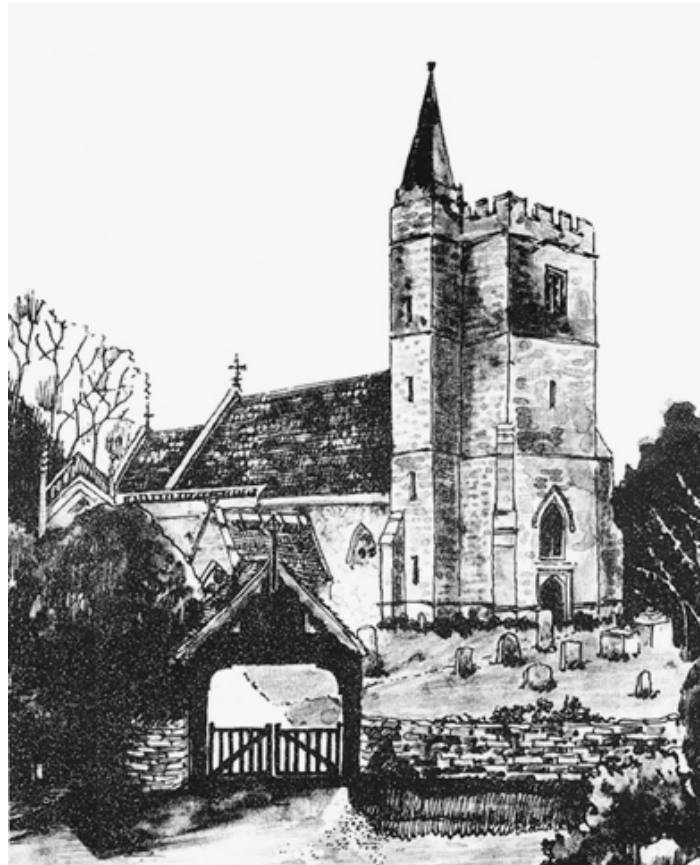


The Forerunner

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

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Service Calendar for June 2018

Sunday	3rd	Nailsworth Horsley Nailsworth	8.00 am 9.30am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Service of the word
Wednesday	6th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion with lunch
Sunday	10th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy communion
Wednesday	13th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am	Family Service with coffee and biscuits Family Communion
Wednesday	20th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24th	Nailsworth Horsley	11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Wednesday	27th	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 Stroud Area Dean and the Deanery Lay Chairman on 9 May to start the process which will lead to a joint 'Statement of Needs' describing the abilities and attitudes sought in the new incumbent.

The next milestone is a meeting with the other parishes on 11 June to agree the joint 'Statement of Needs' and the membership of the interviewing panel. This will comprise 2 members from each of the 3 parishes together with senior diocesan Officials. Both will be discussed in draft by the Archdeacon and the Bishop of Gloucester.

The vacant post will then be advertised in the Church Times for two weeks in July. Interviews will take place on 19 September 2018.

In the meantime

Rev Stephen Jarvis who lives in Minchinhampton and is presently serving in the Bisley Benefice will join this Benefice on 4 June to assist Rev Sue Sobczak.

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

Just after Easter a group of church members from Nailsworth attended the annual interdenominational Christian Conference 'Spring Harvest'.

Every generation is catered for including the physically and mentally disabled. Mornings start with prayer and worship, followed this year by the study of the New Testament book of James, being as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago. In the afternoon seminars we discussed topical issues and heard from Christians in different walks of life.

However we were all struck by hearing the testimony of a North Korean Christian who had suffered imprisonment and torture because of her faith. She finally managed to escape to the south and now speaks about her life and the difficult conditions most North Koreans have to face every day. We spent some time praying for that country and its leader.

It was very encouraging to see so many, especially the young, who are passionate about their faith and reaching out to others. Also, to be reminded that Christianity is spreading phenomenally throughout some parts of the world. There is so much more to tell, but why not join in next year and see for yourselves.

Christians like the North Korean Lady are a wonderful example of someone who can take courage and find faith in their darkest moments that God's love and presence is always with them. We too can find courage in the knowledge of God's love for us, that whatever we have to face, we can still be in a place of peace in our hearts.

With every Blessing, Sue Sobczak.

Flower Rota

3 June	Jane Nichols
10 and 17 June	Angela Wooldridge
24 June and 1 July	Annabella Lucy

Saturday 16 June, 1.30 pm - Wedding Blessing, James Dendle and Charlotte Jesson

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

The next session will be on Monday 4 June at 2.30 pm.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

Summer Barbecue with Steel Band - Friday 29 June 7.00 to 11.00 pm

- Live music by *Steel Appeal*
- Hog Roast, salads, strawberries and cream (vegetarian option available - please mention when ordering).
- Tickets: Adult £8.00, children under 10 £4.00, Family Ticket £20.00.
- Pay Bar

Please order tickets in advance in good time for us to cater accordingly (by 25 June latest). Contact e-mail brianmctear@btinternet.com or Tel 01453 860 697

Auction event at the Barbecue party -

Teresa Day has very kindly donated a flower painting inspired by Megan's bridal bouquet, which will be auctioned at the party in aid of the defibrillator(s) appeal. Anyone interested in the painting but unable to attend the event can let Seema know of their bid either by:

e-mail to: Seema.bowers@yahoo.co.uk or on Tel. 07791 360 162.

Pauline McTear

Kingscote Parish Council

Planning Applications

- Jandacott, Scrubetts Lane, Bagpath - Erection of two story extension with balcony above, and associated changes. Part Compliance.
- Alterations and extension of threshing barn to create one independent dwelling and construction of an annex building with link to the main building. Pending consideration.

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

Fiona Thornton

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- Tuesday 5 June 'The Schemer' by Kimberley Chambers at Teresa's.
- Wednesday 18 July 'All the light we cannot see' by Anthony Doerr at Liz's.

Angela Wooldridge

Jane Bateman

Jane Bateman is visiting Kingscote during the first week in June. On Friday 8 June there will be a lunch at Angela's from 12.00 noon. Friends are welcome. Please let Angela know on Tel 860 697 if you wish to attend so she has an idea of the numbers for catering.

The Editor

Royal Wedding Village Party on 20 May

This event was a great success, reflecting the wedding ceremony at Windsor the day before, the beautiful weather, and the many young new families who have recently moved into Bagpath. We all thank Seema and her Bagpath team of helpers for their effort and initiatives.

The Editor

New Neighbourhood Policing Arrangements

Gloucestershire Constabulary have announced a new local policing arrangement for the Tetbury area, which includes our parish. This is an on-line real-time system working through social media networks such as *facebook, twitter, youtube, snapchat*.

Two Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) Sue Fellows and/or Andy Biddell will visit Tetbury Town Council in a Community Engagement Vehicle on a schedule which will be published monthly on the website. They will also visit parishes as required. Appropriate messages from members of the public may be posted on the website.

The system and organisation is described on-line at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/>

Concerns can also be communicated on *Tel 01452 907 200* and on the *101* non-critical crime reporting line. Critical emergencies should still be reported on *999*.

Fiona Thornton

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 8 June 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 14 and 28 June.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 14 and 28 June.

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

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

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

The Cam Post Office business is extending the range of services and products available from the Mobile Post Office to include hardware, DIY, gardening equipment, and stationary products from its other High Street shops. In order to ensure availability call *Tel. 01453 542 754*.

Drilling holes into the Church Masonry



The C of E has an obligation to protect the listed buildings in its care and is particularly concerned to prevent the drilling of holes in masonry or woodwork. The availability of 'handymen' with electric drills is a particular threat, but many commercial contractors do not respect the existing structures.

The example on the left is at the outside door on the south side of the church which leads up to the Ringing Chamber and Gallery. These particular holes were probably drilled many years ago before Black and Decker, but illustrate the problem.

They were plugged with wooden dowels mostly containing the rusted remains of old hand made iron nails. They will be filled with a suitable mortar which will hopefully go some way towards recovering the appearance and integrity of the masonry.

The new brass mortice housing is not attached to the masonry at all but held by screws into the wooden strip against which the door closes.

H Tubbs, Churchwarden

Newington Bagpath Church

Notes on Bagpath Church from the Online History Journal

The church stands forlorn, isolated, with tattered boarding, tumbled down grave-stones and in danger of being consumed by the thickening trees, weeds and vines.

However for a short time from 1720 to 1731 the little church obviously became a trendy place to be married. Of the 21 marriages carried out in 1729 only 4 were for local parishioners. In April 1731 the charismatic Rector Lodge died and with him the happy ceremonies at the church on the hill.

The Editor

A Boy's Song

Where the pools are bright and deep,
Where the grey trout lies asleep,
Up the river and o'er the lea,
That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the blackbird sings the latest,
Here the hawthorn blooms the sweetest,
Where the nestlings chirp and flee,
That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the mowers mow the cleanest,
Where the hay lies thick and greenest;
There to trace the homeward bee,
That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the hazel bank is steepest,
Where the shadow falls the deepest,
Where the clustering nuts fall free,
That's the way for Billy and me.

Why the boys should drive away,
Little sweet maidens from the play,
Or love to banter and fight so well,
That's the thing I never could tell.

But this I know, I love to play,
Through the meadow, among the hay;
Up the water and over the lea,
That's the way for Billy and me.

James Hogg

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*
- Churchwarden:** Harry Tubbs, *3 The Walled Garden, Kingscote, GL8 8YP. Tel: 860 194*
- Hon.Sec.PCC:** Post Vacant - applications invited.
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- 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.
- 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*
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