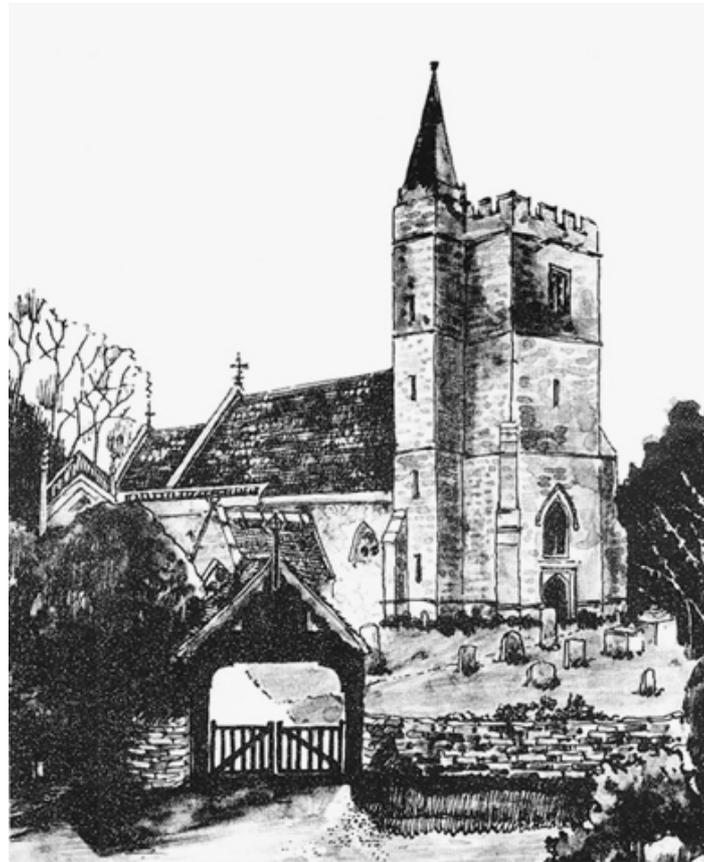


The Forerunner

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

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Service Calendar for July 2018

Sunday	1st	Nailsworth Horsley Nailsworth	8.00 am 9.30am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Service of the word
Wednesday	4th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	8th	Kingscote Nailsworth Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am 3.30 pm	Holy Communion Holy communion Messy Church
Wednesday	11th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion with lunch
Sunday	15th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9.30 am 11.00 am	Family Service with coffee and biscuits Family Communion
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	Holy Communion
Sunday	29th	Kingscote	11.00 am	Benefice Service

The next regular PCC meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 July** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Process for the appointment of a new Vicar

The meeting with the other parishes on 11 June agreed 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 subjects need to be reviewed and agreed 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

We welcome Rev Stephen Jarvis who joined our service on 10 June for the first time.

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

When I first started to grapple with my garden shortly after moving here, I found that not only had I to contend with the steep slope but the Garden was full of pieces of broken pottery. What had happened, had there been a series of domestic rows, lots of shouting and throwing plates, or had a Greek family had lots of celebrations ? I'd never seen such an assortment of broken pieces. Our oldest neighbour Vera told me there had not been any dustbin collections in the valley until the late fifties; the rubbish was burnt or buried in the gardens.

St Paul often recorded the tribulations which he had to contend with during his ministry but he did not see any of these as a problem which would undervalue his leadership. Rather, he saw his difficulties as something to thank God for because through his weaknesses he saw that he was utterly dependent on God's support. That dependence allowed the light of Jesus to radiate through his broken life, and as his circumstances did not then seem so dark or without value, he was able to continue to praise God.

Just as in Paul's day, today the ordinary often gets overlooked and it is a revelation when ordinary people reveal remarkable treasures such as the inner beauty of God's grace. In the past plain clay pots were used for storage or occasionally used to hide precious things from thieves, hoping that they would not think to look for anything valuable in a pot of flour !

If we were like clay pots made by God, what are we being used for ? What are we hiding in the way of treasures ? What is it that we have to offer that with a little encouragement we could share with others to spread around God's love to help transform their lives ?

With every Blessing, Sue Sobczak.

Flower Rota

1 July	Annabella Lucy
8 and 15 July	a.n.o.
22 and 29 July	Jenny Tibbert
5 and 12 August	Irene Ingleby-Oddy

Saturday 14 July, 1.00 pm - Wedding,, Mathew Jenkins &-Genevieve Arney

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

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

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

There will be no events until September as we are carrying out damp proofing works to the kitchen. We are able to do this thanks to the support and money raised over the last couple of years. Thank you all.

There are presently vacancies on the Village Hall Committee. We meet monthly to arrange events for the community and raise funding for the maintenance of our village hall, which we are proud of and lucky to have. The committee meetings are nice social occasions and we would welcome new faces and new ideas.

Please contact us on brianmctear@btinternet.com if you might be interested.

Pauline McTear

Kingscote Parish Council

The next PC meeting will be at 8.00 pm in the Hunters Hall on Tues. 9 **October**.

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. Withdrawn.
- 19 Kingscote - Certificate of continuation of historical use as separate dwelling house.

Planning Approvals

- 1 The Park, Kingscote - Fell Holly Tree.
- Bagpath Court - Provision of stone steps to south gable to match those approved for the north gable, and modification of approved aperture design to enable functioning door.

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

New Neighbourhood Policing Arrangements - repeat notice

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

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- Wednesday 18 July *'All the light we cannot see'* by Anthony Doerr at Liz's.
- Tuesday 14 August *'OMG what a complete Aisling'* by Emer McLysaght and Sara Breen at Angela's.
- Wednesday 17 October *'East West Street'* by Phillippe Sands at Pauline's.

Angela Wooldridge

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 6 July 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 12 and 26 July.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 12 and 26 July.

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*.

Stroud Sacred Music Festival

Featuring Maya Youssef (Syria), Mosaic Youth Choir (Russian Orthodox), Nawab Khan Mantra Tour (India) etc.

Friday 6 July - 6.00 pm to 11.00 pm at St Lawrence Church.

Sunday 7 July - 9.30 pm to 11.00 pm at The Old Town Hall, St Lawrence Church, and The Shambles.

Music, singing, workshops, food - more details www.sacredmusicfestival.org.uk

The start of the Space Race

An extract from the book 'Rocket Island' by Theodore Taylor

Afterwards:

No sooner had the war between the Allies and Germany ended on 7 May 1945 when it began all over again between the victors for political and military spoils, and of the latter, no spoil was given higher priority than rocket technology. Soviet agents* had already stolen the atom bomb secret, and missiles were next on the list.

As a result of Yalta, there could be no denying the Russians access to Mittelwerke and other rocket facilities in the Nordhausen area. Though Churchill disagreed, advisers to President Truman, successor to the late President Roosevelt, told him that he must live up to the agreements for the sake of future good relations. American troops would have to pull back by June 21.

So men like Major Staver and Colonel Tortoy, intent on sharing as little as they could with the Russians, had their work cut out for them: ship the one hundred missiles as well as the 'Dornten papers' to White Sands, and above all, spirit the most important rocket scientists, beginning with Dr. von Braun, out of Germany and away from the clutches of the Soviets.

It was mostly accomplished. Three hundred boxcars of missile components were whisked away from America's war partners, as were all of the Dornten papers. And in the initial phases of Operation Overcast, more than a hundred of the top Peenemunde scientists were sent to America. Eventually more than four hundred of the Usedom team entered the U.S.A. to work in the space program.

*including the British spy Klaus Fuchs.

Although gaining Mittelwerke intact and tons of research equipment in the Nordhausen area, plus quite a few lesser-level scientists and engineers, Russia did not fare as well. The United States clearly 'stole the cream' from the Red bear. England wound up with a pair of V-2s and little else.

The Editor

Faith is like a seed - it takes time to grow

*Extracts from an article by Monsignor Roderick Strange,
Professor of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham
published in The Times on 16 June*

Teaching his followers about the kingdom of heaven, Jesus said it was 'like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'.

The seed sown is also an image of the gift of faith. That gift, like the seed, can take time to grow. Patience is needed. The passage accompanying the teaching about seed as small, speaks of it being sown and growing unseen, 'night and day'.

Parents' responsibility for their children's religious faith is real and serious, but not indefinite. The time comes when everyone has to assume responsibility and make their own decision. However the times are not propitious.

The internet can create the illusion of instant wisdom: there can seem to be answers for every question. Who needs anything else? Then even the most casual glance at newspapers reveals a depressing degree of intense individualism, a fascination with celebrity, an obsessive desire for wealth and for sexual satisfaction. The crimes reported often bear witness to that individualism and those desires being thwarted.

Then again, much contemporary culture is dismissive of religious faith, buoyed up in that attitude by well publicised scandals, often identified with the Church, sometimes accurately, although not always. How easily great good is buried in dirt. In the circumstances however, it is no wonder that many young people have found religious faith repellent. And older people too who have perhaps felt oppressed by ecclesiastical authoritarianism have been alienated. It can seem that to be religious is to be a loser. Who wants to be a loser?

Reflection warns us that instant wisdom, individualism, celebrity, and obsession are illusory. Faith's answers too must never be glib, obvious, or immediate. Patience is needed to let the seed grow night and day until the harvest.

Selected by the Editor

Parish Directory

- Vicar:** During the interregnum The Reverend Sue Sobczak is leading the three parishes in the Nailsworth Benefice assisted by The Reverend Stephen Jarvis.
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- Churchwarden:** Harry Tubbs, 3 *The Walled Garden, Kingscote, GL8 8YP.*
Tel: 860 194
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- Hon.Treas.PCC:** Jane Nichols, *Asheldown, 3 Ashel Barn Cottages, Kingscote, GL8 8YB Tel. 01453 860 534*
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- Nailsworth MU:** Trissa Jones, *Tel: 832 551*
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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, 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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