

The December issue of "Live the Mission" the Diocesan newsletter is available on the noticeboard 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, Joan Corneby and Penny Hartley as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.

**This Week:**

Mon 27	AHwH PCC Meeting (*Vicarage)	7.30pm
	Private Hire (*AH)	9am-5pm
Tues 28	Bible Study Group (*K)	9.30am
Wed 29	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Thu 30	Bible Book Group (*Km)	7.30pm
Fri 1	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 3	Holy Communion (*AH)	8am
	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

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## The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

### Sunday 26th November 2017

#### Sunday next 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 (Kingsclere)

#### 9.15am Morning Worship with Junior Church (Kingsclere)

#### 10.30am Holy Communion (Ashford Hill)

#### Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Old Testament – Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses replied, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?' But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?'

Then Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

#### New Testament – 1 John 2:18-27

Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. But you

have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the anti-christ – denying the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.

And this is what he promised us – eternal life. I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit – just as it has taught you, remain in him.

### **Gospel - Matthew 25.31-46**

Jesus said: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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#### **Notices**

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.

We are still in need of a representative from St Mary's church to help organise the “Cameraderie” meetings once every other month. If you can help 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](http://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—Please do come along! If anyone can help by donating cakes, preserves or Christmas crafts please contact Janet - 01635 297813

The next Bible Book Club will be held on Thursday 30th in the Kingsmill Room at 7.30pm, and will be on the book of Malachi. Please read this very short book of the bible before the session, and come along to discuss it - all are welcome!

Please note, Ashford Hill Church has been hired for the whole day tomorrow (27th November) and therefore will be unavailable for church use.

Thanks to those who have expressed an interest in a “ladies retreat” in the Spring of 2018. If you would be interested in taking part but haven't yet let Emma know please do so.

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 for more details.