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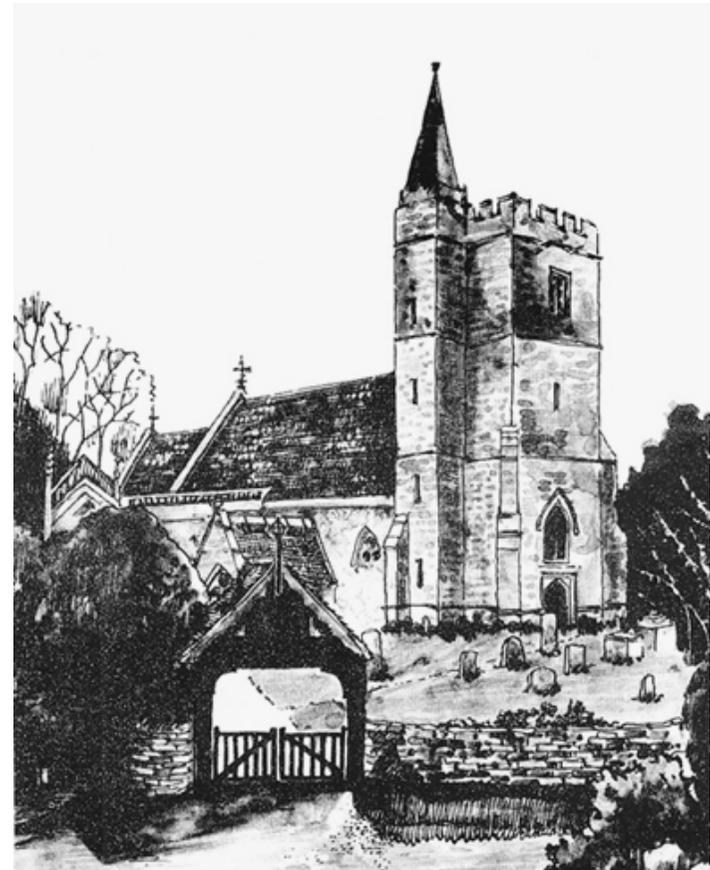
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Newington Bagpath with
Kingscote*

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Service Calendar for September 2019

Sunday	1st	Nailsworth	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Family Service
Wednesday	4th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	8th	Kingscote	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	11th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	15th	Kingscote	9:30 am	Family Service with refreshments
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Family Communion
Wednesday	18th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd	Nailsworth	11:00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6:00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	25th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29th	Kingscote	11.00 am	Benefice Service with Holy Communion. Bishop Rachel will bless the restored Bells

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 difficult for senior clergy to fit in visits to the many 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.

This means that it is still a public place for which we have Health and Safety responsibilities, such as ensuring that the boundary trees are safe. We have had a recent quotation for £1,900 for tree work.

At our next PCC meeting we will be considering ways to try to reverse this deficit situation. If you have any suggestions please talk to any PCC member so we can discuss it. If we want to keep our church open for business when we need it we need to be able to fund it, and we know from the Bagpath situation what the alternative is.

Jane Nichols, Treasurer

The demise of the Manor House

*Based on the book 'The manor Houses of England'
by P H Ditchfield - possibly reflects the fate of Kingscote Manor*

England is remarkable for the number and beauty of the old country houses, set amid pleasant scenes, that abound in various parts of our island. Hidden away from the gaze of the multitude in sequestered villages and obscure hamlets, they are very humble minded, very retiring

At the end of the 19th century there was a veritable rage for pulling down old mansions. (No doubt the Kingscotes had already been under pressure from their association with Queen Victoria and Albert, the great moderniser) Reckless owners who love new things, new fashions and new styles, have doomed many of them to death.

Perhaps the only relics we have from the house are the chancel rail engraved with 1615 and the wall panel in the north transept marked with 1639. There are also important monuments in the Graveyard section for the Kingscote family.

A General Thanksgiving - from the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.

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.

Keeping our Church Running

Visitors are always complimentary about our beautiful church and the fact that it is open during the day. This is thanks, in no small part, to all the volunteers who keep the grass mown, the brass and silver clean, flowers in the Church and not least, opening and locking the church each day.

The PCC is very grateful to all involved and appreciate the value that it gives to alleviate the everyday costs. However, over the last couple of years the running costs, which as a fully functioning parish church we cannot totally control, have exceeded our income, and as with all enterprises, this cannot go on without an unhappy ending. Last year the running cost (eg electricity and heating oil, insurance, Parish Share paid to the Diocese, but not building repair costs) of the church was £16,077 and the income just £14,113. This year the prediction is for an even greater deficit. This is due to several different reasons:

- People's pattern of attending church has changed over the years due to life-style changes, and there is not a regular commitment to attending the Sunday service. This has resulted in a much lower amount contributed from collections.
- Regular contributions paid into the church bank account through planned giving have decreased due to people moving from the area or, sadly, passing on.
- We have had fewer weddings and lower collections. Each wedding contributes £257-00 in fees to our funds, but the collections from the congregations have been less, perhaps because people don't carry cash these days.

New costs are arising with the maintenance of Bagpath Churchyard. For many years we all understood that this was closed, but we have recently been informed that this is not the case and that the burial ground is still open for new interments.

The Vicar's Letter

At the end of July, Martin and I were blessed with our first grandchild. A beautiful granddaughter. As with every child, from her first breath, she will depend on her parents to love, care and guide her. She will rely on her parents teach her. When she gets older, her life will be shaped by her experiences and by people she meets who inspire and make an impact on her life. Our granddaughter may not realise the impact people have on her life until she is older and looks back. I wonder when you look back on your life, you remember a special person who had an impact on you and has shaped our life.

As I look back on my life I realise that there are many people who have guided me, influenced me, and as I look at my Christian journey, I often reflect on how God is a loving parent and think of how people have shown me his love and nurtured me in my faith.

God sent his son Jesus to experience life on earth, and to show us a better way to live, to teach us about living a life of love, compassion and forgiveness. These are things that are needed to be a loving parent. God through his son Jesus showed us the greatest role model, both for parenting and for all our relationships as we live our lives today. If we follow his ways, we will be shaped by his teaching, we will know that we are all loved as children of God and will show this love to those around us.

On Sunday 29 September, Bishop Rachel will be coming to re-dedicate the bells at St John the Baptist. As the bells ring out from the church and into the community, they are a reminder that the church is a place where we can gather to learn more about God and his teaching, where we learn of Jesus as loving parent and where we can meet with others and share our journeys: All are welcome !

With every blessing,

Rev Caroline

Flower Rota

1 September	Liz Hughes
8 and 15 September	Tracey Pool
22 and 29 September	Vivienne Ainsworth

Weddings: None scheduled in September.

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

Thursday 12 September, 2.30 pm. New and visiting members always welcome.
Call me on 860 367.

Teresa Day

Some biographical background to Bishop Rachel from Wikipedia

Her original academic qualification was a degree in Linguistics at Reading University and she worked for six years as a paediatric speech therapist in the National Health Service. She then studied for the ordained ministry at the Anglican Wycliffe Hall theological college in Oxford.

This was followed by a series of appointments in the Diocese of London as well as a woman 'participant observer' of the House of Bishops. In March 2015 it was announced that she would become Bishop of Gloucester, and on 19 September 2015 she was installed as the 41st Bishop of Gloucester.

The Editor

Allan Jackson

Allan Jackson of Jasmine Cottage sadly passed away at home on 31 July 2019. His son and daughter would like to thank everyone who knew him and made our whole family so welcome in the 48 years that he lived here. Private cremation for family only has taken place.

Eddie and Emma

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Tuesday 10 September, 10:30 to 11:30 am, coffee and cake £2-00, all welcome.

Film Night - Tuesday - 17 September, 7:30 for 8:00 pm, *The Third Man*.. One of the undisputed masterpieces of cinema, with iconic performances by Joseph Colten and Orson Welles. No charge for admission - Pay Bar. All welcome.

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.
- Kingscote Village 35 - Side extension to replace single story extension with removal of outbuildings, and new car port and storage built.

Approved applications

- Owlpen Estate, GL11 5BY - Tree felling.

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

Fiona Thornton

Progress with Church Fabric restoration and improvement

1. Installation of a safety balustrade in the first floor tower ringing chamber to prevent potentially fatal falls through the gap between the floor and the west window is our major current project. This will comprise brass rails and reinforced glass panels to allow as much light as possible from the west window into the church.
2. In association with this we need to provide a partition in front of the steep staircase leading down to the churchyard.

Our proposal to use a vertical drainage borehole to solve the problem of rainwater gathering on the north side of the nave appears to be vetoed permanently by the DAC. Instead of a 6 ft deep 6 inch diameter borehole, they prefer yards of surface trenching crossing numerous graves leading to a large excavation for a new soak-away. We did just that a few years ago and ended up with tons of Cotswold brash stones and bones which are very difficult to dispose of. It seems that the borehole is not sufficiently medieval.

H.Tubbs, churchwarden

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

Book Club at 8:00 pm

- Monday 16 September 'Madonna of the Mountains' by Elise Valmorbida at Louise's
- Wednesday 23 October 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn at Pauline's

Angela Wooldridge

Kerb-side recycling

Thursday 5 September - all recycling and waste containers

Thursday 12 September - food and garden recycling

Thursday 19 September - all recycling and waste containers

Thursday 26 September - food and garden recycling