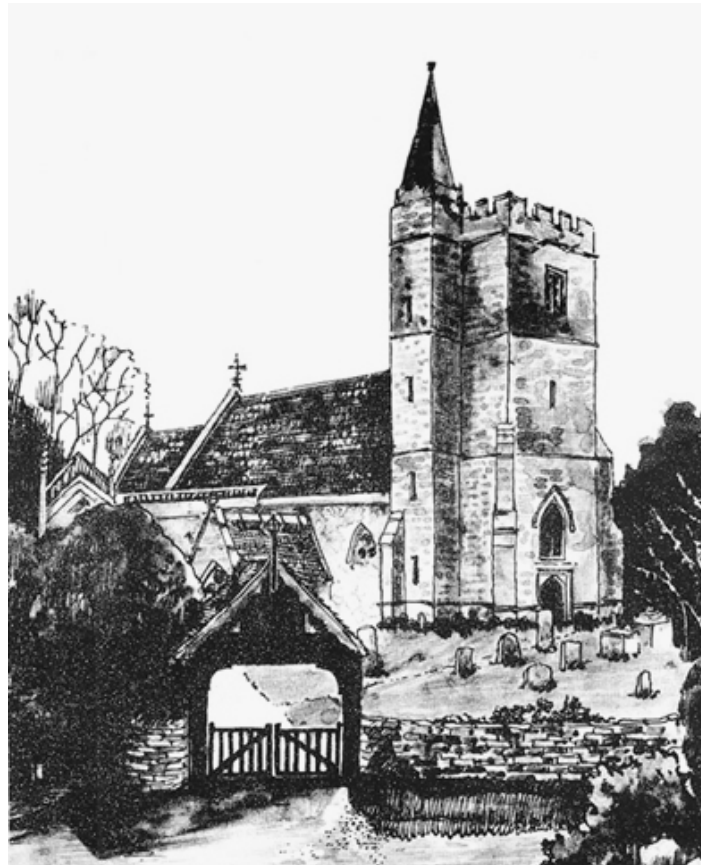


The Forerunner

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

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Service Calendar for April 2018

Sunday <i>Easter Day</i>	1st	Nailsworth Kingscote Horsley Nailsworth	8.00 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Family communion
Wednesday	4th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	8th	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	11th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion & Lunch
Sunday	15th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am	Family Service with coffee and biscuits Family Service followed by APCM
Wednesday	18th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd	Nailsworth Horsley	11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Wednesday	25th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Hoy Communion
Sunday	29th	Horsley	11.00 am	Joint Benefice Service

The **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting** will take place at **8.00 pm** on **Monday 30 April** at the Village Hall, preceded at 7.30 pm by the PCC vestry meeting where PCC officers will be confirmed and appointed for the coming year.

All residents are invited to attend the APCM and make contributions to the discussion of church activities and the plans for the coming year.

The next regular PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 10 July at 8.00 pm in the VH.

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
Diocesan Spirituality Advisor	- liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk

Associate Priest's Letter

Dear Friends,

Thank goodness, for at last the days are getting longer. It seems as if we waited ages for the warmer days to come. As new welcome light of spring softens and fades our memories of the freak snow, rain and bitterly cold winds, and as we see the fresh bright green of new growth, we are filled with the expectation of a great summer to come. You can tell that I am not a fan of winter ! So with the daffodils already in bloom, we have passed from the days of winter and Lent, through Holy Week out into the glorious celebration of Easter Day and the spring, both bringing a bright promise of hope and of better things to come.

When Jesus rose from the dark tomb, there were many who wouldn't and couldn't believe. One of these human stories which has been passed down the ages, is the lovely little story of Thomas a disciple of Jesus, who just couldn't believe until he had seen the proof. He had to touch for himself the wounds of Jesus before he could begin to believe that Jesus was alive. Jesus made it clear to Thomas that such proof was a privilege, but Thomas did get to reach out his hand to touch.

Because Thomas was so overwhelmed by this experience, he was one of the first to rush out into the streets to tell others the good news that there was a saviour, he was risen and he was alive. If you wish to also discover a fuller, more secure way of being like Thomas, reach out your hand to God just as he did.

With every blessing,

Sue Sobczak.

Flower Rota

April 1 and 8	EASTER	Flower Team
April 16 and 22		Sheila Grey
April 29 and May 6		Zoe Nichols

Wedding: Sunday 1 April 2.30 pm, Steven Cheasley and Hannah Watson

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

The next session will be on Monday 30 April at 2.30 pm.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 11 April, 10.30 to 11.30 am. Coffee and Cake £2.00, all welcome.

Film Night - Tuesday 17 April 7.30 for 8.00 pm, *Amelie* which received critical acclaim and was a box office success. It won Best Film at the European Film Awards, and four Cesar Awards in 2002, two BAFTA awards, and was nominated for five Academy Awards. Entry free, Pay Bar.

Pauline McTear

Local Heroes

All residents, and especially those in Bagpath who were most affected, thank Graham and Philip Nichols, and Richard Hazell, who cleared the lanes in the villages after the heavy snowfalls. Many of us will have noticed them attending to the drifts on the A4135 and the A46 as well.

We all realise how fortunate we are to have such public spirited residents in our midst and thank them most sincerely.

The Editor

Kingscote Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday **15 May** at 7.30 pm in the VH.

Planning Approvals

- 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.

Planning Applications

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

Modifications to Local Plan 2011 - 2031

A public consultation on the main modifications to the Cotswold District plan is running until **4 April 2018**. The plan can be viewed and representations submitted online at - <http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk> Making a valid representation requires personal identification, which is a national requirement.

Fiona Thornton

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- Tuesday 1 May '*The Sixteen Trees of the Somme*' by Lars Mytting, at Sheila's.
- Tuesday 5 June '*The Schemer*' by Kimberley Chambers at Teresa's.

Angela Wooldridge

Due to holiday absences by Brian and Pauline McTear, and Harry Tubbs at a critical time between 23 and 28 April we shall need a couple of Helpers for the distribution of the May issue of the Forerunner:

- By car in the outer reaches of Newington, Bagpath, Ashel Barn, Binley, Windmill.
- Kingscote Village between Hunters Hall and Village Hall on foot.

Detailed Guidance will be provided - please contact me if you can help.

Tel. 860 194 The Editor

CHARITY FLAT RACE

I have been invited to take part in a charity flat race at Kingston Blount on 1 April, in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund. Both my horse and I will be coming out of retirement for the occasion and we are in hard training. Present and correct (Percy), who has won 18 races, and I have a combined age of 88, and will probably be the oldest combination in the race. I need to raise money in sponsorship in order to take part; so I would be very grateful for any contributions you may like to make. Please contact me on *Tel. 01453 860 563*.

Tim Sage

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.

The Beautiful Burial Ground Project - Caring for God's Acre

This national movement, which has recently received a large grant from the National Lottery, is aimed at preserving and enhancing our beautiful and historic churchyards and burial grounds. It is hoped that volunteers and nature lovers will pick up the theme and enjoy partaking.

Last year a comprehensive folder of information was purchased at a gathering organised by the diocese, which has been available for study and use at the back of the church.

We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful site in our care - it is the only public place in the village where one can look out over a bit of unspoilt Cotswold country-side. When sheep are grazing in Lorna's paddock it is a little glimpse of heaven.

The Editor

Mobile Post Office

Mobile Post Office provides a service at the Village Hall on Monday and Thursday afternoons between 12.45 and 1.45 pm.

The service is run from the Cam Post Office, which can be contacted on *Tel. 01453 543 169* and e-mail *PostOffice@lwclutterbuck.co.uk*

The Editor

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 13 April 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 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 **18 April** to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, Kingscote.

Why do most people not attend church worship on Sundays ?

1. They belong to another Christian denomination.
2. Are too busy on Sunday mornings.
3. Do not believe the historical record of Jesus, his teaching and resurrection.
4. Afraid that they would be challenged by faith.
5. Reluctant to make a change in lifestyle.
6. Offended by the behaviour of some Christians.
7. Find the services boring.
8. Find the people there boring.
9. Find the church uncomfortable.

Why do some people enjoy going to church on Sundays ?

1. Thanking God for all that he has created and done.
2. Praising and worshipping God for his great goodness.
3. Receiving spiritual strength, refreshment, guidance and understanding.
4. Gathering with and meeting like minded people.
5. Achieving balance, confidence and satisfaction in life.
6. The pleasure and reassurance of belonging in a loving congregation.

Any profound thoughts on this would be much appreciated. Space can be found in the May issue for feedback and follow up ideas.

Harry Tubbs, Churchwarden

Church Treasurers Report on 2017

The full PCC accounts for 2017 are displayed in the church porch for anyone wishing to have a preview before the APCM on 30 April. We thank all who contributed to the Restoration Appeal and at the Summer Fete, and to regular givers who with Gift Aid enable us to sustain our services and maintain the Church building.

The regular monthly attendance by wedding couples, and the fees received from them have helped the Church remain alive both spiritually and financially. A generous share of the donation from the Diocese following the sale of the vicarage in Nailsworth was a welcome bonus, but is of course a one-off windfall.

As outreach beyond our parish, we have been able to give donations from collections advertised for specific charities at some key services. Thanks to the generosity of the congregations we were able to donate as follows:

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust who have been a major source of restoration funding for many years - half of the fete proceeds	£927-31
East African Crisis - Mothering Sunday collection	£237-30
Stroud Food Bank - Harvest Festival Collection	£70-40
Haig Fund Remembrance Service + GASDS* on 2016 collection	£153-20
Great Western Air Ambulance Service - Carol Service collection	£344-24
Glos. Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers - GASDS* on 2016 collection	£19-00
Winston's Wish - GASDS* on 2016 Carol Service collection	£120-83
The Children's Society - Christmas Day Collection + GASDS* on 2016 collection	£144-02
British Lung Foundation - GASDS* on 2016 collection	£54-08

**GASDS = Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme*

Income tax can be recovered from donations collected (certain criteria being satisfied), which enables the PCC to claim 25p for every £1 given. There is a limit to which it may be claimed in any one year, so the claim is not made nor sent to the charity until after the year end in which it was received.

Jane Nichols, PCC Treasurer.

Parish Directory

- Vicar:** The parish is now in an interregnum. The Reverend Sue Sobczak, Associate Priest, is now leading the three parishes in the Nailsworth Benefice. *Tel. 01453 833 526*
- Churchwarden:** Harry Tubbs, *3 The Walled Garden, Kingscote, GL8 8YP. Tel: 860 194*
- Hon.Sec.PCC:** Post Vacant - applications invited.
- Hon.Treas.PCC:** Jane Nichols, *Ashel Down, 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*
- Gift Aid and Envelopes:** Jane Nichols, *3 Ashel Barn Cottages, Kingscote Tel. 860 534.*
- 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, Rick Bond, Roger Lucy, Sebastian Cooper Ken Davies, Brian McTear, John Moore, Tony Wooldridge, Steve Tattersall
- Village Hall:** Bookings: Liz Widdows, *Kingscote, Tel. 860 085 evenings*
Secretary: Pauline McTear, *Cherry Tree House, 861 311*
- Parish Council Chairman:** Sebastian Cooper, *Kenelm House, Kingscote, GL8 8XY, Tel. 01453 860 811*
- Parish Council Clerk:** Fiona Thornton, *32 The Street, Didmarton, GL9 1DS, Tel. 01454 238 939*
- Village Agent:** Aileen Bendall, *Tel. 07810 630 156 or 01452 426 868*

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