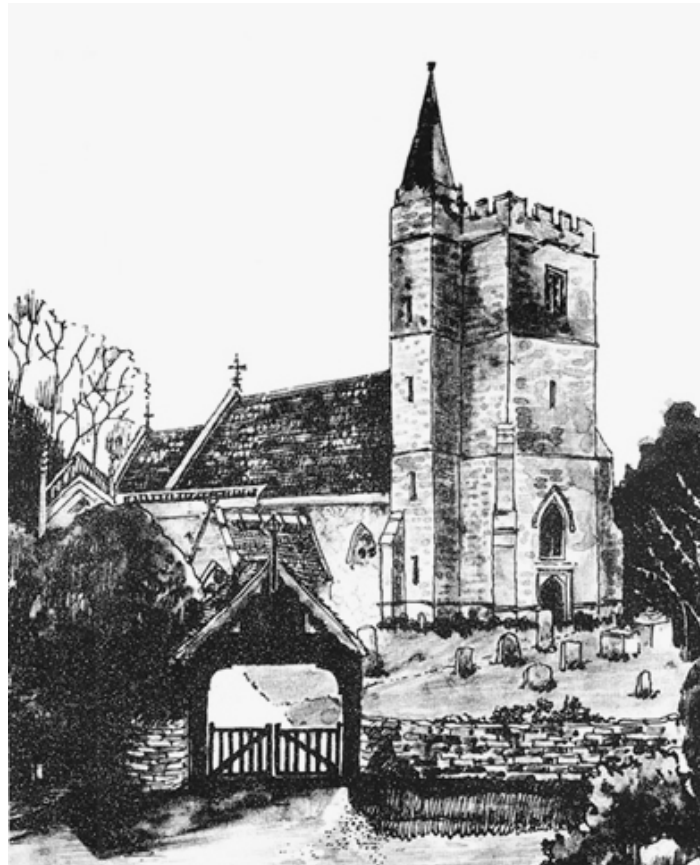


The Forerunner

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

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Service Calendar for April 2017

Sunday <i>Lent</i>	2nd	Kingscote Nailsworth Nailsworth Horsley	9.30 am 8.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion
Wednesday	5th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion
Wednesday	12th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	13th	Nailsworth	7.00 pm	Holy Communion and Stripping of the Church
Good Friday	14th	Nailsworth	2.00 pm	Final Hour of the Cross
Easter Sunday	16th	Kingscote Nailsworth Horsley	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Family Communion Family Communion Family Communion
Wednesday	19th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	23rd	Kingscote Nailsworth Horsley	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion CW Holy Communion Evensong
Wednesday	26th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	27th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	30th	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Joint Benefice Service

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place on Tuesday **25 April** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Attendance and feedback from Parishioners will be most helpful and welcome.

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

- with thanks to Rev Helene Grant at Christ Church in Nailsworth who wrote this - I could not improve on it !

Dear Friends,

Easter is coming! How do we know ? Well the shops are full of chocolate eggs, chocolate bunnies and chocolate. Did I mention the chocolate ?

10% of the chocolate sales in the UK come from Easter related products, and Google tells me that in the UK we will consume 80 million Easter Eggs this year ! I'm hoping for one of them

I have to be honest, chocolate is important to me. I love it. Milk or plain, bar or individual; I don't really mind how it is presented, I just enjoy it. Lots. And so I am delighted that chocolate forms such an important part of what is THE most important time of the Christian year. Yes, even more important than Christmas and the chocolate eaten then. You see Easter is why there is a Christian faith - and, frankly, why there are Easter Eggs for us to enjoy.

Yes, there is the whole ancient symbolism of new life - that's why chicks, and baby rabbits figure so highly, but the new life offered by the Christian faith is more than a cute baby animal and the celebration of renewed life after a long winter.

If you've ever wanted to start again with a clean slate, to put it all behind you and become someone different then you REALLY need Easter. You need the story that it tells and the new life that it offers - and you need an Easter Egg. Easter is the time when we celebrate a new beginning, one which is almost incomprehensible. A man called Jesus is killed on a Friday and on the Sunday he is more alive than ever - he has risen from the dead and his tomb is empty. He is the one who gives us all the chance to start life again - and again, and again, and again.

One of the things those Easter Eggs do is remind us that Jesus gives us the possibility to start our lives again. The egg is all about the potential of a new life - and it is empty like the tomb.

New life needed ? Come and enjoy an Easter Egg at Church this Easter Sunday and begin your new life.

Rev.Mike Smith

Cleaning Team

The next silver and brass cleaning team meeting will be on Wednesday 12 April at 2.30 pm.

Teresa Day

Flower Rota

16 and 23 April EASTER Flower Team
30 April and 7 May Zoe Nichols

Wedding: Saturday 8 April 12.30 pm, Sam Pride and Annabel Cook

Lorna Reynolds

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 5 April, 10.30 to 11.30 am, coffee and cake £2, all welcome.

Bank Holiday Games - Monday 17 April, 2.00 to 4.00 pm at the VH. Children's Easter Egg hunt and adult Treasure Hunt followed by tea. Please bring food to share.

Film Night - Tuesday 18 April, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, *Catch me if you can* by Stephen Spielberg starring Leonard DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. Admission free, pay bar.

Carol Paton

Grumbolds Ash

On Monday 24 April we visit the North Meadows National Nature Reserve near Cricklade to see the spring display of wild Snakeshead Fritillaries, one of England's wildlife spectacles. Warm and weatherproof clothes and shoes are recommended.

We meet at 9.00 am at the Village Hall to share the driving and stop at the Red Lion SN6 6DD at 74 High Street Cricklade for coffee. The North Meadows site is further along the High Street going out of town and we can re-park on the verge near the entrance. There is no charge for admission.

Jutta Tubbs

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- Wednesday 12 April - *The Children's Act* by Ian McEwan at Teresa's.
- Tuesday 9 May - *Slow Horses* by Mick Heron and/or *The Horseman* by Tim Pears at Louise's.
- Wednesday 14 June *Golden Hill* by Francis Spufford 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 Parish Council

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

Planning Applications

- Spring Cottage, Binley Farm - erection of two storey and single storey rear extension.
- Lasborough Park Tetbury - regrading of land to original contours through removal of deposited soil.
- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - minor changes to approved scheme for glass-house.
- Bagpath Court Cottage - minor changes to approved scheme for replacement dwelling.

Planning Approvals

- Jandacott, Bagath - erection of two storey rear extension with balcony.
- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - amendments to flue, roof design, quoins and cills.
- 1 The Park, Kingscote - removal of two 25ft Larch trees.

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.

Dog Fouling in the Churchyard

Mowing has now commenced, together with the 2017 programme of weddings. It is obvious that some dog owners are allowing their pets to wander freely in the churchyard resulting in widespread mess. We ask all involved to keep their dogs under control in the churchyard and to clean up when necessary.

The PCC

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on **Friday 12 May** 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 6 and 20 April.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

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

Magazine

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

Local resident receives First Class treatment at the BRI



Easter Week

See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose.
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and gardens hail the spring;
Shaugh* and woodlands ring with voices,
While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,
Use the craft by God implanted;
Use the reason not your own.
Here, while heaven and earth rejoices,
Each his Easter tribute bring -
Work of fingers, chant of voices,
Like the birds who build and sing.

Charles Kingsley

** An old English word for a copse or thicket.*

Bagpath Stalwarts



YE OLDE THEO & DOUG (John Giddings and Doug England) both long-time Bagpath residents and active parish members, were born on the same day, 15 February 1937, and celebrated their 80th Birthdays together.

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY FROM US ALL AND A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS !

We also wish Doug and Pam all the best in their move. Keep in touch.

From the Kingscote and Bagpath communities

Mobile Post Office - sponsored by Royal Wootton Bassett PO

The mobile service is now operating weekly (except on Bank Holidays) from 12.45 to 1.45 pm at the Village Hall. It carries a good stock of mailing materials and stamps, and can dispatch all mail and moderate sized parcels.

It also provides financial services for all major banks and currencies, including cheque payments as well as Post Office savings accounts and insurance.

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