

'Generous God, Generous People' has been written to help us reflect on what it means to live as generous Christians. There is a 5 week course of daily bible readings for personal use available to download for free: www.generousgod.org Over a period of five weeks the daily Bible readings are used to explore the following themes: Generous God, Generous People, Generous Giving, Generosity towards others, Principles for Generous people to live by.

Christmas Day Lunch - we will be hosting a traditional Christmas Lunch, on Christmas Day, for people and couples who will be on their own this Christmas. If you would like to join us, or know someone who might, please contact Pippa or Gavin Ashton on 01635 298448 / 07775 903214. There are also sign up sheets in the Kingsmill Room and at Rose Hodson Court. Cost £7 per person.

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Penny Hartley; Jack Connors and Ralph Cook
- The family and friends of Ralph Dellor and Charlie Landi as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.

This Week:

Tue 7	Bible Study (K)	9.30am
Wed 8	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Thur 9	Bible Book Club (*K)	7.30pm
Fri 10	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 12	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Service of Remembrance (*K)	10.50am
	Service of Remembrance (*AH)	10.50am
	Service of Remembrance (*H)	3pm

K= St Mary's Kingsclere; H = St Peter's Headley
 AH = St Paul's, Ashford Hill; Km = Kingsmill Rm;
 RHC = Rose Hodson Court

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The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 5th November 2017

All Saints

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 (Ashford Hill)

9.15am Holy Communion with Junior Church (Kingsclere)

4pm Commemoration of the Departed (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

First Reading - Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

Then the angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near

the other all night long.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Second Reading - 1 John 2.12-14

I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Gospel - Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain-side and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

A huge thank you for all prayers and encouragement during my training for Licensed Lay Ministry. Thank you too for the cards, prayer and good wishes for my licensing at Winchester Cathedral last Sunday. It is an immense privilege to be an LLM (you can call me the old name of Reader if you like!) here in the benefice. The course has been challenging, and wonderfully enriching. I look forward to working with Ben, and with all of you; all

of us being encouraging and welcoming in our many different ways, the church very much the heart of village life. Bryony

Prayer Diaries for November are available in each church today, as well as on the benefice website.

All are invited to the Commemoration of the Departed service which is being held in St Mary's this evening. Refreshments will be served from 3pm with the service starting at 4pm. If you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service please let Bryony know

The next Bible Book Club will take place in St Mary's at 7.30pm on Thursday. This time we will look at 1 John.

Our next Messy Church takes place on Tuesday, 5th December at Kingsclere Primary School. There will be a briefing meeting after today's 9.15am service for those that are able to help at Messy Church.

Thank you to all who came along to the Autumn Colours concert in St Paul's last weekend. It was a fantastic evening, and over £1200 was raised, to be split between Ashford Hill School and St Paul's Church.

Please do pick up the information sheet explaining what is happening in St Mary's regarding building maintenance over the coming months. Should you have any questions please do speak to Nick Selsey.

New service pattern: final review stage of first 6 months.
Please see the letter (on yellow) dated October 2017 regarding the review of the new service pattern. It is available in paper copy in all 3 churches, or on the web-site, or from mjwwatershipdown@msn.com

Due to the Remembrance Service taking place at 10.50am next Sunday (12th November) there will be no breakfast at St Mary's, and no Junior Church during the service either.

Please note that Morning Prayer will now be said in St Marys on a Wednesday instead of a Thursday (beginning this week, 8th November)

We are thinking of arranging a "ladies retreat" in the Spring of 2018 which will include an overnight stay. If you would be interested in taking part, please let Emma know. Dates and locations are yet to be decided, at this stage we are just gauging interest. The format of the retreat will depend on the needs of those attending, but the thought is to include some time for bible study, prayer, perhaps creative activities and of course fellowship.

Cameraderie, an organisation set up to encourage fellowship between the three churches in Kingsclere meets once every other month for an afternoon. Janet Sturgess has been St Mary's representative, but as she has moved away she will be stepping down at the end of the year, and we need to find a replacement. If anyone would be interested in helping to organise these meetings, please speak to Emma who will put you in touch with the representatives from the Methodist and Catholic congregations.

The Bishops Commission for Mission (BCM) programmes for both Pastoral and Worship will run again in the spring in the Andover Deanery. For anyone that is interested in finding out more about this lay training there is a taster day at Over Wallop Church Hall (nr Stockbridge) on 4th December 7.30-9.30pm. Please speak to Emma Rivers for more details.