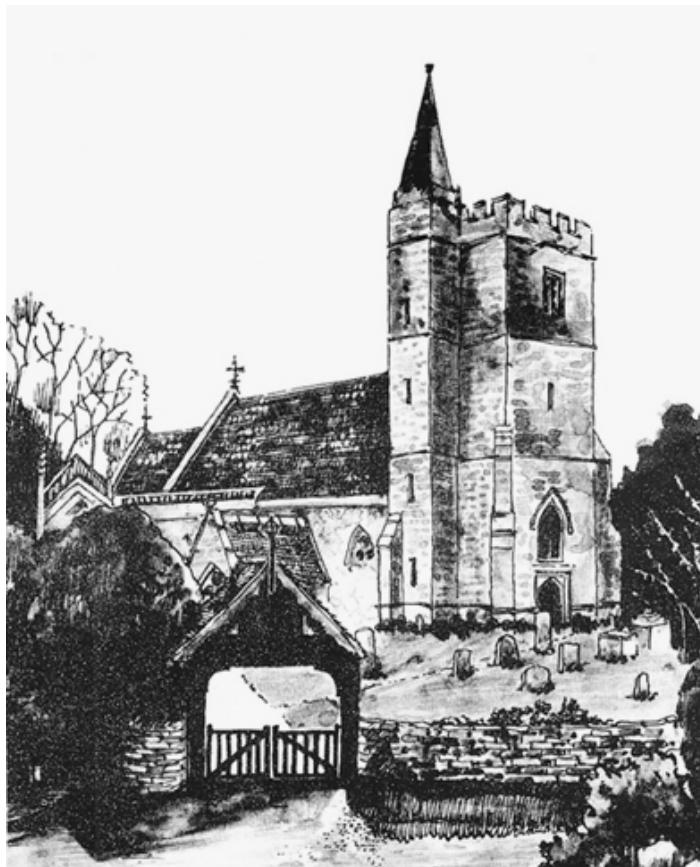


The Forerunner

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

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Service Calendar for February 2018

Sunday	4th	Nailsworth Nailsworth Horsley	8.00 am 11.00 am 9.30 am	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion
Wednesday	6th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	11th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	13th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
Sunday	18th	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Joint Benefice Service and Farewell to Mike
Wednesday	21st	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	25th	Nailsworth Horsley	11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Wednesday	28th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Change to Service Pattern

From this month onwards until a new vicar is appointed we are in an ‘Interregnum’ and we have to reduce the number of services in order to allow Sue Sobczak and Laurie Smith to cover all three churches between them (or even on their own). The diocese does not have surplus manpower to provide temporary clergy.

There will be a service of Holy Communion on the Second Sunday of the month and a Family Service on the Third Sunday of the month, both at 9.30am.

The **Next PCC Meeting** will take place on xxxxxx at xxxxx, when further arrangements and plans for the way ahead, including the appointment of a new vicar in the benefice, will be discussed.

Diocesan News	www.goucester.anglican.org/news/publications
	www.goucester.anglican.org/news/blog
Nailsworth Benefice	www.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk
Kingscote Community	www.kingscoteonline.co.uk
Diocesan Spirituality Advisor -	liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk

Vicars Letter

Dear Friends,

The middle of February (February 14 to be precise) is Valentine's Day - a day on which we part with millions of pounds on soppy cards, bunches of over-priced flowers and chocolates. The retailers will do okay in that slightly depressive state between Christmas and Easter !

This month we also have Ash Wednesday, a day on which the Christian Church really changes mood as many begin their Lenten Fast (whatever that will be) in preparation for the celebration of Easter. However the two are linked !

We spend our money on Valentine's Day in order to remind that special person that we really do love them. We use the symbols and gifts to perhaps say the words that we sometimes find it difficult to say.

The symbol used on Ash Wednesday is the Ash from burnt Palm Crosses, drawn onto the foreheads of Christians the world over as a mark of Penitence. But the cross is also a symbol of love !

We will put crosses on our cards and gift tags to show our love.

The cross in Christian symbolism is the sign of just how much God loves us - that he should send his Son to die for us and set us free from the things that tie us up in knots (our bad habits and attitudes).

I hope that you will spoil your special person rotten this Valentine's Day.

But remember, too, that you are loved - just the way you are - by God himself.

Happy Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday when they come.

And it's goodnight from him !

Who can forget those immortal lines from The Two Ronnies (Google it if you are too young to remember). These were especially poignant during their last show, just before Ronnie Barker died.

I use them because this month it is goodbye from me. After three and a bit years working amongst the great people of the Nailsworth Benefice, I have decided to leave the church and seek a new direction in life.

But I didn't want to go without saying a massive thank-you to so many people who have made my life such a joy here in this wonderful community - especially the members of St John the Baptist's Church and the hard working Church Council.

So - it is goodbye from me !

Rev Mike Smith

*Following the announcement of a Minister for Loneliness, a Times reader suggested
that this should be a double appointment.*

Flower Rota

February 4 and 11	Elin Tattersall
February 14 LENT begins	No Flowers
April 1 and 8 EASTER	Flower Team

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

The next session will be on Monday xxxx at 2.30 pm.

Teresa Day

Carol Singing in Kingscote

Alice, Lucy, Clemmie and Issy wish to thank all residents for their warm welcomes and most generous donations during their traditional Carol Singing (their 10th consecutive year) on Saturday 23 December around Kingscote village. A total of £104-10 was raised for the 'Children in Need' Charity.

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 14 February, 10.30 to 11.30 am. Coffee and Cake £2.00, all welcome.

Film Night - Tuesday 20 February 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Entry free, Pay Bar.

We will be showing *Breaker Morant* a film starring Edward Woodward and Bryan Brown about an incident in the Boer War. In 1980 this film won 10 Australian film awards including Best Film, Best Direction, Leading Actor, Supporting Actor, Screenplay, Art Direction, Cinema Photography and Editing. It was also nominated for the 1980 Academy Award for The Best Writing.

Friendly Bridge Classes - Every Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm.

Occasional Yoga Classes - Wednesday mornings, 10.00 am, depending on demand. Ring me for more information on 01453 861 311.

Pauline McTear

Kingscote Parish Council

The next PC meeting will be on **Tuesday 6 March** at 8.00 pm at Hunters Hall.

Planning Applications

- Bagpath Court - Change of use of agricultural land adjoining approved domestic driveway, to enable erection of two domestic buildings.
- Jandacott, Scrubetts Lane, Bagpath - Erection of two story extension with balcony above, and associated changes. Part Compliance.

- Kingscote Barn, Binley Farm - Change of use from agricultural land use to Use Class C1 Hotels, and siting of 16 units of accommodation to include 6 eco lodges, 8 glamping pods and 2 shepherds' huts.

Clerk to the PC Fiona Thornton

Mobile Post Office

Subject to the weather and any unforeseen circumstances, the Mobile Post Office will continue to provide the service on Monday and Thursday afternoons between 1.00 and 2.00 pm in February and beyond. There has been some internal reorganisation and the service will now be run from Cam. Apologies for the absence of news about the reduced service over the Christmas and New Year period.

The Editor

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- Tuesday 13 February - '*A Man called Ove*' by Frederick Backman at Jane's.
- Tuesday 20 March - '*Crooked Heart*' by Lissa Evans at Angela's.
- Tuesday 1 May '*The Sixteen Trees of the Somme*' at Sheila's

Angela Wooldridge

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 mornings.

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 16 February when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden between **11.00 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 8 and 22 February.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 8 and 22 February

Further Drainage work in the Churchyard

A debate is in progress about how to proceed with further drainage work in the churchyard to reduce the dampness underneath the floors inside the building. The current plan proposed by our architect is to continue trenching around the outside walls on the north side, and then lead the trench across the footpath to a soak-away pit somewhere to the north of the building.

In view of the large quantity of excavated waste containing human remains which will result, I am advocating a borehole going directly down from the patch where the rainwater collects.

H Tubbs, Churchwarden

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



Restoration of the Church Belfry

Thanks to a huge effort on the part of representatives of Taylors Bell Founders of Loughborough, assisted by Graham and Philip Nichols, the bells were brought down through the tower during Thursday 28 December. Unfortunate Phil who had helped remove the bells was not available for the team photo and the day was saved by Sam Pool who helped with pulling the pallet trolley to the Lychgate. Graham and Jane drove the bells to Loughborough a few days later.

There is a big work-load at Taylors, but at least we are now in the queue.

The PCC

Vida Sutton

Vida who died on 29 December after a slow decline in old age was a dearly loved member of our community and Church. She endured many challenges during her long life, but was always happy and cheerful and keen to participate in everything.

She was an active member of the WI, the Altar Guild and the Grumbolds Ash ladies group. She worked tirelessly on church cleaning and maintenance, and one of her specialities was treating the external woodwork, including the benches in the churchyard, with preservative.

The Altar Guild raised large sums of money for the PCC, and one of their largest donations paid for the air dryer and dehumidifier underneath the pulpit stairs which has transformed the environment inside the building.

It's the song that matters, even if the singer is out of key

(Short extracts from an item by Monsignor Roderick Strange
professor of theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham,
printed in The Times on Saturday 13 January)

Any number of people nowadays dismiss religious teaching, not least because they are shocked by the scandals that have been uncovered in the Church - corruption and abuse. Repelled by the hypocrisy of some of the singers, they have no time for the song. But I wonder what some of them have been listening to.

Many wedding couples choose St Paul's hymn to love from the First Letter to the Corinthians. It is a piece of power and beauty, a great song.

No one can match the Messiah. Singers down the ages may disappoint. But there are still many, for all their limitations and weaknesses, who strive faithfully to sing the song. As we hear the song, listen to and read it afresh, may it live in our lives as well.

The modern media industries are huge money making businesses who rely on advertising as much as sales of copies for their income. The wider their readership the more they can charge for advertising. There is a huge temptation for them to write in their columns what they believe people will want to read. The Christian church is an easy target - whatever they say they are unlikely to find a bomb on their doorstep.

Ridicule of Christianity in the media helps people to justify to themselves ignoring its song of beauty, so where is the allegiance of the media ?

Harry Tubbs, Churchwarden

Parish Directory

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Sidespersons:	Harry Tubbs, Rod Tibbert, Elin Tattersall, Jane Nichols.
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Mowing Team:	Harry Tubbs, Rick Bond, Roger Lucy, Sebastian Cooper, Ken Davies, Brian McTear, John Moore, Tony Wooldridge.
Village Hall:	Bookings: Pauline McTear, <i>Kingscote, Tel. 861 311</i> Secretary: Pauline McTear, <i>Cherry Tree House, 861 311</i>
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