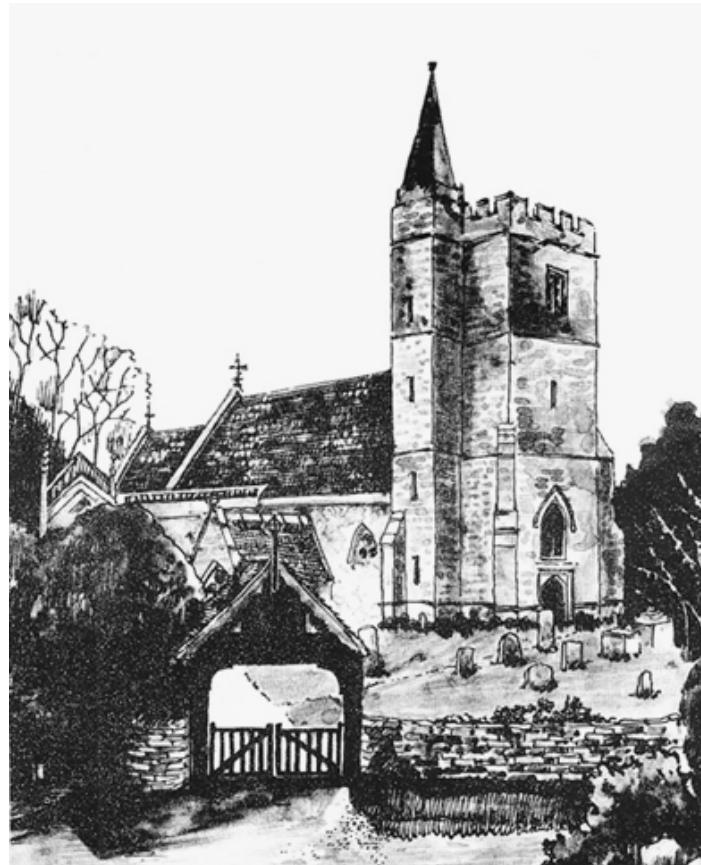


The Forerunner

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Newington Bagpath with
Kingscote*

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Service Calendar for January 2017

Sunday	1st	Kingscote Nailsworth Horsley	11.00 am 11.00 am	<i>No Service</i> Family Service Holy Communion
Wednesday	4th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	8th	Kingscote Nailsworth Horsley Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 3.30 pm	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Family Service Messy Church at Nailsworth School
Wednesday	11th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	15th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am	Family Service Holy Communion
Wednesday	18th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd	Kingscote Nailsworth Horsley Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion CW Joint Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Evensong Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Woodchester Priory
Wednesday	25th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	26th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	29th	Kingscote Kingscote	11.00 am 3.30 pm	Joint Benefice Service Messy Church in VH

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

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

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the conflict in Aleppo in Syria is reaching a horrific climax with the fate of many thousands uncertain.

But even after the last cluster bomb has fallen and last mortar is silent, what remains is every bit as awful as the current bombardment and destruction.

The rebuilding of homes is one thing. But the rebuilding of lives and relationships is entirely another. Some will never recover.

And all we can do, here in our comparative comfort, is to watch and weep. I know I do. A few years ago I spent time in Syria, including Aleppo. It was a thriving city with a joyful, welcoming population.

When confronted by such situations, as individuals we feel helpless. Yes, we can support those working with refugees in this country and overseas. But what more can we do ?

There is an old 'modern' chorus we sing in church that says 'Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me'.

It easy to sit in our armchairs and criticise the actions of others thousands of miles away. But if we are committed to living in a peaceful world, we must begin where we are. We can do that by ensuring we reach out to those we have hurt or harmed, by being the first to make peace with family or neighbours, by building bridges with those we think have hurt us.

At the beginning of another year, let's resolve to make our lives, homes and community a truly peaceful place.

May God bless you in this coming year with His peace.

Best wishes,

Rev. Mike Smith

Messy Church comes to Kingscote

On Sunday 29 January at 3.30 pm in the Village Hall all families are invited to try out Messy Church.

What is it you may ask ! There will be Crafts and Games, all linked to a theme, followed by a brief time of Celebration with a short talk, prayer and a song, finishing with a Bring and Share Tea together, aiming to close by 5.00 pm. If you've never heard of it before, why not come along and try it. Everyone is welcome - if you are coming all we ask is that you bring something to share for tea.

Rev. Mike Smith

Flower Rota

8th and 15th January	Carol Hatherell
22nd and 29th January	Wendy Ingram
5th and 12th February	Elin Tattersall

Lorna Reynolds

Cleaning Team

The next **Vestry Silver and Brass** cleaning session is at 10.00 am on Monday 23 January.

Teresa Day

Grumbolds Ash Group

13 of us had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch on 8 December. We meet on Tuesday 24 January at 3 The Walled Garden for a working lunch at 12 noon to discuss the way forward in the coming year.

Jutta Tubbs Tel. 860 194

Village Hall Programme

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

Film Night - Tuesday 17 January 7.30 for 8.00 pm, admission free, pay bar. *The Big Short* is based on the true story of one of our (perennial) banking crashes. Reports suggest that it succeeds brilliantly and entertainingly in explaining financial double-dealing leading almost to global disaster.

Pauline McTear

Kingscote Parish Council

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council will be at 8.00 pm in the Hunters Hall on Tuesday 31 January.

Planning Applications

- Demolition of existing Bagpath Court Cottage and erection of replacement dwelling including associated development.
- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - amendments to details of potting shed design.

Planning Approvals

- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - repair of ice house including reforming of front elevation. Retrospective consent for opening in walled garden wall. Formation of new walled parting area complete with access gates.

- Cherry Tree House, Kingscote - Lime tree, reduce canopy by 33%, lift canopy to 6M to remove low trailing branches. Yew tree, remove projecting branches to shape and tidy appearance.

Bus service through Kingscote discontinued - Despite intense lobbying by the Parish Council this is now confirmed, due to the cost and extremely low usage by Kingscote residents.

Footpaths - There are concerns about low hanging branches over footpaths which are a threat to the eyes of pedestrians. It is not easy to look where one is placing ones feet on the path as well as to check overhead.

Road Safety Hub - Concerns about highway issues, pot holes flooding etc. see or contact : <http://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/communityhub/> and email: road-safetyhub@glosfire.gov.uk

The Parish Council wishes all residents a very Happy New Year

Anna Davison, Tel. 860 244

www.kingscoteonline.co.uk

Did you know that our [Kingscote and Newington Bagpath community web-site](http://www.kingscoteonline.co.uk) offers you the opportunity to receive automatically up to date local news and information by e-mail on a regular basis. Many members of the community take advantage of this service which circulates responsibly selected material. Register on the homepage at www.kingscoteonline.co.uk

Alice Cooper Tel. 860 811

New young family recently moved into Kingscote

We are looking for domestic help at *3 The Park, Kingscote*, as follows:

Cleaner - once per week for 4 hours, including small amount of ironing.

Experienced Nanny - for 13 months old daughter on 2 mornings per week, 8.00 am to 1.00 pm ideally on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please call *Sophie Grogan*. on *Tel. 0775 314 3674*

Local Lifts

In view of the loss of the bus service and the very high cost of taxis, residents should not be shy of asking a neighbour for a lift. Your neighbour may not be aware of your need. However you must ensure with the neighbour that they have insurance cover, which will probably not cover making a payment for the journey.

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 10 January *Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry at Angela'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

Kingscote Mobile Post Office

There has been a delay in the initiation of this service due to problems in preparing some of the parking locations. Hopefully it will now commence in January .

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.

Restoration and Improvement of the Church

Work inside the Church is now complete. The new gravel footpath from the tarmac path to Jo's Gate at the south end is very smart. No doubt as the trench settles we will need to replenish the gravel to keep the surface clean and dry. The emphasis now is on tidying up the front of the churchyard for the wedding on 12 February.

The disposal of spoil from the trenching is proving to be a challenge, involving manual sorting of the larger stones and rocks for disposal off-site. The recent weather has not helped. The pile of spoil by the oil tank will have to take its time, but with the stones removed will be spread evenly over the grass behind the church.

We have recently received grants of £2,000 from the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and £2,500 from the Garfield Weston Foundation which are greatly appreciated.

The PCC

Weekly Recycling - *Green food boxes and wheelie bins*

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on **Saturday 7, Friday 13**, Thursdays 19 and 26 January.

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

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on **Saturday 7 January, Friday 13 January**, then back to normal on Thursday 26 January.

Fortnightly Waste - *Grey wheelie bins to landfill*

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on **Saturday 7 January, Friday 13 January**, then back to normal on Thursday 26 January.

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

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 20 January when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Magazine

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

Augustine of Hippo

354 - 430

The son of a Christian mother and a pagan father, he spent the early years of his life seeking inner peace through philosophical knowledge, despising the simplicity of Christianity. He went on to be bishop in his native region of north Africa, as well as a prolific theologian whose ideas deeply influenced the Protestant Reformation.

OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS

You are great Lord, and greatly to be praised. Great is your power, and of your wisdom there is no end. And man, who is part of what you have created, desires to praise you. Yes, even though he carries his mortality wherever he goes, as the proof of his sin and testimony of your justice, man desires to praise you. For you have stirred up his heart so that he takes pleasure in praising you. You have created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

***The PCC wishes all Parishioners a
Happy and Rewarding New Year***

Parish Directory

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- Electoral Roll:** Elin Tattersall, *3 Boxwood Close, Tel.01453 860 182*
- Mowing Team:** Harry Tubbs, Sebastian Cooper, Rick Bond, Roger Lucy, Ken Davies, Brian McTear, John Moore, Tony Wooldridge.
- Village Hall:** Bookings: Pauline McTear, *Kingscote, Tel. 861 311*
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