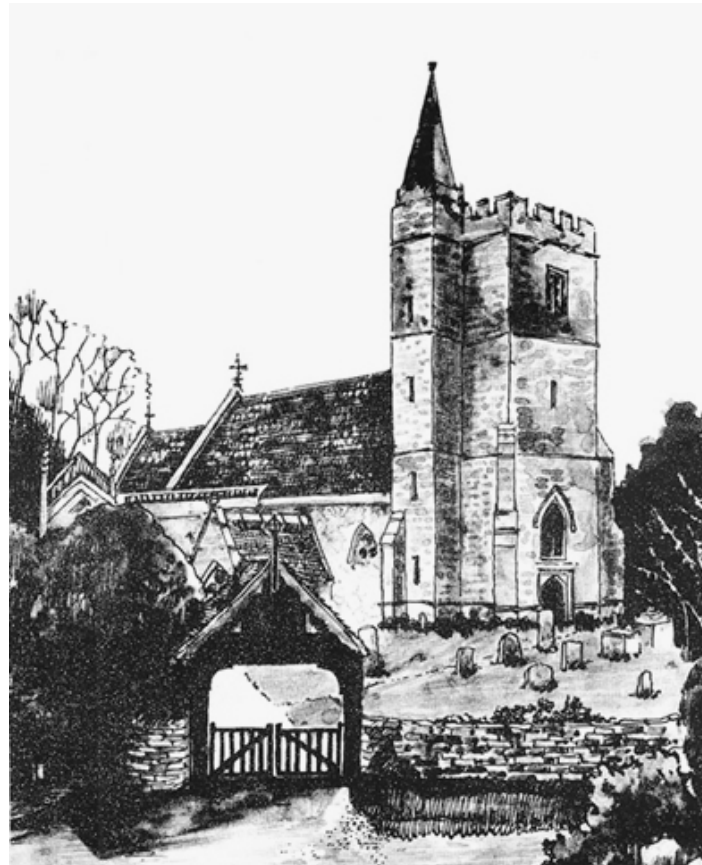


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Service Calendar for January 2020

Wednesday	1st	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday <i>Epiphany</i>	5th	Nailsworth Kingscote Nailsworth	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service
Wednesday	8th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	12th	Horsley Nailsworth	9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday	15th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	19th	Kingscote Nailsworth	9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Family Communion
Wednesday	22nd	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	26th	Nailsworth Horsley	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Wednesday	29th	Nailsworth	10:00 am	Holy communion

**We thank all who assisted with the Carol Service by preparing
enabling and clearing up afterwards**

Nailsworth Benefice
Kingscote Community
Gloucester Diocese

www.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk
www.kingscoteonline.co.uk
www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/blog

*We wish parishioners a Happy and
Successful New Year*

The Vicar's Letter,

January sees the Christmas celebrations and festivities come to an end. The supermarkets have already packed the Christmas things away and the January sales have started.

For the church though, the Christmas season really begins on 25 December, and over the coming weeks the readings that we have in our churches focus on the journey through the Christmas story. Twelve days after Christmas day, the season changes and we arrive at the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrating the arrival of the wise men. We celebrate their arrival after Christmas because the wise men do not belong at the Christmas nativity scene; they would have arrived much later because the journey would have been too far to travel to arrive at the stable for the birth.

So despite the tree being down and the tinsel being in the loft, January is a perfectly appropriate time to be thinking about these Nativity characters.

Not much is known about the wise men, apart from being from the East, following the star and bringing gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Each of these gifts had importance and symbolism. Gold representing the kingship of Jesus, frankincense a symbol of his priestly role and myrrh used in burials, a sign of his death and sacrifice.

Jesus came bringing the gifts of love, tenderness and forgiveness; he gave of himself and taught us the value of the gifts that we can bring to others.

In this new year, I wonder what gifts we will take to others. Gifts take many forms, they can be gifts we buy or they can be gifts we give of ourselves. The gifts we give of ourselves are those that Jesus teaches us to give; gifts of love, of our abilities and talents, we can give compassion and kindness. These gifts are modelled on the life of Jesus.

I hope you have a happy and blessed year,

Rev. Caroline.

Flower Rota

5 and 12 January
19 and 26 January

Carol Hatherall
Wendy Ingram

There are no weddings booked in January

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

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

Teresa Day

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Tuesday 14 January, 10:30 to 11:30 am. Please come and enjoy coffee, cake and conversation £2.00.

Film Night - Tuesday 21 January, 7:30 for 8:00 pm. *The Lives of others*, a film that won an Oscar and many other awards. Set in 1984 East Berlin, about an agent of the secret police who whilst conducting surveillance on a writer and his lover, becomes drawn into their lives. No charge for admission - Pay Bar. All welcome.

Pauline

Village Hall Christmas Lunch

We thank the Village Hall committee and helpers for the excellent and well attended lunch on Tuesday on 10 December. We are very fortunate to have had this event arranged for us.

The Editor on behalf of the parishioners

Kingscote Parish Council

Next meeting - Tuesday 4 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Planning Applications

- Kingscote House, Kingscote - Tree work proposals, no objection.
- Calcot House, Kingscote - Conversion of stables to holiday accommodation.

Planning Approvals

- 4 The Walled Garden, Kingscote - Prune Liquidamber at front of property, Dismantle small Malus Floribunda at front of property. Remove stump, prune Birch at back of property, prune Conifer located at lane-side of boundary wall.

Community litter-picking

The Parish Council is planning a community litter picking on the afternoon of Sunday 23 February 2020. This will be followed by tea and cake in the Village Hall. If you are willing to volunteer for this please contact Tony Wooldridge on 01453 860 697 or tony.wooldridge1@gmail.com

We wish all residents a Happy New Year

Recycling at Horsley Tip

Open everyday except Wednesdays from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
Closed on New year's Day.

Kerb-side recycling

During the first half of the month the recycling programme is transitioning from the Christmas and New Year schedules to the conventional pattern.

Monday 6 January - food and garden recycling

Saturday 11 January - all recycling and waste containers

Friday 17 January - food and garden recycling

Thursday 23 January - all recycling and waste containers

Thursday 30 January - food and garden recycling

Cotswold District Council is calling upon all road users in the Cotswolds to respect our refuse and recycling crews, and exercise more patience following a spike in unsafe driving reports.

Book Club at 8:00 pm

- Wednesday 8 January 'About Grace' by Anthony Doerr at Louise's.
- Wednesday 12 February 'Transcriptions' by Kate Atkinson at Pauline's.

Angela Wooldridge

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.

The Role and Challenge for the Parish Church

The letter below was written over 10 years ago to the PCC to try to focus what our objective and role should be. One might safely comment on how little has changed except that several stalwart church members have passed on or moved away.

21 June 2009

Kingscote Church has been built and maintained here for 800 years to provide a Christian ministry to the people who live here, which I believe is still its principal purpose. However at the moment we seem, like child with a new toy, to be obsessed with our wedding services. I believe that we have a God-given opportunity with these young people, which we are taking seriously, but we must not forget our PRINCIPAL responsibility to our parishioners - particularly to those who do not go to church. Any unbiased examination of our activities and plans would I believe lead to the conclusion that we regard those who live in the parish who do not attend services as irrelevant. It is only a matter of time before our emphasis on the weddings makes this clear to them.

As many of you are or should be aware, most of the 'dirty work' involved in keeping our church operation attractive and efficient is done by non-churchgoers: the daily opening and locking, the fortnightly floral decoration and (in the summer) churchyard mowing, the monthly cleaning of the building and its furnishings. How can we ignore these people and their huge contributions, even if we ignore those who do not contribute in kind. I believe that we should make a 'thank you' tea party in the church for these active helpers an annual event, attended by all key PCC members.

The broader question of how we can bring non-churchgoing parishioners into the church is the main challenge. Our motives have to be clean - we don't want their money, we want to give them the happiness and fulfilment which we enjoy. We try to do it by example and friendship, and we wait for God's magical call to reach them. What more can we do? We need to think and talk about that as a PCC in my view.

Regards, Harry.

However the modern world has in fact changed around us during the last 10 years: The consuming hunger for entertainment, the incessant online chattering, the avoidance of serious thinking, the enthusiasm for fitness activities and health; and what happened to Richard Dawkins ?

But some things do not change, Human society is a mess as it was in the time of Jesus, and let's face it chaps - most of the trouble is still caused by men.

Harry Tubbs

WINTER

Clouded with snow
The cold winds blow,
And shrill on leafless bough
The robin with its burning breast
Alone sings now.

The rayless sun,
Day's journey done,
Sheds its last ebbing light
On fields in leagues of beauty spread
Unearthly white.

Thick draws the dark,
And spark by spark,
The frost fires kindle, and soon
Over that sea of frozen foam
Floats the white moon.

Walter de la Mare

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