

Cedar Tree Counselling is a Christian organisation based in Basingstoke, seeking to provide a professional counselling service showing God's love and care for the community. They are looking for volunteer receptionists for just 2-3 hours a week. If you are interested in helping please see the information sheets on each church noticeboard.

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Penny Hartley; Jack Connors and Ralph Cook
- The family and friends of Joseph Jack Butler, Ivy Pullen, Ralph Dellor and Charlie Landi as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Bryony as she prepares to be licenced as a LLM for our benefice next week
- Ally Magill and Charlie Vey who were married in St Paul's yesterday (Saturday 7th)

**This Week:**

Mon 9	Bible Book Club (*Km)	7.30pm
Wed 11	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Thur 12	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Bible Study (*Km)	1.30pm
Fri 13	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 15	Holy Communion (*H)	8am
	Breakfast (*Km)	8.45am
	All Age / Messy Worship (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*K)	11am

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 8th October 2017**

**Trinity 17**

*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 Morning Worship with Junior Church (Kingsclere)**

**10.30am Harvest Communion (Headley)**

**Collect of the Day**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 - Deuteronomy 8.7-18**

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig-trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

**Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 9.6-15**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap

generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

“He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.”

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

### **Gospel Reading - Luke 12.16-30**

Jesus told the people a parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable are you than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”

“Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.”

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the Harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Notices**

We are very much looking forward to Bryony being Licensed as an LLM at the service in Winchester Cathedral at 11am next Saturday (14th October). A coach has now been booked, and all those who had indicated they would like to attend have been contacted. If you would like to reserve a place on the coach and have not already done so please contact Emma Rivers. Thanks to a very generous anonymous donation towards the cost of the coach, the price per person will be around £6.

All are welcome to the first in the series of “Bible Book Club which takes place tomorrow (9th October) at 7.30pm in the Kingsmill Room. Each session is meant as a stand-alone evening meaning you don’t have to commit to a whole series. Just read the book, and then turn up and discuss it. The first evening will look at the book of Jonah.

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 have a block booking of tickets for “Beauty and the Beast” - this year’s Pantomime at the Corn Exchange, Newbury on 2nd December at 2pm. Tickets are £15 per person. All are welcome to come along, including family and friends. Please book your tickets with Emma Rivers by the end of October to secure the special price (usual cost £24).

We have been working on updating our email system as many of you have had problems sending or receiving emails from the clerewoodlands address. There are now new email addresses which are as follows for Ben:

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There is no need to send to more than one address, as all get delivered to the same inbox. The old clerewoodlands email addresses will still work for a while, but are temperamental so please avoid using them if possible. We hope to phase them out by the end of the year. You will notice that you are able to use the new addresses to access the website too (for instance [www.stpetersheadley.co.uk](http://www.stpetersheadley.co.uk)). If you have any queries on the new email addresses please speak to Emma.