

The October issue of the diocesan newsletter "Live the Mission" is available in all three churches today.

Thank you to all those involved in the Harvest Roast Dinner at St Mary's last Sunday - a great time was had by all. The money raised (after expenses) will be donated to Hope Now. Our next social event will be the trip to the Pantomime on 2nd December at 2pm. Tickets are £15 per person and will need to be booked before the end of October to secure the special price (usually £24 each). Please see Emma if you would like to come along. All are welcome

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Penny Hartley; Jack Connors and Ralph Cook
- The family and friends of Joseph Jack Butler, Ivy Pullen and Ralph Dellor as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Bryony as she prepares to be licenced as a LLM for our benefice on 14th October

This Week:

Mon 25	Kingsclere PCC (Vicarage)	7.30pm
Wed 27	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Thur 28	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Bible Study (*K)	1.30pm
Fri 29	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 1	Holy Communion (*AH)	8am
	Breakfast (*Km)	8.45am
	Holy Communion with Junior Church(*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 24th September 2017

Trinity 15

A warm welcome to all worshipping with us 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)

6pm Café Style Harvest Worship & Supper (Ashford Hill)

Collect of the Day

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Joshua 24:14-24

"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an

end of you, after he has been good to you.”

But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.”

Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

“Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”

Gospel - Matthew 7.13-23

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

Jesus said: “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognise them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognise them.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Harvest will be celebrated in St Peter’s Headley on 8th October during the 10.30am communion service.

Kingsclere Methodist Church would like to invite their friends from our benefice to share with them at their Harvest Supper on Saturday 30th September at 6pm in the Methodist Church Hall. It will be a Faith Supper and those who would like to attend are just asked to bring

along a Plate / Dish / Bowl of food to share. Soft Drinks and Coffee will be provided. There will be Donation Box and we will also hold a Raffle . All proceeds will go to the "All We Can" Methodist Relief and Development Harvest Appeal 2017.

The Bible Study group meets on Thursdays at 1.30pm in the Kingsmill Room and this term are looking at Mark’s Gospel. All are welcome.

We are very much looking forward to Bryony being Licensed as an LLM at the service in Winchester Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 14th October. We are looking into the possibility of organising a coach. If you are planning on going please sign up on the lists at the back of each church, and we will then advise if there are enough people to make a coach feasible. If not we can arrange to share lifts.

On 7th October at 2pm we will be holding a **Music Afternoon** in St Mary’s. It is open to everyone, and will be a fun afternoon playing instruments and singing - bringing together people who would like to be involved in leading worship through music. All are welcome to come along and have a go!

Please see enclosed date list, which you can take home and keep. It shows dates for the Autumn Programme of Prayer and Praise evenings in the Benefice, as well as “Bible Book Club”. These evenings are meant as stand-alone sessions (you can come to as many or as few as you like) and will be a discussion around bible readings - a bit like a book club!

If anyone has any clean jam jars please can you leave them in the Kingsmill Room for Sheliah Openshaw? She has been making chutneys and other goodies but her stock of jars was depleted for the fete, and she still has plenty of things to make!

Zozulenka, the Ukrainian music group will be visiting St Mary’s again this year for another fantastic concert on 23rd October at **7pm**. Please do put the date in your diaries - if you came along last year you know it is not to be missed! We are looking for people to host the visitors for the night after the concert, and provide them with breakfast the following morning. If you are able to do so please speak to Emma or Bethan.

On Friday 6th October at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) there will be a service in Winchester Cathedral celebrating 25 years of St Michael’s Hospice and the work they do. If you would like to attend, please register your interest on their website www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/Winchester_Cathedral.html or if you do not have internet access please speak to Emma who will be able to do it for you.

Please note that from September Ben has changed his day off and will now usually be unavailable on a Saturday. We will advise of any changes in the pewslip if there are any changes (or example when there is a Saturday wedding).