ranging from very dry to sweet PXs and the claim is that there is one for every course. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Robin Scott-Martin who is presenting the tasting will give some background and can take orders as required.

Film night - Tuesday 29 November 7.30 for 8.00 pm, *Sliding Doors* - a 1997 British film which pulls off one of the all-time most difficult to achieve tricks in storytelling with complete success; got to be seen. Admission free, pay bar.

Carol Paton Tel. 860 649

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 Applications

- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - Erection of ha-ha, change of use of land to residential curtilage, removal of estate railings, erection of glasshouse and potting shed, additional garden steps.
- Park View, Kingscote - felling of sycamore tree.

Advance warning has been received concerning the recycling dates over Christmas and the new year. Changes will occur between 29 December and 19 January, and will be given in detail in the December and January magazines.

Anna Davison, Tel. 860 244

Grumbolds Ash Group

On Tuesday 15 November we make a return visit to Bath, focussing on the Herschel Museum which opens at 1.00 pm, but also of course shopping and lunch.

William Herschel was a 19yrs old immigrant from Germany who later brought his sister Caroline to help with his pioneering work on optical telescopes, which led in 1781 to the discovery of the planet Uranus. He was a pioneer scientist in other fields and was made a member of the Royal Society.

Also on display in one of the rooms is a composite group etching of the great scientists of the time, including Edward Jenner.

We meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am to share cars to the Park and Ride.

Also: Attendance at events recently has been low, so we need to confirm that we wish to have a Christmas Lunch this year.

Jutta Tubbs Tel. 860 194

Kingscote Mobile Post Office - from Monday 14 November 2016

As many will be aware, the Post Office have announced that we will be visited by a mobile PO van. The details are given below for reference purposes. Rumours that Carol will be on the counter are unfounded.

Where and when:

Mondays and Thursdays - 12.45 to 1.45 pm, at the Village Hall Car Park.

What:

Car tax, Passport checking, Euro travel cash.

Cash Benefits using PO banking services or Card Account.

Any required documents not on the van can be ordered for the next visit.

How:

Access by steps, or electric rising tailgate for disabled or wheelchair users.

The Editor

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 8 November, *The Outrun* by Amy Liptrot at Louise's

Please note that after this we are aiming to meet mostly on the 2nd week of the month to avoid too many village events in one week.

Angela Wooldridge

Jane Bateman's Charity Collection

Jane very generously gave her Grumbolds Ash Charity Collection of £100 to Patchwork RDA before departing to Cornwall. It was so appreciated and we thank Jane and all the donors. A gift of this amount funds a new hat and a pair of specialist reins. Thank you all.

Angela Wooldridge

Restoration and Improvement of the Church

Replacement of the nave floor is now almost complete with only the fitting of the air vents (to keep the under-floor regions dry) remaining. Apart from rubble and rotten wood, nothing of note was found underneath it.

Attention now switches to the service trench from the West Door to the Lychgate, which will bring our lovely lighting back to life with the new cable - hopefully in time for Christmas.

This will allow much of the excavated spoil to be returned to the trench, excluding large stones which can damage the buried conduits, cables and pipes. The remainder of the spoil will be dumped temporarily north of the oil tank where it is less obtrusive. We can then sort out the stones for disposal and the remaining earth can be spread over the grass to the SE of the building.

Any human bones must be separated and re-interred appropriately.

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 3 and 17 November.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 3 and 17 November.

Bus Timetable Enquiries - Ring traveline on 0871 200 2233.

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 25 November when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden from **10.30 am** to 12 noon.

People of Sanctuary ?

***Thursday 17 November 7.00 pm Park Campus
University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham GL 50 2RH***

(An announcement in the November Diocesan Messenger)

National Inter Faith Week takes place every year in November, and aims to promote understanding between people of different beliefs in the faith communities in the UK, and to increase awareness of their contribution to local neighbourhoods and wider society.

This year we explore the relationship between faiths and the migrant crisis, with presentations from local organisations actively involved.

There will also be the opportunity to participate in scriptural reasoning as we consider a variety of texts on the subjects of neighbour and stranger.

Jo Parkin, Chaplain to the University of Gloucestershire

When the sun goes down

*An extract from the fascinating book
'A Cotswold Village' by the poet and writer
J Arthur Gibbs 1867 ~ 1899, Eton and Christchurch*

I believed, as a boy, and with a romance still unsubdued by time I would yet fain believe, that when the soul of man escapes from the poor tenement of clay in which it has been pent up for some threescore years and ten, it has not far to go. I would fain believe that heaven is not only above us, but in some form or other entirely beyond our mortal ken, all around us, in every beautiful thing we see; that these hills and vales, these woods of delicately wrought fan-tracery groining, these mazes of golden light when the sun goes down, are peopled not alone by human flesh and blood. "There are also terrestrial bodies, and bodies celestial. But the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another."

Who can imagine the shape or form of the immortal soul? As I walked over those golden fields tonight it seemed as if there were spirits all around me - glorious, bright spirits of the dead - invisible, intangible, like rays of pure light, in the clear atmosphere of those Elysian fields. I cannot but believe that there arise from the secret parts of this beautiful earth, at dawn of day and at eventide, other voices besides the ineffable songs of birds, the rustling murmurs that whisper in the woods, and the plaintive babbling of the brooks - hymns of unknown depths of harmony, impossible to describe, because impossible to imagine - crying night and day: "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

Yes, dear reader,

"Though inland far we be,
Our souls have sight of that immortal sea
Which brought us hither."

When the sun goes down, if you will turn for a little while from the noise and clamour of the busy world, you shall list to those voices ringing, ringing in your ears.

Magazine

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

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