

Benefice of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Prayer Diary for February 2016

Prayer Ministry: *Prayer has been offered in all three churches in the Benefice for many generations and continues regularly to this day. If you, or anyone you know, would like prayer for any reason, please ask. (Contact details are on the back page). All requests are kept confidentially, unless mention in the weekly pew slip is requested. Prayer can continue for as long as you would like. Details of prayer times and the prayer circle can be found in each church. All are welcome to be part of this valuable ministry.*

Mon 1 Feb: Pray for migrants on their perilous journeys, and for those they have had to leave behind, too unwell to travel. For worldwide compassion to respond to this huge issue.
Genesis 18:1-15, Matthew 27:11-26

Tues 2 Feb: Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Pray for our four churchwardens; that their meeting tonight is blessed, and that they sense God's love and guidance always, in the decisions they make on our behalf.
Foxes Lane, Kingsclere. Exodus 13:1-16, Romans 12:1-5

Wed 3 Feb: Pray for the work of the Ashford Hill Educational Trust, who are meeting tonight, and that many may benefit, through their support. *Garden Close, Kingsclere.* Genesis 19:1-3, 12-29, Matthew 27:45-56

Thurs 4 Feb: Pray for Revd Ben Read, for his wife Bethan, and their young daughters, preparing to move from Wales, to this benefice, their new home and place of ministry. May they be blessed in all that they do. *Garrett Close, Kingsclere.* Genesis 21:1-21, Matthew 27:57-end.

Fri 5 Feb: Pray for the Deanery trip to Mityana, Uganda, taking place this month, for the flourishing of community projects there, and for the deepening and enriching of friendships. *Galley Lane, Headley.* Genesis 22:1-19, Matthew 28:1-15

Sat 6 Feb: Pray that we may be prompted, always, to see how we could help neighbours; sharing shopping, transport, and through friendship. *George St, Kingsclere.* Genesis 23, Matthew 28:16-end

Sun 7 Feb: Sunday next before Lent. Pray for Junior Church, and for all babies and children who come to our services; that they may find a sense of wonder and joy, and friendly faces, and that they will love it! Help us all be encouragers. *Goose Hill, Headley.* Exodus 33:17-end, 1 John 3:1-3

Mon 8 Feb: Pray that through God's help, we may build up our personal faith, and, through our relationships and engagement with others, grow in humility, gentleness, patience, perseverance and love. *Greenlands Road, Kingsclere.* Genesis 37:1-11, Galatians 1

Tues 9 Feb: Give thanks for all volunteers, in our communities, and for all that they add, to village life. Especially today, for those who run Kingsclere Library, and for their Visiting Author event. *Hardy's Field, Kingsclere.* Genesis 37:12-end, Galatians 2:1-10

Wed 10 Feb: Ash Wednesday. As Lent begins, pray that we remember our strengths and abilities, and put them to use for the benefit of others – as Jesus gave his life for us. *Highams Close, Kingsclere.* Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19, 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Thurs 11 Feb: Pray for all Lent Groups, and gatherings, that all who lead, and all who attend, will come to a deeper sense of God's love and purpose for us all, and a deeper reverence for life itself. *Hollowshott Lane, Kingsclere.* Genesis 39, Galatians 2:11-end.

Fri 12 Feb: Help us in Lent, not to think of giving things up, for our own benefit, but to think of giving; of our time or our money, in support of a good cause. *Hook Road, Kingsclere.* Genesis 40, Galatians 3:1-14

Sat 13 Feb: Pray for those who are awaiting results, treatment, or operations, that they will find strength and courage in what lies ahead, and give great thanks for medical knowledge and skill. *Hollycroft, Ashford Hill.* Genesis 41:1-24, Galatians 3:15-22

Sun 14 Feb: 1st Sunday of Lent. Pray for the electrical work beginning at St Mary's Church, that this beautiful worship space will be enhanced for future generations; give thanks for the time given, by those who have organised the work, and for the skills of the contractors. *Holt Cottages, Ashford Hill.* Micah 6:1-8, Luke 5:27-end.

Mon 15 Feb: Pray for children, and families, at the start of half term, that there will be time for rest, and enjoyment, after the busy-ness of school since Christmas. *Holdrops Hill, Headley*. Genesis 41:25-45, Galatians 3:23—4:7

Tues 16 Feb: Pray for our church wardens, meeting again this evening; inspire and encourage them, as they prepare for the arrival of Rev. Ben Read, that Ben and his family will feel greatly welcomed and supported as they settle in. *Hollybush, Headley*. Genesis 41:46—42:5, Galatians 4:8-20

Wed 17 Feb: Pray for the preservation of our beautiful, fragile earth; as spring approaches help us notice the sheer wonder of nature, of growing things, and wildlife, and to take definite steps to consume less, and waste less. *Keeps Meadow, Kingsclere*. Genesis 42:6-17, Galatians 4:21—5:1

Thurs 18 Feb: Pray for imagination and boldness in engaging new people with Christ's love and goodness, and that the ecumenical group, meeting today for the second time, will be blessed in its hope to do this. *Kevin Close, Kingsclere*. Genesis 42:18-28, Galatians 5:2-15

Fri 19 Feb: Pray for all who will not eat today, for the homeless, and those in financial hardship. Give thanks for the Basingstoke Food Bank, and for all who give of their time and kindness, to support those who use it. *Knightsbridge Drive, Headley*. Genesis 42:29-end, Galatians 5:16-end

Sat 20 Feb: Pray for all the uniformed organisations of our villages: Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Rainbows, Beavers, and for all who lead, enthuse and encourage youngsters in their early years. *King John Rd, Kingsclere*. Genesis 43:1-15, Galatians 6

Sun 21 Feb: 2nd Sunday of Lent. Pray for all who live in sheltered accommodation or residential care, and for loved ones who have to live apart in old age. Pray that all who are responsible for care-giving will be full of compassion at all times. *King John Court, Kingsclere*. Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 11:13-24

Mon 22 Feb: Pray for children and teachers returning to school after half term: that they will feel rested and refreshed, and ready to enjoy teaching and learning. *Kingsclere Business Park*. Genesis 43:16-end, Hebrews 1

Tues 23 Feb: Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c.155. Pray for the schools in our villages (Kingsclere, Ashford Hill, and Cheam) especially for children who are anxious about school and for teachers who feel pressurised, that they will find strength and encouragement. *Knowl Hill, Kingsclere.*
Genesis 44:1-17, Hebrews 2:1-9

Wed 24 Feb: Pray for the small faithful congregation who meet for Holy Communion at Rose Hodson Court each month; give thanks for the joy of the Eucharist, and our freedom in this country to express our faith. *Knowle Cres, Kingsclere.* Genesis 44:18-end, Hebrews 2:10-end

Thurs 25 Feb: Give thanks for the richness of friendship between different age groups; for the playfulness of children and the wisdom and experience of old age. *Larch Drive Kingsclere.* Genesis 45:1-15, Hebrews 3:1-6

Fri 26 Feb: Pray for people everywhere who are struggling, isolated or lonely in their own homes; increase neighbourliness and a watchful spirit. *Greenacre, Kingsclere.* Genesis 45:16-end, Hebrews 3:7-end

Sat 27 Feb: George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633. Give thanks for poets and poetry, and for the richness and insight it can add, to life and faith. *Link Rd Kingsclere.* Genesis 46:1-7, 28-end, Hebrews 4:1-13

Sun 28 Feb: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Help us to use our gifts and talents to enable others, and to be enabled, by others who have the gifts we lack. *The Litten, Kingsclere.* Deuteronomy 6:4-9, John 17:1a, 11b-19

Mon 29 Feb: Pray for God's blessing on the ABC service this morning at St Mary's, and on all activities for pre-schoolers in our villages. *Longcroft Rd Kingsclere* Genesis 47:1-27, Hebrews 4:14—5:10

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