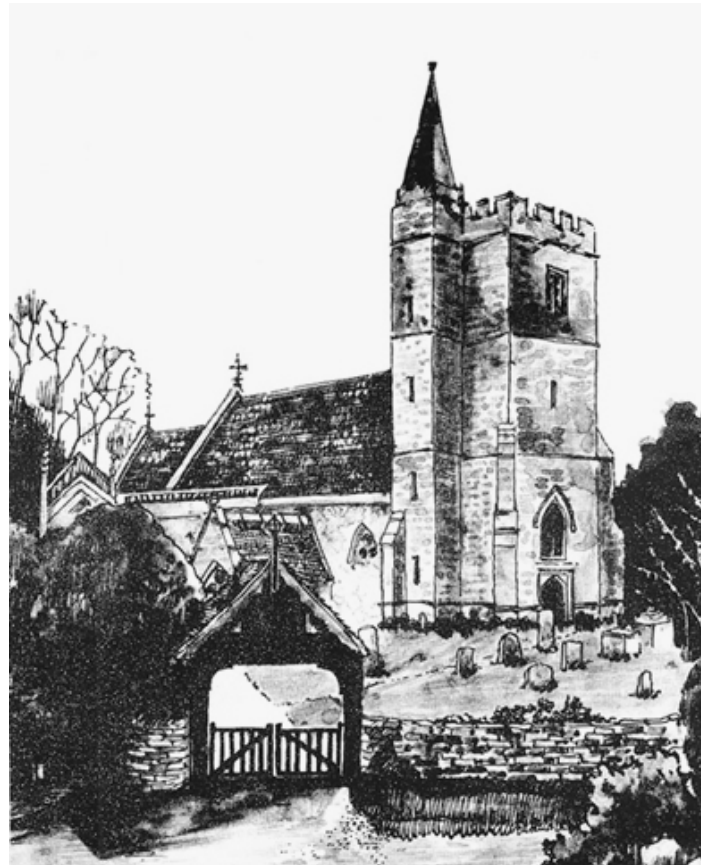


The Forerunner

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Kingscote*

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NOTE REVISED SERVICE TIMES

Service Calendar for October 2019

Wednesday	2nd	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	6th	Nailsworth	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		Kingscote	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Family Service
Wednesday	9th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	13th	Horsley	9:30 am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion
Wednesday	16th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20th	Kingscote	9:30 am	Harvest Festival Family Service
		Nailsworth	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	23rd	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27th	Nailsworth	11:00 am	Holy Communion
		Horsley	6:00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	30th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion

This new arrangement gives us a more balanced service plan each month

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

It has been a summer of warm sunshine, and a busy time for farmers. But now Autumn makes its appearance, the evenings are drawing in and there is a cool nip in the wind. As the leaves change colour, prepare for winter, it reminds me that there is some predictability in our climate, and this is how God intended the seasons to be.

It has been a good year for arable farmers, and now we come to the season when we celebrate harvest. At St John the Baptist, as in other churches, we will give thanks to God, sing harvest songs and share in harvest refreshments. All are welcome !

We celebrate the harvest of crops and of the food that we are blessed to eat, but as we give thanks, we also remember those that have little or no harvest, those who have little to eat. At harvest time, the food bank and other charities have more food to distribute because of the donations from harvest services and festivals; this year the donations given to our church of St John the Baptist will go to Stroud Beresford's Trust. Jesus said 'love your neighbour as yourself' and we remember that our giving is part of loving our neighbour.

As we look around the world, we see rising temperatures affecting the harvest, natural disasters, flooding and drought meaning that there is little or no harvest, no food to eat. We also see people's lives being devastated through the loss of their homes and all they have, as well as the loss of loved ones. We give thanks for the seasons and pray that there will be stability in our changing climate.

The changing climate is something that we should all be aware of, and maybe you are already thinking of ways that you can adjust your lifestyle to help the sustainability of our beautiful world.

As Autumn draws in and we see the changing season appear, may it remind all of us of the need to care for our world and to love our neighbour.

With blessings,

Rev. Caroline

Flower Rota

6 and 13 October		Rachel Grey
20 and 27 October	HARVEST	Flower Team
10 and 17 November	REMEMBRANCE	Flower Team

Weddings: Saturday 26 October, 1.00 pm, Luke Page and Chloe Hodson

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

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

Teresa Day

Restoration of the Bells

This project is now complete. It was made possible by a generous legacy from Tony Reynolds, and implemented by Graham Nichols in conjunction with Taylors Bell Founders of Loughborough.

We are thrilled with the magnificent tone of the big bell which has not been heard properly for around 30 years, when concerns about the safety of the installation arose. We will work with those who live close to the church to ensure acceptable sound levels.

The PCC

Allan Jackson

Allan Jackson who died at the end of July came to Kingscote in 1970 and was therefore one of our longest term residents. He was a professional industrial electrical engineer and joined Listers in Dursley from British Callender Cables in Manchester.

He was an unforgettable lively personality - alert to all that was happening here and further afield, and always keen to learn more. He had strong cultural interests across music, Shakespeare and politics, and until his fingers aged he played Mozart on his sitting room piano.

He had a warm and friendly nature, and always made one feel comfortable and welcome. He never complained even when unwell and always wanted to talk about you not himself. It was nice to know him.

The Editor

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Tuesday 8 October, 10:30 to 11:30 am, coffee and cake £2-00, all welcome.

Film Night - Tuesday - 15 October, 7:30 for 8:00 pm, the well known film *Brooklyn* which tells the story of an Irish girl emigrating to 1950s' Brooklyn. No charge for admission - Pay Bar. All welcome.

Pauline McTear

Kingscote Parish Council

Cotswold District Council - calls on pupils to create a memorial flame for Holocaust Memorial Day. Schools are being asked to submit work based on the image

of a memorial flame which will be displayed in the Council Offices at Trinity Road, Cirencester for a week from January 27th, 2020.

The exhibition will support a campaign by The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust entitled *Stand Together*, where organisations and communities create their own memorial flames, 75 of which will be displayed in a national exhibition to mark the 75 years since the end of the holocaust.

Visit: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/take-part-in-holocaust-memorial-day/-2020/75-memorial-flames/>

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.
- 12 Kingcote Jasmine Cottages - Remove Mulberry tree.
- Calcot House, Kingscote - Prune back Cherry tree to remove overhanging branches.

Approved applications

- Owlpen Estate - Felling Licence.
- Owlpen Estate, GL11 5BY - Tree felling.
- Ashcroft Farm - Engineering works to create ponds.
- 3 The Walled Garden, Kingscote - Prune Holly.
- Erection of agricultural storage building, 4 Lower Hazlecote Cottages.

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

Fiona Thornton

Poppy Appeal Organiser

Sheila and Joe Hill have now moved from Kingscote to Nailsworth and Annabella Lucy has kindly taken on the role of local organiser for the Poppy Day collections. Sheila and Joe have been important members of our community who will be missed greatly, and we wish them well in their new location.

The Editor

Keeping our Church Running

We thank those who responded to our request for ideas on new ways to extend our fund raising activity to cover the church running costs. The PCC will be considering all of the suggestions received.

Jane Nichols, Treasurer

Book Club at 8:00 pm

- Wednesday 23 October 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn at Pauline's.
- Wednesday 13 November 'I'll keep you safe' by Peter May at Teresa's.
- Wednesday 11 December 'The Bean Trees' by Barbara Kingsolver at Angela's.

Angela Wooldridge

Kerb-side recycling

Thursday 3 October - all recycling and waste containers

Thursday 10 October - food and garden recycling

Thursday 17 October - all recycling and waste containers

Thursday 24 October - food and garden recycling

Thursday 31 October - all recycling and waste containers

Recycling at Horsley Tip

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

Note: the opening time is expected to change to 10.00 am at the end of October.

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.

Church furnishings inherited from Bagpath Church

Many newcomers to Kingscote and Bagpath will not be aware of the important furnishings which passed to Kingscote when Bagpath church closed in the mid-1970s:

- The beautiful choir stalls
- The massive Teulon Victorian-gothic altar and sanctuary rail
- The ancient Bagpath baptism font, now standing outside the east door from the north transept wrapped in a tarpaulin
- The large chalice and various silver plate items

The Editor

Friends reunited

Copied from the book 'God lost and found' by John Pritchard

Faith is not a fluffy feeling that changes with the health of our bank account and the state of our digestion. Faith is an attitude to life and as such it is something that we can choose or not. We will want to choose it on the best available evidence, of course, but ultimately no one can ever be forced to believe and surrender to God. There are no knock down proofs, no guaranteed highs, no spiritual silver bullet. Whether we are coming to faith for the first time or trying to find a lost path, we come to a point where we have to choose. Shall I suspend my disbelief and leap into space ?

People of faith believe that spiritual reality is, at the same time, both hidden and revealed in the physical world; there is a complete interpenetration of the two, which is why the sacramental view of life is so perceptive and accurate, talking of 'outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace'. Do we want to live within a closed secular world-view or an open spiritual one ? The choice is ours.

Here is another version of the Choice. Do we see religion as one ideology competing with others for our acceptance and adoption, or as a way of seeing the world and everything in it ? Many of us would maintain that true religion is not one of a thousand things but *the way we see* a thousand things. Faith is a process before it has content, and that process is about how we see.

Faith is not a thing in itself, although it has a huge treasure store for us to investigate later on. Rather, faith like a window in a house which we value not so much for the thickness or quality of the glass as for what we can see through it. Our task –our choice– therefore is to keep the glass clean. A Christian is a window cleaner.

Through the glass of faith we see everything as it truly is, sparkling in the sunlight or drenched in torrential rain. Faith does not have a sentimental, rosy view of reality; it is absolutely realistic, but it also sees everything as shot through with the presence of God, who is always active in sustaining or redeeming every bit of life.

Our choice, then, is whether to subscribe to that way of looking at life or not. If we can dissociate faith from being one ideology among many, and understand it rather as a way of seeing all of life and every ideology, then the choice is clear. Is this the glass, the lens, through which we want to look - 'or do we look for another ?'

The Editor

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