

The December issue of "Live the Mission" the Diocesan newsletter is available on the noticeboards in each church today.

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, Jack Connors, Ralph Cook and Bob Newbery
- The family and friends of Ralph Dellor, Charlie Landi, Keith Whiteman and Penny Hartley as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Zoe Williams and Alfred Robinson who are to be baptised in St Mary's today

This Week:

Mon 20	ABC (*K)	9.30am
	Kingsclere PCC (*Vicarage)	7.30pm
Tues 21	Bible Study Group (*K)	9.30am
Wed 22	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Fri 24	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 26	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Morning Worship	
	and Junior Church (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*AH)	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

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The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 19th November 2017

2nd Sunday before Advent

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 (Headley)

9.15am All Age / Messy Church with Baptism (Kingsclere)

11am Holy Communion with Baptism (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Exodus 16.1-8

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD'S hand in Egypt! There we sat round pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

Second Reading - 1 John 2.15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives for ever.

Gospel - Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’

“‘Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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Notices

Very many thanks to everyone for their good wishes, for the lovely painting of St Mary's and the magnificent bouquet especially as chrysanthemums are one of my favourite flowers. The painting will be a permanent reminder of all the lovely people involved with St Mary's and my happy times spent there. God bless you all,. Love, Janet

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 choirs at Kingsclere and Cheam schools are organising a Charity Carol Service which will be hosted by Clare Balding, and will be fundraising for Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. Tickets are available online www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/208670 and are priced £10 plus a booking fee and include mulled wine and a mince pie. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to buy a ticket please speak to Emma Rivers.

Janet Larkins will be visiting Mityana in February with a group from the deanery and building on our links with the church in Kyakowe. She'll be taking some gifts and practical items with her. There will be a cakes and craft sale in the Kingsmill Room on Saturday 2nd December from 10:00 to 12:30 to fund some of these items. Can you help by donating cakes, preserves or Christmas crafts? Are you able to help on the day? Janet 01635 297813

Ben will be at Butlers Garage in Ashford Hill on 6th December between 9am-12 noon and is available for people to pop in and see him if they would like to.

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.