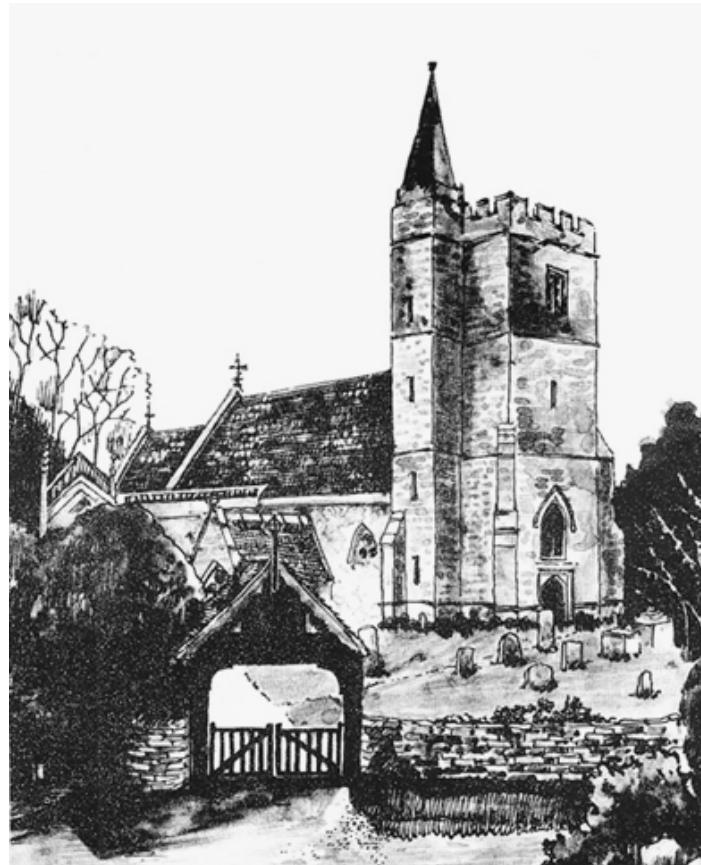


The Forerunner

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Kingscote*

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Service Calendar for February 2017

Wednesday	1st	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	5th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Morning Prayer BCP
		Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Service
		Horsley	11.00 m	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	4.00 pm	Valentine's Service at Nailsworth School
Wednesday	15th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	19th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Family Service
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	22nd	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	23rd	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	26th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6.00 pm	Evensong

The next **PCC Meeting** will take place on Tuesday **xxxx** 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 PCC thanks all who contributed to arranging and running the Carol Service on Tuesday 20 December, and we hope that all who attended enjoyed the service as much as we did.

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

Do you think that we live in an open and welcoming community ? Do think that we are truly aware of the need of those around us ?

Age UK are currently running a campaign to highlight the problem of loneliness, particularly amongst older people.

A survey they did showed that more than a million people had gone for over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member.

Their campaign aim is to make local and national government understand that older people's loneliness really matters; that is a serious public health problem and not a normal part of ageing, and they want them to commit to take action to prevent and tackle it. Strong words and a worthy aim.

However, loneliness within communities will only really be tackled when those living there become more aware of the needs of their neighbours and begin to do something about it.

Jesus stood in the synagogue having read these words from Isaiah, "*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.*" He then sat down saying that these words had been fulfilled in their hearing.

Jesus' priority was to bring life in all its fullness, and our calling as Christians is to do that work.

We can set people free from the loneliness of old age by being better neighbours and friends to those around us. We don't have to wait for Governments !

Let's keep a close eye on people near us and flag up any who could do with a bit of company and a chance to talk and to listen.

Best wishes,

Rev. Mike Smith

Flower Rota

5th and 12th February	Elin Tattersall	
19th and 26th February	Sheila Grey	
March	LENT	No Flowers

*Wedding: **Sunday** 12 February 12.30 pm, Mark Davies and Alexa Smith.*

Lorna Reynolds

Cleaning Team

The next **Vestry Silver and Brass** cleaning session is at 2.30 pm on Monday 27 February.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 1 February, 10.30 to 11.30 am, coffee and cake £2, all welcome.

Film Night - Tuesday 21 February, *Touching the Void* the story of two men's escape from a mountaineering accident, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, admission free, pay bar.

Curry Night - Saturday 25 February, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, choice of curries, ice cream and coffee, pay bar. Tickets: adults £8, children £4, family of 4 £20.

Please let Carol know at patonbagpath@btinternet.com by 22 February if you plan to come.

Carol Paton

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

- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - further amendments to details of potting shed design.

Planning Approvals

- Demolition of existing Bagpath Court Cottage and erection of replacement dwelling including associated development.

CDC 'Free after 3 pm parking' until Friday 31 March

The Cotswold District Council is relaxing car parking charges after 3 pm up to 31 March in the following car parks:

- Tetbury Church street, West Street and the Old Railyard.
- Cirencester Forum and Brewery.

Anyone who pays by mistake after 3.00 pm can claim a refund by supplying the details at parking@cotswold.gov.uk

Anna Davison, Tel. 860 244

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 February - *Chess Man* by Peter May at Sheila's.
- Tuesday 7 March - *The Muse* by Jessie Burton at Pauline's.
- Tuesday 11 April - *Te Children's Act* by Ian McEwen 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

Kingscote Mobile Post Office

The problems encountered in setting up this service are unfortunately not resolved, so the start date cannot be established.

The Editor

An update on the 2016 Church Restoration Appeal

Many, many thanks to all those who have contributed to the 2016 Restoration Appeal. The new flooring on the south side of the nave is complete and with the new damp protection measures underneath, should be there for many years.

The footpath trench has, among other things, enabled us to renew the old unsafe electrical cable to the Lychgate lights, and the new gravel is settling down to form a clean well drained solid surface.

Delays and over budget costs have arisen but we are working our way through these. While excavating the trench at the west door, several, pieces of medieval worked stone were found, and although exciting from an archaeological aspect, it has caused problems from a financial and project management point of view. Work had to be halted, while an archaeologist at a cost of £220 per day had to assess the findings, make scale drawings, and attend subsequent excavation work on a watching brief. Depending on the outcome of the report, he may have to carry out further work. This, along with attendant architect fees, has inevitably increased the overall costs, and caused us to review the plans for the next stage of drainage work around the church building.

In the meantime, we are very grateful to all those who have contributed to enable the work that has been completed to date, namely:

- Donations from private individuals
- The M J Stone Charitable Trust
- The Julie and Hans Rausing Trust
- The Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust
- The Garfield Weston Foundation

Our immediate priority is to tidy up the front of the churchyard for the wedding on 12 February.

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 9 and 23 February.

Fortnightly Waste - *Grey wheelie bins to landfill*

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 9 and 23 February.

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

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 17 February 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 **18 February** to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, *Tel. 860 194*

The Coptic Orthodox Church

Extracted from an article by His Grace Bishop Angaelos, Bishop of the Coptic Church in the UK, published in The Times on 7 January 2017

The Coptic Orthodox Church, which makes up 15% of the population of Egypt and 80% of the overall Christian presence in the Middle East, continues to face struggles closely connected to the issue of religious freedom.

Most recently 27 people in the congregation, mostly women and children, lost their lives in the heartbreaking and tragic bombing of St Peter's Coptic Orthodox Church in Cairo on 11 December.

Whilst the majority of Muslims in Egypt have condemned this and similar attacks over the years, there remains a fringe element that has a fundamental issue with the mere presence of this indigenous Christian community.

While attacks on the faithful are not uncommon, the Church within Egypt and abroad continues to be pragmatic and resilient in its life and witness. The spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation that has been demonstrated time and again after

violent attacks against Christian communities across the Middle East is again a reminder of the spirit of the infant Christ, who brought a message of hope and forgiveness indiscriminately to all.

The Coptic Orthodox community has been present in Britain since the mid-Sixties, and its 20,000 members are served by 30 parishes across the UK. For this community, Christmas is a sacred time of celebrating its faith, its heritage and its origins while continuing to be faithful and productive in its contribution to the day-to-day life of its new home, and remembering Egypt in prayer.

Valentine's Day

Today we are obliged to be romantic
And think of yet another Valentine.
We know the rules and we are both pedantic:
Today's the day we have to be romantic.
Our love is old and sure, not new and frantic.
You know I'm yours and I know you are mine.
And saying that has made me feel romantic.
My dearest love, my darling Valentine.

Wendy Cope

The secret of 'Ordinary Time'

Catholics, when they are not celebrating the great feasts of Christmas and Easter, or preparing for them in the seasons of Advent and Lent, call the other weeks of the church year 'Ordinary Time'. During these weeks we are invited to consider Jesus' public ministry, what he did and said in the four Gospels.

Following Christmas we are back in ordinary time. We may be anxious about events on the international stage, the Trump presidency and the unfolding implications of Brexit, not to mention the threat of terrorism. And many people this year face personal crises, whether at home or at work. Sickness and death will continue to take their toll. And we will be taken by unpleasant surprises.

There can be no guarantee against such surprises, but we can prepare. In 'ordinary time', day by day, whether personally religious or not, we can develop purity of heart, a disposition that is compassionate and merciful, generous and loving.

Extracts from an article by Monsignor Roderick Strange, professor of theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham, published in The Times on 14 January 2017.

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- Mowing Team:** Harry Tubbs, Sebastian Cooper, Rick Bond, Roger Lucy, Ken Davies, Brian McTear, John Moore, Tony Wooldridge.
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