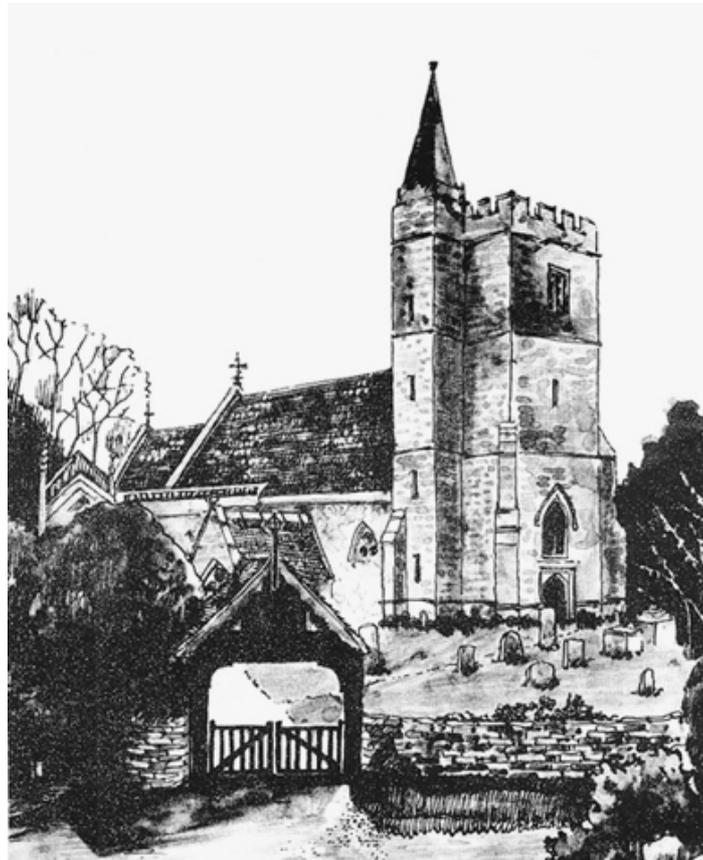


The Forerunner

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Kingscote*

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Service Calendar for May 2018

Wednesday	2nd	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	6th	Nailsworth	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
		Horsley	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	9th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion with lunch
Sunday	13th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Joint service at Christchurch
		Nailsworth	3.00 pm	Messy Church at Nailsworth School
Wednesday	16th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20th	Kingscote	9.30 am	Family Service with coffee and biscuits
<i>Pentecost</i>		Nailsworth	11.00 am	Family Communion
Wednesday	23rd	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27th	Nailsworth	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6.00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	30th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion

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

Process for the appointment of a new Vicar

The churchwardens and representatives of the three parishes of Nailsworth, Horsley and Kingscote met with the Archdeacon of Gloucester The Ven. Jackie Searle on 20 March to start the process which will lead to a new appointment.

Representatives of the three PCCs will prepare a 'Statement of Needs' describing the abilities and attitudes sought in the new appointment, which will be discussed in draft with the Archdeacon.

They will also agree 'Parish Profiles' which can be used in conjunction with photographs etc. as recruitment advertisement material.

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

Associate Priest's Letter

I recently travelled to London to catch up with friends, to enjoy taking part together in a textile workshop. It's been a long time, in fact some years, since I last travelled to London so it wasn't surprising that I noticed the marked difference in the pace of life. Of course I realize as I get older, the younger generations move about faster and with more agility, plus they are also far more adapted at using the latest technology.

Nevertheless, I was taken aback at the increase in the waves of rushing people and the many machines which had replaced the ticket offices where I once could have obtained travel information and a ticket to enter through the barriers. I should not have been so surprised, as after all I had only just been sitting on the main line train watching a four year old using his father's i-Phone to access pictures of cars and trains. What really amazed me was the speed of his little fingers over the touch screen keyboard.

On the tube line I changed train three times - it was over these changes that I noticed just how stressful travelling can be in itself, but also how much this stress is increased for others when they need to be at work on time. How distant did the words of the Welsh poet W H Davis seem 'What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'. I pondered on just how fortunate am I, for the day before I had enjoyed the pleasure of standing in the fields of Horsley simply gazing across the hills, taking in the beauty of the view.

Whether you have to work or are fortunate to enjoy time for leisure, our lives need times to stay in pace with God, living at his speed for moments of restoration and enjoyment.

With every Blessing, Sue Sobczak.

Flower Rota

6 May	Zoe Nichols
13 and 20 May	Sue Spandler
27 May and 3 June	Jane Nichols

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

The next session will be on Monday 28 May at 2.30 pm.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 9 May, 10.30 to 11.30 am. Coffee and Cake £2.00, all welcome.

Film Night - Tuesday 22 May 7.30 for 8.00 pm, *Brassed Off* a good British Film. Entry free, Pay Bar.

VH Committee AGM - Tuesday 15 May 7.00 pm preceding Parish Assembly.

Pauline McTear

Kingscote Parish Council

The **Parish Assembly** will be on **Tuesday 15 May** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. All residents are encouraged to join us and contribute to building the community we want.

Planning Applications

- Jandacott, Scrubetts Lane, Bagpath - Erection of two story extension with balcony above, and associated changes. Part Compliance.

Half a million more for potholes

Following a government announcement on 26 March, the GCC will receive an additional £512,339 as part of pothole and flood resilience funding. This is in addition to a £1,485,781 commitment paid in March 2018 and allocated in the GCC February budget.

The GCC already spends £3m to £4m each year on safety defects and about £3m each year on patching work to reduce the formation of potholes.

Road pothole reporting - <http://www.kingscoteonline.co.uk/pothole-reporting/>

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

Elizabeth, Dorothy Margaret Trigg - in memoriam

Elizabeth reminds us of the saying, "There is nothing as strong as true gentleness, and nothing as gentle as true strength".

Born in Shahjahanpur, India, in the last decades of the Raj. Judging from the old sepia photos, it seemed a very happy time ... Broad smiles on the faces of all the servants, as well of course her proud parents. Her father, Alexander Bayne retired from the Indian Civil Service in 1928 and the family moved to Colwyn Bay in North Wales.

After a very happy childhood, the clouds of war drew her to volunteer for the WRNS. She was the youngest commissioned officer in her service, and helped to maintain the engines of Corsairs and Seafires - where her immense pragmatism and ability to fix and mend things came into their own. Being the only woman in the Fleet Air Arm hangar, there was always a scrum to pick up her spanner whenever she dropped it !

After the war, she moved to London and met Harry - her Australian husband to be. It was to be a hugely happy marriage. They had three children - Michael, Bruce and Judi, and 5 grandchildren. Harry's ashes lie in Kingscote churchyard, and Elizabeth's will join him there shortly.

Apart from being mentally and physically strong, Elizabeth was hugely practical. She was an excellent upholsterer, and painted and decorated every family home in Berkshire, Sweden, Kent and finally Gloucestershire. Fiercely independent - yet always gracious, kind, selfless and generous to a fault.

She was forever young at heart and always curious. She was given an iPad for Christmas three years ago, and she loved and used it every day. Her daughter Judi also persuaded her into skinny jeans and a denim jacket in her nineties !

The Buddha said that in the end only three things matter - how much you loved, how gently you lived, and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you. Elizabeth embodied all three.

Kindly provided by Judi

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 11 May 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 3, 17 and 31 May.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 3, 17 and 31 May.

Proposal for Drainage Borehole at NE side of Nave and Tower

The Faculty Application for this project was submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee on 8 March. It has not yet been discussed by the full committee, but initial feedback is a request for more positive measures to ensure that as much of the surface water as possible is directed into the borehole pipe header tank. A supplementary drawing has been submitted showing how this may be enhanced.

H Tubbs, Churchwarden

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 Post Office

Mobile Post Office will continue to provide the service on Monday and Thursday afternoons between 12.45 and 1.45 pm.

There has been some internal reorganisation and the service is now run from the Cam Post Office, which can be contacted on *Tel. 01453 543 169* and e-mail *PostOffice@lwclutterbuck.co.uk*

The Editor

Holier than thou: students most likely to attend church

Extracts from an article by Kaya Burgess in The Times on 28 March 2018. Data available for the first time shows that students at Oxford, Cambridge and Durham are twice as likely to worship on a Sunday as the general population, according to the Church of England. Whilst this is no doubt encouraging, both numbers are so low that euphoria would be out of place. However analysis of the likely causes is interesting.

It is the first time that the church has published data for all three universities, finding that their chapels have Sunday attendances equating to 2.6% of the student bodies, which is almost double the 1.4% of the English population who attend Sunday services in Anglican churches. The real figure will be higher, as only 43 of the 56 chapels provided data.

University chapels are not part of the parish system and so are not included in the church's annual attendance figures. National figures show a steady decline due to ageing parishioners and a lack of young worshippers to replace them.

The Rev Dr Megan Daffern, chaplain at Jesus College, Oxford, said of students: "They are intrigued and curious. They are at a transitional stage and are asking lots of questions about life in general. We make it a really safe space to ask questions and don't ask people to leave their brain at the door."

The Dean of King's College, Cambridge, the Rev Dr Stephen Cherry, said: "Many young people in Cambridge are serious minded and are searching for deeper meanings and purposes in life, and are not so easily put off religion as the general population".

Unfortunately western culture does not seem to be looking beyond generating money and show-biz 'personalities'.

The Editor

Churchwarden's Report to the APCM on 30 April 2018

Milestones

Without doubt the inspirational presence of our last incumbent Rev Mike Smith in the parish has been the highlight of the year. His dynamic ministry and endless energy have been an inspiration to all, and his departure was a severe shock. In retrospect, perhaps we can see that the parish did not deserve him.

Steady progress has been made in improving the building for public worship. New pew cushions in the nave and new areas of carpet in the chancel have added greatly to the comfort and appearance of the interior.

The plan for improved drainage around the north side of the nave and tower has been reconsidered in view of the difficulty experienced in handling the large quantities of spoil from previous trenching, and the difficulty of finding new soak-away locations amongst the many former burials.

The Church Ministry

We have a very rewarding extended family group with 6 infant children who make our Family Services so enjoyable, but we have been unable to grow our active adult congregation which is now sustained by a small number of parishioners, together with visiting groups of non-resident wedding supporters. We are backed up by a large number of helpers from our community, without whom we could not operate the church, but we seem unable to attract them to Sunday services.

Future Plans

Fabric improvements and restoration are proceeding actively, particularly in the rather neglected tower. We have lowered our two bells for reworking by Taylors of Loughborough, and they will be re-hung this summer. The floor of the Ringing Chamber in front of the West Window had to be partially dismantled to remove the bells, and this will be rebuilt after their return to incorporate a glazed balustrade required for safety. We did lay a foul water drain down the footpath from the West Door to the Lychgate during 2016, but although we know where we would build a WC Annex, there is no prospect of a drainage solution.

We will continue to seek ways of engaging with our community in the Christian Faith. We have a large pool of people who regularly attend our annual Christmas Carol Service, and our average attendance at normal Sunday services is 10. Our monthly parish magazine is distributed to every household in the parish, and we try to back up the vicar's letter with texts from books, publications and media news which we judge to be helpful. However our first priority is the appointment of a new Vicar.

Parish Directory

- Vicar:** The parish is now in an interregnum until a new appointment is made. The Reverend Sue Sobczak, Associate Priest, is now leading the three parishes in the Nailsworth Benefice. *Tel. 01453 833 526*
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- 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.
- 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*
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