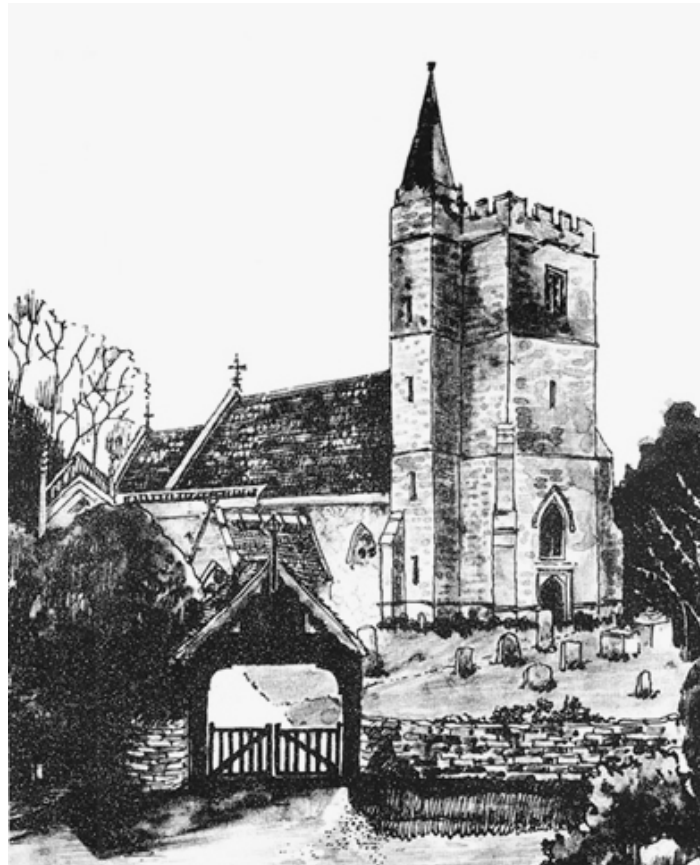


The Forerunner

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Kingscote*

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Service Calendar for May 2017

Wednesday	3rd	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	7th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Morning Prayer BCP
		Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Service
		Horsley	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	14th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP
		Nailsworth	10.30 am	Joint Service for Christian Aid Week at Christ Church
		Nailsworth	3.30 pm	Messy Church at Nailsworth School.
Wednesday	17th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	21st	Kingscote	9.30 am	Family Service
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	24th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	25th	Horsley	3.15 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	28th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6.00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	31st	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion

The **Next PCC Meeting** will take place on Tuesday **11 July** 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

I am sure that you will have heard it said that Christianity is a 'prop in the lives of weak people'. Try telling that to the 215 million Christians around the world who experience high, very high or extreme persecution.

The news told us recently of Egyptian Christians bombed because of their faith. But this is the tip of the iceberg.

In the recent past, the persecution of Christians was usually the result of Islamic extremists. But recently a new rival has appeared - Ethnic Nationalism. The charity *Open Doors* which works and campaigns for persecuted Christians said, "*While Ethnic Nationalism took an anti-establishment form in the West, in Asia it took an anti-minorities form, fuelled by dramatic religious nationalism and government insecurity. It is common - and easy - for tottering governments to gain quick support by scapegoating Christians.*"

In India, a country rising up the list of those where people are persecuted for their faith, "*An average of 40 incidents were reported per month, including pastors beaten, churches burned and Christians harassed,*" stated Open Doors. "*Of the 64 million Christians in India, approximately 39 million experience direct persecution.*"

In such situations, the idea of Christianity being a prop seems somewhat far-fetched!

If you would like to know more about the persecution of Christians, you can look on <http://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

The challenge to those of us who claim to be Christians is often that our 'enemy' is apathy - both that of others and even our own. Do we really stand up for what we believe in, no matter what the cost? Are we even prepared to stand alongside those who share our faith from different churches, or alongside those of different faiths? Jesus would

Confirmation

We have managed to secure a date for a Confirmation Service on **Sunday 10 September** at 11.00 am at St George's Church Nailsworth, when Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury is booked to come. Confirmation is a significant step as people take up for themselves the promises made for them at Baptism.

We shall be holding some group sessions for those interested to explore the Christian faith together before taking this step (all ages welcome). Those interested in being involved please get in touch on Tel. 01453 836 536 or on e-mail at: mike.davica@sky.com

Rev. Mike Smith

Flower Rota

7 May	Zoe Nichols
14 and 21 May	Sue Spandler
28 May and 4 June	Jane Nichols

*Weddings: Saturday 6 May, 1.00 pm - Peter Gough and Amy Harpur
Saturday 13 May, 2.30 pm - Sam Bacon and Vicky Gale
Saturday 27 May, 2.30 pm - Alexander Wheeler and Hannah Cunild*

Lorna Reynolds

Cleaning Team

The next silver and brass cleaning team meeting will be on Wednesday 24 May at 2.30 pm.

Teresa Day

Treasure Hunt and Tea Party on Monday 17 April

We thank Carol Paton, Seema Bowers, Pauline and Brian McTear and others for this delightful afternoon which they arranged for the community. It was wonderful to see so many people, including so many new faces and children, exploring Kingscote - Bagpath must have been a ghost-town for a couple of hours ! We are so fortunate to have traffic-free streets.

The Editor

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 3 May, 10.30 to 11.30 am, coffee and cake £2, all welcome.

Village Hall Committee AGM - Tuesday 16 May 7.00 pm - before the Annual Parish Meeting,

Details of the agenda are on the community web-site and notices

The committee meets monthly to plan fundraising events and discuss maintenance issues over a glass of wine. We are always pleased to hear from new people who may be interested in joining us in running this essential community facility.

Contact me on patonbagpath@btinternet.com

Film Nights - Regular members of the audience thank Paddy Carpenter for his recent series. He has accommodated other people's tastes and choices, and his insight and knowledge has enriched our understanding of the films. We look forward to the new series which will start in the Autumn.

Carol Paton

Grumbolds Ash

On Monday 15 May we make a spring visit to Kiftsgate Gardens near Chipping Campden, GL55 6LN; admission is £8.50. There is a restaurant there for lunch, as well as others in Chipping Campden. Meet as usual at the VH at 10.00 am to share driving.

Jutta Tubbs

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- 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.

Angela Wooldridge

Kingscote Parish Council

The meeting of the Parish Council planned for 11 April was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances and will now take place on Wednesday 10 May, followed by the Parish Assembly at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall on 16 May. All residents are invited to take part in the latter meeting.

Planning Applications

- Spring Cottage, Binley Farm - erection of two storey and single storey rear extension.
- Lasborough Park, Tetbury - minor changes to approved scheme for glass-house.

Planning Approvals

- Bagpath Court Cottage - minor changes to approved scheme for replacement dwelling.
- Lasborough Park Tetbury - regrading of land to original contours through removal of deposited soil.

Parking in Cirencester - GL7 2PZ

The Cotswold District Council have pointed out that even during peak periods, the Waterloo Road Car Park usually has spaces. Although actually very close to the town centre shops it is tricky to reach from our direction. Perhaps the simplest way to reach it is to go round on the bypass to the Beeches road car park and then continue to the traffic lights and take the right hand fork.

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.

Church and Village Hall cleaning

It has been decided to engage professional cleaners to visit the Church and the Village Hall on one day each month to clean the floors and furniture, as the few volunteers we have are overloaded with other tasks. With many weddings and other Village Hall bookings during the year, we believe that we can cover this extra cost from the takings.

The PCC and the Village Hall committee.

Church opening and locking team

We would appreciate having one or two new members for the team which opens and locks the church every day. In addition to being a functioning place for Christian worship as a parish church, it is also a notable Grade II* listed historic building, as well as a popular destination for visitors from around the world. Obviously we need to lock it at night for security reasons, but our visitors regularly thank us for having it open during the day.

The present team do a splendid job for which we are most thankful - generally 2 or 3 weekly 'packages' during each half year. But it would give more flexibility especially during holiday periods to have one or two more members. Please let Harry Tubbs know if you would like to join in. We operate very flexibly so that if unexpected commitments arise someone else will stand in.

The PCC

Mobile Post Office

The mobile Post Office parks at the Village Hall between 12.45 and 1.45 pm on Mondays and Thursdays (except on Bank Holidays). It stocks a wide range of mailing materials, and can dispatch all mail and moderate sized parcels.

It also stocks most generally used pro-forma/application forms for government services, and provides financial services for all major banks and currencies, including cheque payments as well as PO savings accounts and insurance.

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 4 and 18 May.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 4 and 18 May.

Magazine

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

HUNTER TRIALS

It's awf'ly bad luck on Diana,
Her ponies have have swallowed their bits;
She fished down their throats with a spanner
And frightened them all into fits.

So now she's attempting to borrow.
Do lend her some bits, Mummy, *do*;
I'll lend her my own for tomorrow,
But to-day *I'll* be wanting them too.

Just look at Prunella on Guzzle,
The wizardest pony on earth;
Why doesn't she slacken his muzzle
And tighten the breech in his girth ?

I say, Mummy, there's Mrs Geysler
And doesn't she look pretty sick ?
I bet it's because Mona Lisa
Was hit on the hock with a brick.

Miss Blewitt says Monica threw it,
Bur Monica says it was Joan,
And Joan's very thick with Miss Blewitt,
So Monica's sulking alone.

And Margaret failed in her paces,
Her withers got tied in a noose,
So her coronets caught in the traces
And now all her fetlocks are loose.

Oh, it's me now. I'm terribly nervous.
I wonder if Smudges will shy.
She's practically certain to swerve as
Her Pelham is over one eye.

Oh wasn't it naughty of Smudges ?
Oh, Mummy, I'm sick with disgust.
She threw me in front of the Judges,
And my silly old collarbone's bust.

John Betjeman

Parish Directory

- Vicar:** Reverend Mike Smith, *3 Vicarage Gardens, Nailsworth, GL6 0QS, Tel. 07840 260 182, 01453 836 536*
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- Hon.Treas.PCC:** Jane Nichols, *Asheldown, 3 Ashel Barn Cottages, Kingscote, GL8 8YB Tel. 01453 860 534*
- Members of PCC:** The Churchwarden, The Hon. Secretary, The Hon. Treasurer, Elin Tattersall, Chris Alford.
- Vestry Silver and Brass Team:** Teresa Day, Angela Wooldridge, Pauline McTear.
- Nailsworth MU:** Trissa Jones, *Tel: 832 551*
- Editor of Forerunner:** Harry Tubbs, *3 The Walled Garden, Kingscote, GL8 8YP Tel: 860 194*
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- Church Flowers Rota:** Lorna Reynolds, *Tel. 860 231*
- Organist:** Rosemary Sims, *15 Badger's Way, Forest Green, Nailsworth, GL6 0HE Tel: 832 446*
- Sidespersons:** Harry Tubbs, Rod Tibbert, Elin Tattersall, Jane Nichols.
- 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*
Secretary: Carol Paton, *Bagpath, Tel. 860 649*
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- Parish Council Clerk:** Anna Davison, *Bagpath Court, GL8 8YG, Tel. 860 244*
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