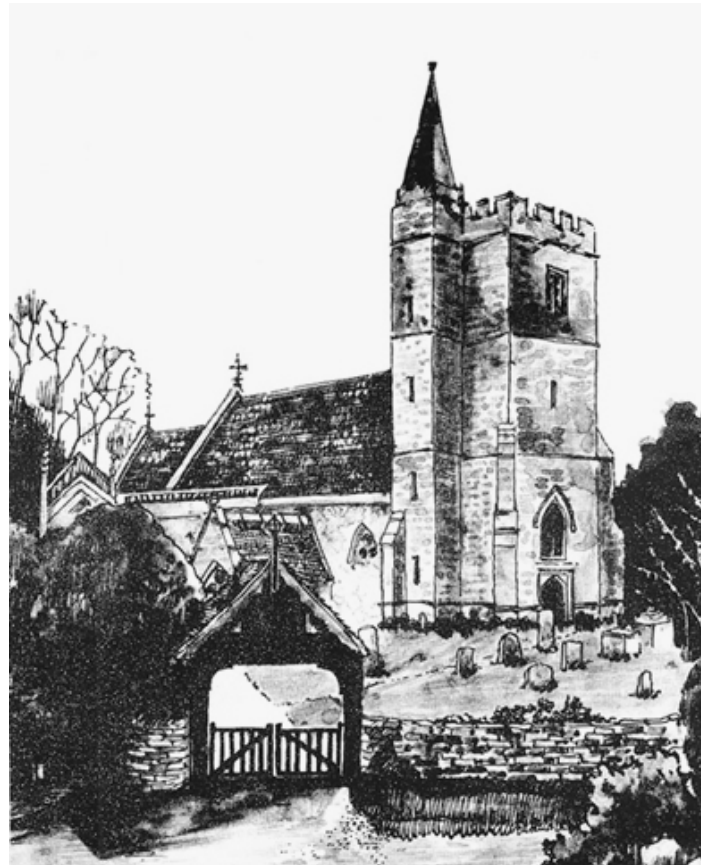


The Forerunner

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Service Calendar for August 2019

Sunday	4th	Nailsworth	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Family Service
Wednesday	7th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	11th	Kingscote	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	14th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	18h	Kingscote	9:30 am	Family Service with refreshments
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	21st	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	25th	Nailsworth	11:00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6:00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	28th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion

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

Visit by the Bishop of Gloucester

On Sunday morning 29 September we will be joined by The Right Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, and all parishioners are invited to come along. It is very difficult for senior clergy to fit in visits to tiny churches like ours, but Graham Nichols invited her some time ago to re-consecrate our restored bells. The last such visit was by Bishop Michael who blessed the metal cross above the Lychgate, made for us by Martin Pride.

Further details will be given in the September Forerunner

The Vicar's Letter

It is a joy to see the fields full of healthy crops, of wheat and barley. Of course this is a joy to farmers, but it is also a time of hard work with the bringing in of the harvest now in full flow.

The flowers are now blossoming in the garden, and for the gardener it is a constant job keeping up with the weeding and dead heading, hedge trimming and mowing of lawns.

Coming from the busyness of a Gloucester city parish, all this countryside busyness is a reminder that God is good, his provision and the joy of living and working in the countryside is a blessing (even if it is hard work!)

Whilst all this busyness is going on, for the church it is the busy wedding season and I have the joy to marry couples who commit to beginning new lives together as a married couple.

When couples are married at our beautiful church of St John the Baptist, they come for a number of reasons; it may be that the church is special because they live in the parish, it may be because they seek the countryside and are having their reception at a nearby venue, it may be because St John the Baptist is a beautiful Cotswold Church, but I always hope that it is also because they want to be married in a spiritual place in the presence of God and see God as a central presence in their lives.

God is good and blesses us with our beautiful countryside, his provision and presence in our lives.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Caroline

Flower Rota

4 August	Irene Ingleby-Oddy
11 and 18 August	Lorna Reynolds
25 August and 1 September	Liz Hughes

*Weddings: Thursday 8 August, 2.00 pm Thomas Perry and Louise Knight
Saturday 17 August, 3.00 pm James Patton and Carrie Benton*

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

New and visiting members always welcome. Call me on 860 367.

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

We are having no further events until September as the Hall will be redecorated externally during the summer holiday period. However 'drop in' Bridge classes will continue upstairs in the Reynolds Room on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Telephone 01453 861 311 for latest details.

Goodbye and thank you Martin

At the end of June we had a very well attended gathering to wish Martin Saunders our recent postman a very happy retirement, and to thank him for his dedicated service over several years. Soffi Bond and others had prepared a splendid tea party for us at tables in the sun beside the Village Hall.

Martin has sent a message of thanks to all Villagers and residents:

I am truly humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity shown by everyone over the last few days and weeks leading up to my final deliveries around the lanes and villages of the Cotswolds. I cannot put into words how much it means to know that so many contributed in some way to a memorable evening.

It is a pleasure to drive the country lanes in this area in summer and listen to the birdsong as I go about deliveries, but I am really just a simple country farmer's boy trying to earn a living doing a job I loved. (Most of the time) I shall miss you all, though not the rain or frosty mornings in January & February. I will try to keep in touch with news of future adventures. Martin.

Pauline McTear

Kingscote Parish Council

Planning Applications

- Bagpath Court - Change of use of agricultural land to enable erection of two domestic outbuildings. Part compliance of conditions.
- Owlpen Estate, GL11 5BY - Tree felling.
- Kingscote Village 35 - Side extension to replace single story extension with removal of outbuildings, and new car port and storage built.

Approved applications

- .The Kingscote Barn, Binley Farm - compliance with conditions 6, 10 and 12 - change of use from agricultural land to Use ClassC1 Hotels and siting of 13 units of accommodation to include 4 eco lodges, 8 glamping pods and 1 shepherds' hut in association with the existing wedding and conference venue.

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

Fiona Thornton

Poppy Appeal Organiser

Joe and I are expecting to move house this summer, so I am looking for someone to take over as Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Kingscote District. We will be moving away from Kingscote, but not very far - only closer to Nailsworth. - so I would be happy to take my successor right through the annual routine this year.

If no-one comes forward, I will not place an order for supplies in August and I will resign as PAO, and house to house collections in our district will cease.

Please let me know if you would like to know more about what is entailed. I would be happy to meet with you and talk you through my file.

Sheila Hill, 01453 861 583

Forerunner Delivery to outlying households

Tim Sage has kindly taken on the car deliveries of the magazines to outlying households in the parish.

Sheila Hill, 01453 861 583

Book Club at 8:00 pm

- Wednesday 21 August 'In your Defense' by Sarah Langford, at Angela's
- Monday 16 September 'Madonna of the Mountains' by Elise Valmorbidia at Louise's
- Wednesday 23 October 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn at Pauline's

Angela Wooldridge

Mobile Library

This service is now discontinued. CDC could not afford the extensive repairs to the previous van to make it roadworthy.

The Editor

Kerb-side recycling

Thursday 1 August - food and garden recycling

Thursday 8 August- all recycling and waste containers

Thursday 15 August - food and garden recycling

Thursday 22 August - all recycling and waste containers

Thursday 29 August - food and garden recycling

Recycling at Horsley Tip

Open everyday except Wednesdays from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Booking necessary for trailers

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.

Come and join us

Most of us realise how fortunate we are to live in this beautiful place and in this harmonious community - there is no need for tempting fate by listing its many delights. Our beautiful, comfortable and well kept village church in Kingscote is one of them. Visitors from further afield are usually bowled over by the combination of architecture, history and peace which they experience when first seeing it. However it appears that few local people or visitors link their experience with the reason why the building is here. It is a shame to wait until we are lying comfortably in our coffins before giving the matter some thought.

Communities of grace

In his book 'God lost and Found' John Prichard, a well known Anglican theologian and clergyman, wrote: Communities are a vital part of our social ecology. They are where we gain our identity, preserve our traditions and establish friendships. They bridge the gap between family and society. They are large enough to extend our sympathies but small enough to be intelligible. They are the human face of the common good, which would otherwise remain an abstraction. They are where we learn to be citizens, carrying our share of the collective weight.

Pre-eminent among such communities in most localities are churches, those communities of grace which seek to be the human expression of divine love - fail as they must with such a high aspiration. I often meet people who have found a real home in their local church, often making chance contact with it through a baptism or funeral, or the friendly presence of the vicar.

The local church is a community of people in relationship with each other, knowing that they have been blessed by God and now seek to be a blessing to others. They should provide:

Welcome - The smile of God comes on a human face. This should be a place which will welcome me and be interested in who I am and what I bring.

Sanctuary - This should be a place of nurture where I will be loved and valued.

Simplicity - In this over-complex world where I may have lost my spiritual way, I may be looking for simple rhythms, cherishing the heart in the ways of the Spirit, offering home to a friend, and being a hub that equips us all for discipleship through the week.

The specific 'Textbook' purposes of the church are:

- To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God.
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To seek to transform the unjust structures of society.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Harry Tubbs, Churchwarden

A Summer Morning

(Poem by Robert Fuller Murray)

Never was sun so bright before,
No matin of the lark so sweet,
No grass so green beneath my feet,
Nor with such dewdrops jewelled o'er.

I stand with thee outside the door,
The air not yet is close with heat,
And far across the yellowing wheat
The waves are breaking on the shore.

A lovely day! Yet many such,
Each like to each this month have passed,
And none did so supremely shine.
One thing they lacked: the perfect touch
Of thee - and thou art come at last,
and half this loveliness is thine.

The Editor

Notice outside the church on Salt Spring Island near Vancouver

COME TO CHURCH NOW AND BEAT THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

Parish Directory

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Bagpath: Alex Stephens
- Village Hall:** Bookings: Liz Widdows, *Kingscote, Tel. 860 085 evenings*
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