

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Ralph Cook and Bob Newbery
- The family and friends of Ralph Dellor, Charlie Landi, Keith Whiteman, Joan Corneby, Penny Hartley, Derek Puffett, Rev Peter Robbins and Beatrice Pollard as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- The "Life Explored" course

## The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

**Sunday 7th January 2018**

### Epiphany

*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)**

**9.15 Holy Communion (Kingsclere)**

### Collect of the Day

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 - Matthew 2.1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a

### **This Week:**

Tue 9	Bible Study Group (*Km)	9.45am
Wed 10	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Thur 11	Life Explored Course (*Km)	7.30pm
Fri 12	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 14	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Morning Worship with Junior Church (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*H)	10.30am

K= St Mary's Kingsclere; H = St Peter's Headley

AH = St Paul's, Ashford Hill; Km = Kingsmill Rm;

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dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## Second Reading - Mark 1.1

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices

We will be running a "Life Explored" course for those who are exploring Christianity, for those who have questions, or those who just want to sit and listen to the conversations. 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!

**Growing our Faith** - Tuesday 9th January, Lent Term Bible study: Genesis. Meeting in the Kingsmill Room at 9.45 a.m. for coffee and study.

Thank you very much to all those of you who have already paid your 200 Club monies for 2018 - we've had a really good response, so far. The coffers remain open for those of you still wishing to take part....roll, roll up.....**NB We have an unidentified £12 in cash (in an envelope labelled for Les Wallace) with no name/details attached. Could the owner kindly identify themselves, so we can make sure their ticket gets included in the draw.** Please contact Les or Maggy Wallace at: [mjwatershipdown@msn.com](mailto:mjwatershipdown@msn.com) or Jada, Union Lane, Kingsclere RG20 4SS. 01635 298794.

We have learnt of the death of Rev Peter Tyndall Robbins who was vicar of Kingsclere 1983-1990. His funeral will take place in Lichfield on Tuesday 9th January. Any donations in aid of the Stroke Association and Christian Aid to James Giles (Funeral Directors) Bromsgrove 01527 872318. Our prayers are with his family at this time.

We are also saddened to learn of the death of Beatrice Pollard, a long standing member of our church. Her funeral will be held in St Mary's at 12 noon on 30th January following her cremation.

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 begins again this Wednesday, 10th January at 9.30am following the Christmas Break.

Thank you to everyone who donated during the Christmas Services in the benefice to "Real Change not Loose Change" a project to help the homeless in Basingstoke. We have been able to send a donation of £685.

After four years of producing the benefice prayer diary, Bryony and Evelyn will be taking a break in the new year. This will be a good chance to review it. Thoughts and comments to Ben, Evelyn or Bryony please.

Did anyone make a New Year Resolution to read more? If you would like a book every 2 months chosen for them our reading 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 contact Shelia on [sheilah@stardis.co.uk](mailto:sheilah@stardis.co.uk)

Now we have come to the end of 2017, Emma is beginning to compile the reports for various church groups for the Annual Report. Please send your report (via email if possible) to her by the end of February but ideally as soon as possible.

The dates for the annual meetings of both PCCs are as follows:

Kingsclere - 16th April 7pm for 7.30pm start  
Ashford Hill with Headley - 23rd April 7pm for 7.30  
There are vacancies on Kingsclere PCC and so please do pray about who might be able to fill those places. If you would like any further information on what is involved please do speak to Ben or one of the Churchwardens. There are currently no vacancies on Ashford Hill with Headley PCC, but should there be more nominations than available places an election can take place.

**5 Ways to Boost your Happiness - Women's Morning of Encouragement.** God made us and knows exactly how we tick, so you are invited to look at what the Bible, and latest health experts say about being happier. Tuesday February 20th at 9.30am at the Clock Barn, Whitchurch. Tickets £10. For more details speak to Emma Rivers who can forward on booking information.