

Please note as next Sunday (30th) is a "fifth Sunday" there will be an additional 8am communion service which this time will be held at St Peter's, Headley.

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Jo Baker; Alan Hambidge, Penny Hartley; Michael Dodd, Helen Williams; Jack Connors and Ivy Pullen
- The family and friends of Alice Warwick, Doreen Pollak, Joan Shaw and Joseph Jack Butler as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Laura & Gunnar who were married in St Paul's on Saturday (22nd)
- Thomas Fearn and his family as he is Baptised in St Paul's today.

This Week:

Tue 25	School Leavers' Service (*K)	10.30am
Wed 26	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Thur 27	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Bible Study Group (*Km)	9.30am
Fri 28	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	2.30pm
Sun 30	Holy Communion (*H)	8am
	Breakfast (*Km)	8.45am
	Morning Worship & JAM OH (*K)	9.15am

K= St Mary's Kingsclere; H = St Peter's Headley

AH = St Paul's, Ashford Hill; Km = Kingsmill Rm;

RHC = Rose Hodson Court; KPS = Kingsclere Primary School

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The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 23rd July 2017

Trinity 6

A warm welcome to all attending worship today. Please take this sheet home for your prayers and information.

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion (Kingsclere)

9.15am Holy Communion with Junior Church (Kingsclere)

10.30am Morning Worship with the Baptism of Thomas Fearn (Ashford Hill)

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading - Exodus 17.1-7

'From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Gospel - Matthew 6.25-34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ²⁵'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat

or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Please do stay after the 10.30 service today for a shared lunch at St Paul's.

A reminder that any completed “Who Cares” cards need to be given to Ben or Emma today please. We still have lots of blank cards so if you have not filled one in yourself please do so. This is an important initiative in our parishes to find out “What hurts the most”. We will, after a period of prayer and discussion hope to respond to these hurts.

The Bible Study group who are meeting each week to look at St Paul's letter to the Philippians are having so much fun that they have decided to continue to meet for a few more weeks! They will therefore meet at 9.30am in the Kingsmill Room on the following dates: Thursday 27th July, Thursday 3rd August and Thursday 10th August. Please do come along and join us.

This year instead of taking a break from Junior Church over the school holidays we are going to run a JAM – OH Club (Jesus and Me – On holiday). Our normal Junior Church Team will be organising scriptural videos to watch (maybe a bit of pop-corn!!),

quiet games, squash and biscuits, bit of music and similar stuff – not our normal Junior Church offering – but a more holiday feel still with an underlying age appropriate Christian element of prayer, worship and thoughtfulness. The timing and logistics don't change, so every Sunday from 30th July through to 3rd September inclusive starting at 9.15am, and ending at the same time as the Morning Service here at St Mary's.

The rota for the next quarter for St Mary's has been sent out via email. Those who usually receive a paper copy will find theirs at the back of church.

Consultation on service changes (at 3 months)

The consultation forms are now available for everyone to feedback their views on how effective the service changes are being at attracting new worshippers. They are available in hard copy (yellow sheets in each church) or are also available to complete on-line (www.clerewoodlands.org.uk/new-services) There will be boxes for paper replies in each church or email them to mjwwatershipdown@msm.com or post to Maggy Wallace, Jada, Union Lane, Kingsclere, RG20 4SS. Please DO let us have all your views - they are very important and will all be carefully considered. Please let me know if you have a problem getting forms or responding. 01635 298794. Thank you. Maggy.

I am delighted to report that our Donations Chest is back in St Mary's in its normal place by the font, having been expertly and beautifully restored after the severe damage caused by vandals. Do inspect it and see how wonderful it now looks. Our grateful thanks go to the very generous restorer (who wishes to remain anonymous) who has carried out the extensive work with no cost to the church. Eileen Selsey

There will be a Music Activity Day for Primary School aged children (and early secondary school aged children) at St Paul's Church on 16th August between 10 and 4pm. Lots of fun things to do including crafts, games and playing instruments. Cost £10 per child. If you would like to book a place speak to Vanessa Martin on 01635 299227

Some people in our deanery are planning a trip to Mityana in February 2018—approximately 8th-18th but these dates are not definite at the moment. If anyone would like to take part in the trip to our link deanery in Uganda please do speak to Ben.

As the Kingsclere Church Fete draws nearer the planning team are working hard to organise the day - but have a specific request for donations for the Tombola, including bottles. Please leave your donations in the box in the Kingsmill Room, or give them to Eileen Selsey