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# NEWS SHEET

For the Parish of Newington Bagpath with Kingscote

During the Coronavirus epidemic, this replaces the Forerunner magazine and recognises the reduced community activity and information need. Further changes are of course likely.

## CofE Operating Instructions during Coronavirus

Our church buildings are closed for public worship and for private prayer. There can be no weddings in church building until further notice. Emergency baptisms can take place in hospital or at home, subject to physical distancing. Funerals can only happen at the Crematorium or graveside. Only immediate family members can attend subject to crematorium permission – spouse or partner, parents and children. Prescribed spacing to be maintained in the small group of mourners.

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## Church Care

Due to the church electrical disconnection, the building and its contents are getting damp inside, as it always was prior to 2003. Thanks to the regular attention by Paul Giddings the roof is in good shape, but our problem is rising damp from the surrounding churchyard and the walls.

## Kerbside Recycling

Thursday 7 May  
Food waste

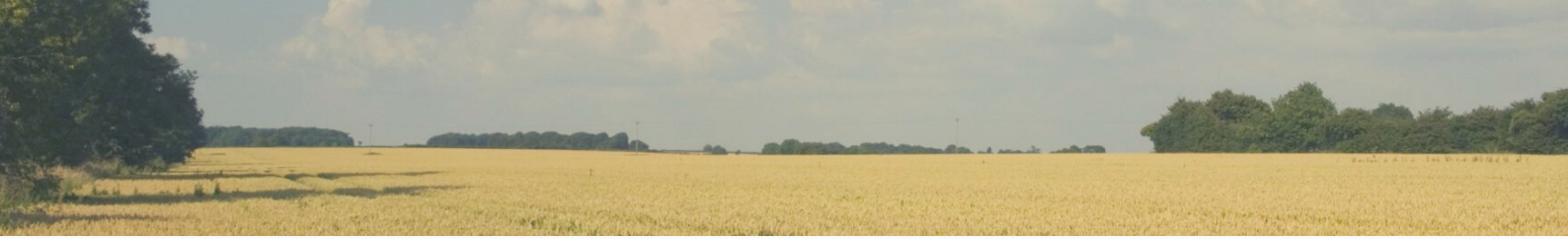
Thursday 14 May  
Food waste, recycling containers, wheelie bins, garden waste

Thursday 21 May  
Food waste

Thursday 28 May  
Food waste, recycling containers, wheelie bins, garden waste

Recycling at Horsley Tip  
Closed until further notice

Mobile Post Office  
Due to the Coronavirus, the Kingscote Mobile Post Office is not currently operating



## Parish Council Announcements

During these difficult times, it is more important than ever for communities to look after their elderly and vulnerable members. Please therefore can we all look out for neighbours who we know to be less able to cope for themselves, or who may be in self isolation.

Sebastian Cooper

## Cotswold District Planning Applications

Wolden House, Kingscote – rear extension, conversion of garage to gym, new carport.

Calcot House - construction of stable block.

Bagpath Court – alterations of threshing barn to create one independent dwelling.

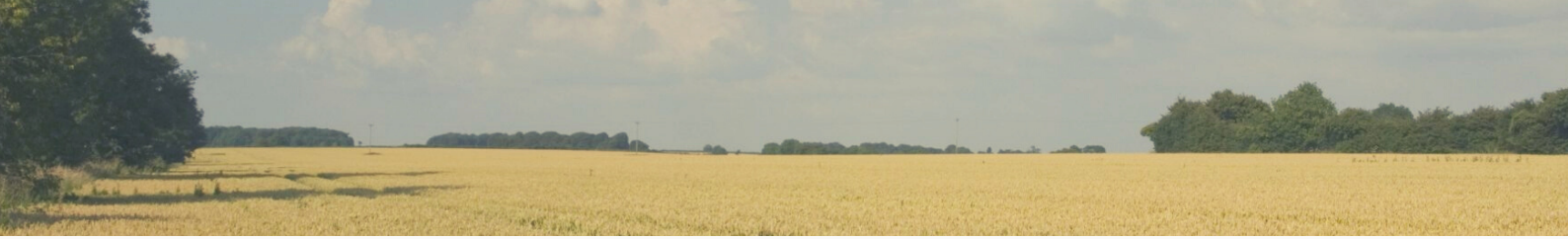
Scrubbets Farm – change of use of existing agricultural buildings to dog kennels.

## Scarecrow

Does any keen vegetable gardener need a scarecrow? We have one in our garage if you would like to inspect it. It has a hardwood frame padded with straw, a mahogany head which looks threatening, and can be dressed with old clothes. They rot quickly in the sun and rain. A donation to church funds would be appreciated.

Harry Tubbs (Tel. 860 194)





## The Vicar's Letter

The current trauma reminds us that life is God-given; birth and death are part of the life process. Associated with death is physical and emotional suffering, and in this time of the pandemic there is great sacrifice from those on the front line. The workers of the health care and nursing community are making huge sacrifices for us at this time and we are enormously grateful.

On writing this in April, St John the Baptist church building is closed and we don't know when it will be open once again, but church is alive and active because church is the people wherever we are. This time of isolation has meant that although not meeting physically together due to restrictions, coming together as church has continued in a very different way.

Technology has come into its own and we are learning much more about how it is to live in a world where technology brings the joy of being connected with our friends and family through virtual communication. In the early church Jesus' disciples, his friends, met in homes because of fear of persecution – today we meet from our homes because of fear of coronavirus. This time has meant a steep learning curve and the church has been recording audio and video in sharing messages, songs and prayers with the community.

Our church building may be closed but the church is still supporting where help is needed, keeping in contact with people on the phone, e-mail, messaging and video conferencing. We are very conscious that not everyone has a computer and the phone is a great blessing!

The work of our health service is outstanding, and the church is praying for all those who are giving so much. The church is also praying for you, for our community, for all communities, for our country and the wider world. Please remember that the church is here to support you. If you would like to have a chat or need support, please ring me. We also have a new church website so do have a look.

With prayers and blessings,

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