

Please note Rev Ben will be on leave between 5th and 15th August. In his absence please speak to the Churchwardens (details on the back page of this pewslip). Emma will also be on leave between 5th and 20th August. Pewslips will be done in advance, so if you have any urgent notices please pass them to the person taking the service that day.

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Penny Hartley; Michael Dodd, Helen Williams and Jack Connors
- The family and friends of Joan Shaw, Joseph Jack Butler and Ivy Pullen as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Omari, his parents and family as he is baptised in St Mary's today.

This Week:

Wed 9	Holy Communion (*RHC)	11.30am
Thur 10	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Bible Study Group (*Km)	9.30am
Fri 11	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	2.30pm
Sun 13	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Breakfast (*Km)	8.45am
	Morning Worship & JAM OH (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*H)	10.30am

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 6th August 2017

Trinity 8

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

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion (Ashford Hill)

9.15am Morning Worship with JAM OH Club and Baptism of Omari Elie (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm - Psalm 145.8-9,15-22

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures.

14 The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand and fill all things living with plenty.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

21 The Lord watches over those who love him, but all the wicked shall he destroy.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Gospel - Matthew 14.13-21

¹³When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Notices

The Bible Study group will meet at 9.30am in the Kingsmill Room for the final session in this series, on Thursday 10th August. Please do come along and join us. Another set of studies will start again in September - look out for further information nearer the time.

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 until the 3rd September during the 9.15 Morning Service here at St Mary's.

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

We were pleased to have received two letters from young people apologising for the recent damage they caused to St Mary's church. We accept their apologies and promises that they will not cause any further damage, and hope that they are still able to feel welcome in St Mary's in future.

Please do come along to the next Prayer and Praise evening on 18th August in the Kingsmill Room at 7.30pm.

There will be a Day of Prayer for the Benefice on Friday 25th August. Please put the date in the diary, and look out for more details in the coming weeks.

As the Kingsclere Church Fete draws nearer the planning team are working hard to organise the day - but have a two specific requests for donations: The first is for items for the Tombola, including bottles. Please leave these donations in the box in the Kingsmill Room, or give them to Eileen. The second is for Cakes. Bags are available from Pam to package the cakes, and then please bring them to the Kingsmill Room on the morning of the fete, or call Pam on 299743 to arrange to drop them off earlier if necessary.

There will be no "Toast for Tots" sessions over the summer holidays - the first session of the new term will be Wednesday 6th September.

On 17th September following the 9.15am Harvest Celebration service in Kingsclere you are welcome to join us for board games, and then a **Roast Beef Dinner** (vegetarian option available) in the Kingsmill Room. Tickets will be £10 per Adult and £5 per child, and are available from Pam, Emma or Sarah.

On 24th September there will be no morning service in Ashford Hill, but there will be a café style Harvest Service with bring and share supper at 6pm.

Harvest will be celebrated in Headley on 8th October at the 10.30am service.

We are looking forward to the first Messy Church of the new academic year which will be held on Tuesday 19th September at 3.30 at Kingsclere Primary School. The theme will be "Peace and comfort". If you are able to help please do come along to the briefing on 3rd September following the morning service in St Mary's.