

The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 3 1st December 2017

Christmas I

*A warm welcome to all worshipping with us today.
Please take this sheet home for your prayers and information.*

Today's Services

9.15 Morning Worship (Kingsclere)

10.30 Holy Communion (Headley)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.
Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

Gospel - John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his

This Week:

Wed 3	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
Fri 5	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 7	Holy Communion (*AH)	8am
	Holy Communion with Junior Church (*K)	9.15am

K= St Mary's Kingsclere; H = St Peter's Headley
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name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

It's time to renew your 200 Club membership, please. One payment of £12 gets you a chance to win £50, in the monthly draw. How about a ticket for a friend or relative, as a surprise present? If you are already a member, we just need your money. If it's a new ticket, then we need contact details as well. No limit to how many tickets you can get! Please contact Les or Maggy Wallace at: mjwwatershipdown@msn.com or Jada, Union Lane, Kingsclere RG20 4SS. 01635 298794.

Friday 19 January 2018 Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night, 7 for 7.30. Fieldgate Centre. Tickets from Butchers. Get a team together.....great night out.

Toast for Tots has now finished for the Christmas holidays. We will be back again on the 10th January.

We will be running a "Life Explored" course for those who are exploring Christianity, and will be inviting everyone who comes to church over Christmas. There are 7 sessions, starting on Thursday 11th January at 7.30pm in the Kingsmill Room. Please keep the course in your prayers, and do invite your friends and family, or come along yourself!

The time of New Year Resolutions is fast approaching. Anyone who is resolving to read more and would like a book every 2 months chosen for them this group is ideal. We meet for a meal in a village pub and talk about the book we have read amongst other things. We get our books from the library which costs each of us £ 1.50 per year and we take it in turns to choose the next one which makes gives us a variety on our list. Our next meeting is in early January and we have 1 vacancy if anyone is interested. sheilah@stardis.co.uk

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, Penny Hartley and Derek Puffett as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.