

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
- Couples attending our Marriage Preparation Evening this week
- James and Maci who are to be baptised in St Mary’s next Sunday 21st January

**This Week:**

Mon 15	ABC (*K)	9.30am
Tue 16	Bible Study Group (*Km)	9.45am
	Marriage Preparation (*Km)	7.30pm
Wed 17	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
	Holy Communion (*RHC)	11.30am
Thur 18	Life Explored Course (*Km)	7.30pm
Fri 19	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 21	Holy Communion (*H)	8am
	All Age / Messy Worship (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion & Baptism(*K)	11am

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

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## The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

### Sunday 14th January 2018

#### Epiphany 2

*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 (Kingsclere)

#### 10.30am Holy Communion (Headley)

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

#### Gospel - Mark 1.1-13

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

It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way” –  
“a voice of one calling in the desert,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’”

And so John came, baptising in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert for forty days, being tempted

by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

## Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices

The first "Life Explored" session (for those who are exploring Christianity, for those who have questions, or those who just want to sit and listen to the conversations) took place this week, and continues each. Thursday for 6 more sessions at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings in the Kingsmill Room. Please keep the course in your prayers, and invite your friends and family, or come along yourself!

**Growing our Faith** - Bible study on the book of Genesis continues in the Kingsmill Room on Tuesday 16th at 9.45a.m. for coffee and study. Please do come and join us!

The first "Bible Book Club" of 2018 will take place on 23rd January at 7.30pm in the Kingsmill Room. This session will look at St Paul's letter to the Colossians.

All are welcome at an evening of Prayer and Praise - on 29th January at 7.30pm in the Kingsmill Room.

The Prayer Group have organised a Day of Prayer and Fasting on 26th January. All are welcome to join us for all or just part of the day as we pray for the benefice at the start of the new year. The day begins at 9.30am in the Kingsmill Room, and then will visit different places in the benefice as follows: 11.30 Butlers Garage, 12.30 St Paul's Church, 2pm St Peter's Church, 4pm Vicarage.

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:  
[mjwwatershipdown@msn.com](mailto:mjwwatershipdown@msn.com) or Jada, Union Lane, Kingsclere RG20 4SS. 01635 298794.

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, and have received a heart-felt thanks from those leading the project.

We are 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.

Janet Larkins will be going to visit our partner village in Uganda and taking best wishes and gifts with her. There are 2 ways to contribute if you would like to:

- Enjoy delicious home made soup in the Kingsmill Room on Sunday 28th January from 12 noon to 2 o'clock
  - Donate something to send there. Lists of what to donate are at the back of church. Please sign up & then bring donations on either 21st or 28th January. Items will be auctioned in Kyankowe to raise funds for the church there
- Very many thanks for your help.

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.

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:  
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.

At their meeting this week, the PCC in Kingsclere discussed the following:

- Progress on the youth work in Kingsclere, with a visit planned from "The Bus of Hope"
- Initiatives which have been held or are planned as part of our response to the "Who Cares" Survey last year
- The final feedback on the changes made to services and reasons behind the change including Ben's talk at the beginning of last week's service
- The fabric of the building and projects planned, particularly the redecoration
- The financial accounts for 2017