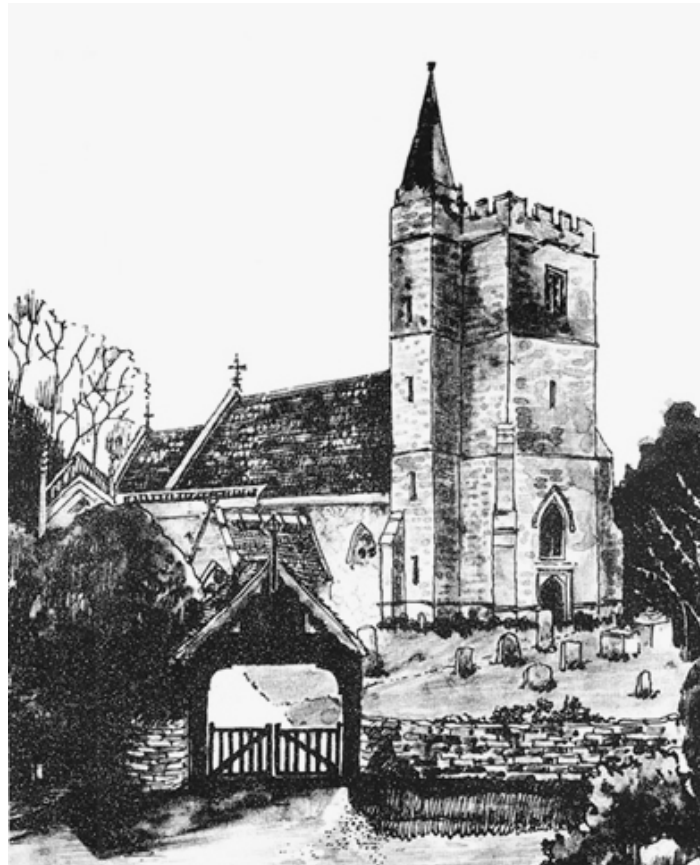


The Forerunner

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Kingscote*

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Service Calendar for March 2017

Wednesday	1st	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion and Ashing
Sunday <i>Lent</i>	5th	Kingscote Nailsworth Nailsworth Horsley	9.30 am 8.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 m	Morning Prayer BCP Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion
Wednesday	8th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday <i>Lent</i>	12th	Kingscote Nailsworth Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am 3.30 pm	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Messy Church at Nailsworth School
Wednesday	15th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday <i>Lent</i>	19th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am	Family Service Holy Communion
Wednesday	22nd	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	26th	Kingscote Nailsworth Horsley Nailsworth Horsley	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm 6.00 pm	Holy Communion CW Holy Communion Joint service with School Service at school Evensong
Wednesday	29th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	30th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church

The next **PCC Meeting** will take place on Tuesday **14 March** 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.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk
Kingscote Community	www.kingscoteonline.co.uk

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

March 1st marks a significant day for Christians. It is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

For many people, both Christian and non-Christian this is the beginning of a period of 'giving something up'. For some, who missed dry January, they may forgo alcohol. For others, it is a second chance after a failed new year's resolution to try and cut out chocolate or something else pleasurable, yet not entirely good for the physique.

Of course Lent originally was a period of fasting, self-examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in preparation for Easter. Somehow it has been whittled down to the notion of giving something up !

So, here's an idea ! Instead of giving something up, why not start to do something instead.

It could be something as simple as trying to pray or reading the Bible.

But why not make a point of popping in to see a lonely neighbour once a week, or offering to get some shopping. Perhaps the young couple down the road would like an evening out but need a baby-sitter. Or invite your neighbours round for a meal, or for tea and cake. Does someone's garden need a little care and attention but they find it too hard ?

There are so many ways that, by putting ourselves out just a little bit, we would make a huge difference to the lives of people around us.

It's got to be more fun than just giving something up !

Best wishes for a Happy Lent,

Rev. Mike Smith

Meet the Bishop of Gloucester

The Right Reverend Rachel Treweek will lead a service of readings and prayers at 6.00 pm on Sunday 26 March in Holy Trinity Church Stroud, GL5 2HX near Stroud General Hospital. This is a unique opportunity to meet our new Bishop at an informal event.

Flower Rota

March : LENT No flowers

There are no weddings planned in March

Lorna Reynolds

Cleaning Team

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

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

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

Film Night - Tuesday 21 March, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, *My week with Marilyn* starring Michelle Williams and Kenneth Branagh admission free, pay bar.

Carol Paton

Grumbolds Ash

On Tuesday 21 March we visit the Gustav Holst museum in Cheltenham, meeting first at 9.30 am at the Village Hall. His *Planets Suite* is the accompaniment for many sci-fi films. The museum is located in the house where he was borne at 4 Clarence Road GL52 2AY.

Driving options are:

1. Down the A46 into central Cheltenham, parking at Regent Arcade or North Place GL50 4JL.
2. Down the M5 to the A40 Park and Ride.

Jutta Tubbs

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- Tuesday 7 March - *The Muse* by Jessie Burton at Pauline's.
- Tuesday 11 April - *The Children's Act* by Ian McEwan 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 Parish Council

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council will be at 8.00 pm in the Hunters Hall on Tuesday 11 April.

Could residents please note that they are required to prevent boundary trees and hedges causing narrowing of highways for road users, riders or pedestrians.

Superfast Voneus Broadband - households are still able to register interest by e-mailing sales@voneus.com by the end of March.

Planning Applications

- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - further amendments to details of potting shed.
- 1 The Park, Kingscote - removal of two 25ft Larch trees.
- Jandacott, Bagath - erection of two storey rear extension with balcony.

Planning Approvals

- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - amendments to flue, roof design, quoins and cills.

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

The Cotswold District Council is relaxing car parking charges after 3.00 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.

Churchyard working parties

Those who visit the churchyard will know that it is in poor shape at the moment after the trenching work on the footpath. We need to work on this as soon as we have some dry weather. We had intended to take the worst of the spoil away, but we are prevented legally from doing that as there are fragments of ancient human remains mixed into it.

The plan is to manually remove the rocks and stones which would wreck the mowers and which we can easily sort from any bones. This is tedious work, but our churchyard is one of the prettiest, and is the only public place in the village where one can enjoy distant views over the surrounding fields.

We would welcome any help from volunteers on this and will suggest times when we can commence the work.

Horses through the churchyard

In February we had a repeat of an event last year with two horses (probably the same ones) being ridden or taken through the churchyard.. This is illegal as the path is NOT a bridleway, and furthermore we have spent a lot of money renewing the path so that wedding parties can proceed to the west door on a clean dry surface.

If parishioners should observe this in the future, we would be grateful if they could make some mental notes so that we can investigate. Apart from perhaps pointing out that the path is not a bridleway, obviously any confrontation should be avoided.

The PCC

Mobile Post Office

The mobile service is now operating on Mondays and Thursdays from 12.45 to 1.45 pm at the Village Hall. It carries a good selection of mailing envelopes, stamps etc.

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 17 March when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden between 10.30 am and 12 noon.

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 March.

Fortnightly Waste - *Grey wheelie bins to landfill*

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

Magazine

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

Why Bother ?

There was a time when Christianity was part of the wallpaper of Western society. It was part of family life and its transitions; it was part of the round of the seasons and our response to nature; it was part of the art and poetry of the culture. Contemporary society doesn't have the same air to breathe; the Christian assumptions have gone. The question people ask in a consumer-driven culture is 'What's in it for me ?

Faith is important because it asks the question about meaning, and try as we may to do without it, that question keeps returning. Is life - and my life in particular - a meaningless accident, or is there some purpose to it that makes it worthwhile ?

Most people feel instinctively that their life must have a meaning, even if it doesn't keep them awake at night. The trouble is that we often only grasp the meaning of something when we get to the end. For example when I first met my future wife I had no idea of the meaning and significance of that meeting at the time. Otherwise I might have been more chivalrous !

But human beings are natural makers of meaning; we need to know what our lives add up to. Christianity suggests an answer: we have meaning - huge, astonishing and extraordinary meaning - as children of God, made in the image of God and made for his love - eternally.

John Pritchard

Lasborough Park

Those of us who walk from time to time in the parish, and particularly in the Ozleworth valley, are familiar with the view of Lasborough Park House from the public footpath. This stunning building which is well hidden in the valley could not have a more beautiful location.

The historical background is recorded on Wikipedia as follows:

'Lasborough Park (or Lasborough House) is a Grade II listed country house in Newington/Bagpath Lasborough, Tetbury. The estate includes a medieval manor, a house and parkland. The original medieval manor, Lasborough Farm, dates to the 11th C, and included terraced gardens.

A manor house is recorded in the 14th C. The manor was surrounded by woodland and a deer park.

Lasborough House with its pleasure grounds was built in 1794 for Edmund Estcourt by James Wyatt in Tudor Gothic style. The house was enlarged and altered in the 19th C.'

The Editor

Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Theatre

When he first knew his exacting audience, they were eager for plot and pageant, noise and knock-about, gross clowning and bouts of courtly and learned wit, and music of the best, for the English had then the finest songs and music in Europe; and they were eager for the rhetoric of poetry as a vehicle for play and passion. All these things Marlowe and his fellow labourers had supplied, creating in a few years the new drama that Shakespeare found ready to his hand. He accepted the tradition, and in twenty more years expanded it into something far greater than the most consummate of public entertainments.

His poetry was of a yet higher strain than Marlowe's 'mighty line', and invented a prose dialogue as subtle, as powerful, and sometimes as lovely and harmonious as his verse. He made both forms the vehicles not only of beauty, terror, wit and high philosophy, but of a thing new in the drama, the presentation of individual characters, in place of the types and personified passions that had hitherto held the stage. Even the plot, even the action, became subordinate to the character, as in *Hamlet*, and yet the play pleased. So real were his men and women that we are forever discussing them as if they had a life of their own off the scene. It is to the Elizabethan theatre that we owe Shakespeare and all that he created. For that let praise be given to the theatre - and to the Elizabethans.

Extracts from the book English Social History by G M Trevelyan

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