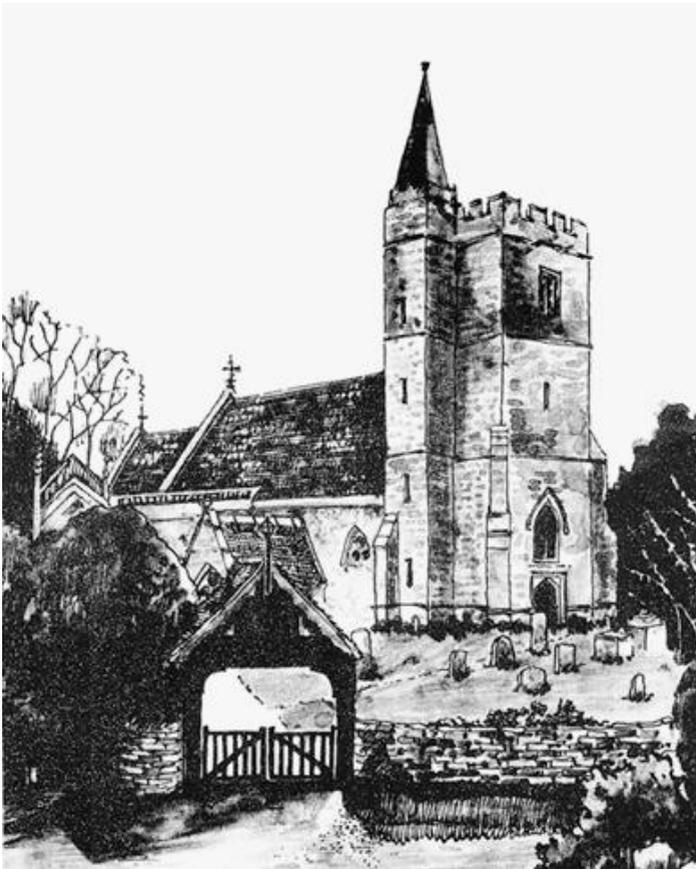


The Forerunner

*The Magazine for the Parish of
Newington Bagpath with
Kingscote*

October

2017



Service Calendar for October 2017

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| Sunday | 1st | Kingscote Nailsworth Nailsworth | 9.30 am 8.00 am 11.00 am | Morning Prayer BCP Holy Communion BCP Harvest Festival Service at Nailsworth School Holy Communion |
| Wednesday | 4th | Nailsworth | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 8th | Kingscote Nailsworth Horsley | 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am | Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Harvest Festival followed by shared Lunch |
| Wednesday | 11th | Nailsworth | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 15th | Kingscote Nailsworth | 9.30 am 10.30 am | Harvest Festival service Joint service at Christ Church |
| Wednesday | 18th | Nailsworth | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 19th | Horsley | 3.15 pm | Messy Church |
| Sunday | 22nd | Kingscote Nailsworth Horsley | 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm | Holy Communion CW Holy Communion Evensong |
| Wednesday | 25th | Nailsworth | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 29th | Kingscote | 11.00 am | Joint Benefice Service |

The **Next PCC Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 14 November** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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| 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 |
| Diocesan Spirituality advisor | liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk |

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

October is the month for harvest Festivals in schools and churches around the country. It is a time when we celebrate the rich variety of food that we have to enjoy and which, for the most part, we take for granted.

In the middle of September, the National Audit Office published a chilling statistic. In a report, they said *“The number of homeless families in the UK has risen by more than 60% and is **likely to have been driven by** the government’s welfare reforms”*.

The recent reforms to the Benefits system, whilst intended to simplify things and reduce so-called ‘fraud’, have had an impact on the disposable incomes of some families, leading not only to increased homelessness but also food poverty.

This has led to an increase in the demand on Foodbanks and the increase in their numbers. There are now over 2,000 nationally.

The Stroud Foodbank covers our area and demand for its help is on the increase. Whilst most of us manage okay, some struggle to feed their families.

This Harvest time we are trying to raise money for the Foodbank. So, at our special Harvest service this month we will be collecting money for the Foodbank. If you would like to help but can’t be there that morning, please contact one of us to make a donation.

Jesus said that he came to bring life in all its fullness. Sometimes we need to reach out to others to help enable that life in all its fullness to be possible. He also said we should love our neighbour as ourselves.

Let’s share this time of plenty with those who don’t have quite as much.

Best wishes,

Rev Mike Smith

Flower Rota

are October 1 and 8
October 15 and 22 HARVEST FESTIVAL
October 29 and November 5

Vivienne Ainsworth
Flower Team
Rachel Grey

*There
no Wed-
dings in
October*

Lorna Reynolds

Brass Cleaning Team

The next session will be on Tuesday 24 October at 2.30 pm.

Teresa Day

Joan Wagner

Christina, Simon and I thank all our friends who attended the funeral service and also for the donations totalling nearly £300 which were donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Lutz

Kingscote Village Fete - Saturday 9 September - 2.00 to 5.00pm

We thank all those who worked long and hard in preparing for and clearing up after the fete, and to the many who attended and participated so generously on the day. Together we raised £1,850 to be used to support Kingscote Church and the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust.

We were fortunate with the sun shining for a couple of hours and rain only stopped outdoor activity at 4.00 pm. The steel band continued to the great pleasure of all to complete their performance at 5.00 pm and we thank them for giving up their time to play for us.

We especially thank Mrs Lorna Reynolds who was such a charming and helpful host, and Jane Nichols who coordinated all of the activity so masterfully.

The PCC and helpers

Village Hall Programme

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 4 October, 10.30 to 11.30 am, coffee and cake £2, all welcome.

Film Night - Tuesday 17 October, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, *The Madness of King George* a highly rated and celebrated film from 1994. Free admission with pay bar.

Paddy Carpenter, an expert from the industry, selects our monthly films from those which are recognised as historically the best, including those recommended by members of the community. Come along and enjoy them - free!

Pauline McTear

Grumbolds Ash

On Monday 23 October we visit the historic parish church at Fairford GL7 4AF to view its famous and quite unique medieval stained glass windows. A possibility for lunch is the Lechlade Garden Centre GL7 3DP. Meet at the Village Hall at 10.30am to share driving.

Jutta Tubbs

Book Club at 8.00 pm

- Tuesday 3 October - 'Conclave' by Robert Harris at Angela's
- Tuesday 7 November - 'Daughters of the Dragon' by William Andrews at Pauline's

Angela Wooldridge

Kingscote Parish Council

The next PC meeting will be on **Tuesday 10 October** at 8.00 pm at the Hunters Hall.

Planning Applications

- Kingscote Barn, Binley Farm - Change of use from agricultural land use to Use Class C1 Hotels and siting of 16 units of accommodation to include 6 eco lodges, 8 glamping pods and 2 shepherds' huts.
- Walnut Farm, Bagpath (formerly Bumpers Island) - Proposed alterations to outbuildings.
- Bagpath Court Cottage - compliance with remaining conditions .
- Bagpath Court Barns - Alteration and extensions of barn and attached stables (with approved ancillary residential unit) to create one independent dwelling

Planning approvals

- Brockhill House, Scrubetts Lane, Bagpath - Erection of two and single storey rear extensions, formation of porch, insertion of side facing dormer window, insertion of first floor side facing window, enlargement of gablets.
- Land SW of Hunters hall, Kingscote - Erection of a hay and fodder store.

Potholes

The clerk to the PC can report potholes for remedial action, but the problem is so widespread and the time involved in locating and communicating a specific pothole makes this impractical. Parishioners are requested to contact the GCC contractor Amey on Tel. 08000 514 514 or e-mail on: gcchighways@amey.co.uk

The Editor for the PC

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.

Poppy Appeal

After decades of dedicated service, Mrs June Hill is retiring from carrying out the house to house collection in Leighterton for the annual Poppy Appeal. If anyone could take over collecting in Leighterton, or knows anyone I could ask, please do let me know.

Also, if anyone might like to take over from me as Poppy Appeal Organiser for Kingscote District (i.e. Kingscote, Bagpath, Leighterton, Lasborough and Calcot), I would be happy to explain what is involved. We collect around £800 each year, so it is well worthwhile.

Sheila Hill, Tel. 861 583

Mobile Post Office

The mobile Post Office parks at the Village Hall between 1.00 and 2.00 pm on Mondays and Thursdays (except on Bank Holidays). It stocks a wide range of mailing materials, and can dispatch all mail and moderate sized parcels.

It also stocks most generally used pro-forma/application forms for government services, and provides financial services for all major banks and currencies, including cheque payments as well as PO savings accounts and insurance.

Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 27 October when the van will park in front of The Walled Garden between 10.30 am and 12 noon.

Weekly Recycling - Green food boxes and wheelie bins

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays.

Fortnightly Recycling - Black boxes, White Bags and Blue bags

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 5 and 19 October.

Fortnightly Waste - Grey wheelie bins to landfill

All current collection points - from 7.30 am on Thursdays 5 and 19 October.

Magazine

Any material which may be of interest for the next issue of the Forerunner should be sent by 20 October to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, Tel. 860 194

The Corn Harvest

Extracts from the book 'Life and Traditions on the Cotswolds' by Edith Brill which is a splendid record of past custom and practice in the countryside.

The significance of the corn harvest, once the most important festival of the agricultural year, has diminished during the last century even as the sheaves of corn as high as a man which once took pride of place in the thanksgiving offerings made to the church Harvest Festival have diminished to a few ears or are not represented at all. Nowadays the combine harvesters have done away with sheaves and stooks, and the making of decorative sheaf-knots to hold the binding of the sheaves together is a forgotten craft.

Corn continued to be cut by hand well into the middle of the nineteenth century on large arable farms, and on the smaller farms until WWI. The sickle with its serrated edge was slower in action than the scythe, but this was compensated by the fact that it did not need continual sharpening.

Reaping with the scythe was more graceful to watch and entailed curving not bending the body. Each man had his own scythe and experience taught him how to adapt it to his own weight and height.

Holidays in the village schools were arranged to coincide with harvest times. The children's work in the fields was necessary as well as cheap. Everyone helped, even the shepherd who was generally considered free of duties outside his own. The corn must be harvested before it becomes over-ripe and everyone understood the urgency. Children led the horses and those whose fingers were too small and weak to tie the sheaves laid the straw rope about them to save the time of the woman or older child following on.

The Harvest supper was the one occasion when the farmer, his family, with the vicar and any of the local gentry who cared to participate, served the workers

including the blacksmith, wheelwright and as many other tradesmen or outsiders as might be said to have had a connection with harvest. The farmer and his special guests sat at the top table, his womenfolk and maids waited on the tables, and others sat in order of importance, the foreman, the head carter, the shepherd nearest the top, the lesser men in order of seniority and descending to the farm boys at the bottom. The meal was of roast beef or mutton, with great dishes of roast and boiled potatoes and greens, and to follow apple pudding or plum duff which had been boiled in the copper. And after the food, mugs freshly filled with beer or cider and pipes lit, came the songs and toasts and then the dancing.

The Editor

Casual remarks have the power to shape people's lives

*Very short extracts from an article by Monsignor Roderick Strange
Professor of theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham
published in The Times on Saturday 16 September.*

Relationships form us. St Paul's line 'The life and death of each of us has its influence on others,' is telling. Our way through life is never solitary. Even the committed recluse is reacting to others, by shying away from them. It can be a valuable exercise to pause occasionally and bring to mind those who have influenced us.

We may think initially of parents, siblings, spouses, grand parents and children. The circle widens. Then there are friends and colleagues, and sometimes strangers whom we have met by chance, but with whom perhaps a casual conversation made its mark, a piece of advice offered or a word of wisdom spoken. The life and death of each of us has its influence on others.

From time to time it is good to recognise those who have influenced us and be grateful. It is relationships that form us.

The Editor

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