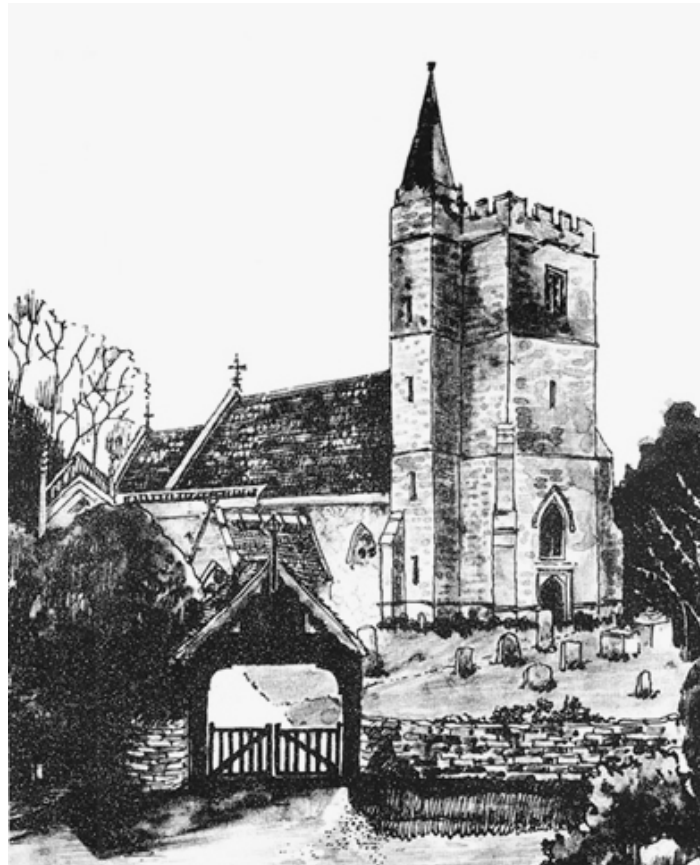


The Forerunner

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Kingscote*

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Service Calendar for March 2019

Sunday	3rd	Nailsworth Horsley Nailsworth	8:00am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Communion Holy Communion Family Service
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	6th	Nailsworth	10:00am	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
Sunday	10th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Family communion
Wednesday	13th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17th	Nailsworth	11:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service with Bishop Robert
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
<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	31st	Kingscote Horsley Nailsworth	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Family Service with Baptism Family Service Family Service

The **Annual PCC and APCM meeting** will be in April in the VH.

Confirmation Class

There will be a confirmation class run by the Bishop of Tewkesbury on Wednesday evenings during Lent (between 13 March and 10 April). If you or someone you know are interested, call Revd Sue Sobczak on 01453 833 526

Brass Cleaning Team

The next session will be on Monday 25 March at 2:30 pm.

Teresa Day

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

The Vicar's Letter

The snow at the beginning of February brought with it a picturesque landscape, and it reminded me that things never stay the same. The snow brought with it all sorts of difficulties, a certain amount of disruption, driving became hazardous, some people were isolated in their homes. But for some there was fun in this new landscape; for children off school, it turned lonely hills into slopes for sledding and for the artistic eye the picturesque snow scene.

There are other kinds of landscapes. People may refer to the political landscape, or the social landscape. We may all wonder what the landscape will look like as a result of politics and government decisions. Different landscapes shape and change our lives in different ways.

As we look ahead some of the landscapes will be exciting, new adventures, such as starting a new job or hobby, getting married, retirement. Some changes, however look like difficult terrain, times when there is sickness, loss and loneliness.

We read in the bible in the book of Ecclesiastes that there is a time for everything; a season for every activity under the heavens. There are times to weep, times to laugh, to mourn and to dance.

Sometimes we cannot change the things that life brings, and sometimes we can. We can make choices on how to try to prevent detrimental changes in the physical environment, by being eco-friendly, recycling and caring for our world. We can choose such things as the job we do, our hobbies and so on. We can choose to change the future landscape.

When Jesus came, he changed the landscape. The Christian season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday (this year on Wednesday 6 March), is the time when we reflect on the journey that Jesus took to the cross, time to remember how Jesus' love for humanity changed the landscape of the future. Through his coming, his death on the cross and his resurrection, Jesus gives us a new landscape that is full of hope, where forgiveness, love and new life are present. Through the love of God this is a way of life, and a landscape that we can all choose.

With blessings, Rev Caroline

Flower Rota

Sunday 3 March		Sheila Grey
6 March	LENT	No flowers

Lorna Reynolds

Lent Bible studies with Churches Together at Nailsworth

This programme of meetings on repeating Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm at Christchurch or on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm in St George Parish Rooms has been arranged as below:

Living differently	March 12 and 13
Living compassionately	March 19 and 20
Living exuberantly	March 26 and 27
Living courageously	April 2 and 3
Living generously	April 9 and 10

The discussions will use material prepared by the charity Embrace.

The Editor

Village Hall Programme

Coffee morning - Wednesday 13 March, 10:30 to 11:30 am, Coffee and Cake £2-00, all welcome.

Film Night - Tuesday 19 March, 7:30 for 8:00 pm, admittance free, pay bar. The choice of film is still under consideration.

Spring Fest - Friday 22 March, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, free to residents with light refreshments, also showing Tim Sage's films:

1. *The re-hanging of the restored bells in the tower.*
2. *Celebrations for the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002.*
3. *'Wedding Belles', an unforgettable Gloucestershire Wedding.*

All most welcome, especially our newer residents in Kingscote and Bagpath who we look forward to meeting.

The Village of Kingscote in recent history - This book was published in the year 2000 and contains the best local history archive covering the village. Many current residents have copies, and we have a USB stick which parishioners may borrow to arrange copies.

Pauline McTear Tel. 01453 861 311

Kingscote Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2 April. All parishioners are welcome to attend and take part.

Local Road resurfacing and diversions

In the period between 25 January and 31 March 2019 the lane from Windy Corner Bagpath heading North West to the A 4135 will be closed for resurfacing. The only routes into Bagpath will therefore be from the Hunters Hall or from Newington.

For up to date information on this plan consult:

William.Bellerby@gloucestershiregov.uk or ring 08000514514

Planning Applications

- Kingscote barn, Binley Farm - compliance with conditions of previous permission. Change of use from agricultural land to Use Class C1 hotels and siting of 4 eco lodges, 8 glamping pods, and 1 shepherds hut, in association with existing wedding and conference venue.
- Bagpath Court - Change of use of agricultural land to enable erection of two domestic outbuildings. Part compliance of conditions.
- Cedar House, Kingscote - beech tree behind swimming pool, height to be reduced by 3-4 metres and reduced side growth.

Planning Approvals

- 4 Lower Hazlecote Cottages, Kingscote - Erection of Garage
- Calcot House, Calcot - Reduce Cypress trees by no more than 5m height. Reduce Sycamore by up to 3m in height and reshape.

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

Fiona Thornton

Book Club at 8:00 pm

- Wednesday 6 March 'Entry Island' by Peter May at Teresa's.
- Wednesday 3 April 'Tangerine' by Christine Mangan at Louise's.

Angela Wooldridge

Mobile Library The next visit will be on Friday 15 March when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden between 11:00 am and 12 noon.

Horsley Tip Winter Opening Times

The opening times have changed to 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, with whole day closure on Wednesdays.

Kerb-side recycling

- Thursday 7 March** - all recycling and waste containers
- Thursday 14 March** - food and Garden recycling
- Thursday 21 March** - all recycling and waste containers
- Thursday 28 March** - food and garden recycling

Mobile Post Office

The Mobile Post Office will provide the service at The Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 and 10:00 am.

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.

Defibrillator Fundraising Update

The fundraising for the defibrillators for Kingscote and Bagpath has gone well, and we are now just £1,500 short of our target. The hope is that they can both be installed before Easter, so please help to achieve this by donating to this very worthy local cause.

Please send further donations to either:

- HSBC BANK UK account name: DEFIB FUNDRAISING
account number: 51427962 sort code:40-34-01
- Or send a cheque to pay DEFIB FUNDRAISING to Seema Bowers at:
Jandacot, Bagpath, Kingscote, Tetbury GL8 8YG

Seema Bowers.

Cotswold Brash at Kingscote

Those of us who practice horticulture either for beauty or food production are well aware of the rocky nature of the ground in the parish, as are gravediggers and those trenching for services. If one is lucky one finds a spade's depth of stony soil (up to 50% stones) and clay followed by bedrock. To make it fertile, the options are screening the soil and removing the stones and/or importing better soil from elsewhere.

This situation does not seem to be well known amongst builders, architects, the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and many other bodies more familiar with working with the alluvial soils in the Severn Vale.

Once the layer of topsoil and clay has been removed, the bedrock which is generally comprehensively fractured, drains very well. One local borehole drainage contractor likened it to watering a horse; *'You just can't give it enough !* This is why our septic tanks work well as long as the surface pipes are clear.

The Editor

Smartphones risk ‘burn out’ bishop warns

*Extracts from an article by Kaya Burgess, Religious Affairs Correspondent,
The Times, published on Saturday 9 February 2019*

People should dedicate one day a week and a period of time every day when they ditch their mobile phones and log out of their social media accounts to create some ‘alone’ time, the Bishop of London has said. Speaking about the need to achieve a healthy work-life balance, the Right Rev Dame Sarah Mullally, said the stresses of life and being constantly ‘connected’ can leave people at risk of ‘burn out’.

Speaking at a Church of England education conference on building character and resilience among young people, the bishop said: “We need to protect our time off and take short breaks. Times when we are not available to anybody, not on our mobiles and social media. Away time, alone”.

At the same conference, the Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the House of Commons chaplain defended the practice of reciting prayers at the start of business in parliament, after a group of MPs called for the 460-year-old tradition to be abolished.

The Editor

Fulbert of Chartres

970 –1028 AD

The son of a peasant family in northern France, he rose to become bishop of Chartres, renowned for his witty and brilliant sermons, and for his mastery of philosophical argument. Though outwardly he often appeared proud and haughty, in his prayers he remained acutely conscious of his lowly origins and the transience of worldly success.

GOD’S CARE

How brief is our span of life compared with the time since you created the universe. How tiny we are compared with the enormity of your universe. How trivial are our concerns compared with the complexity of your universe. How stupid we are compared with the genius of your creation. Yet during every minute and every second of our lives you are present, within and around us. You give your whole and undivided attention to each and every one of us. Our concerns are your concerns. And you are infinitely patient with our stupidity. I thank you with all my heart - knowing that my thanks are worthless compared with your greatness.

From the Fount Book of Prayer, by Robert Van de Weyer

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