

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, and Ralph Cook
- The family and friends of Joan Corneby, Penny Hartley, Derek Puffett, Rev Peter Robbins, Beatrice Pollard, Susan Hiscock, Maureen Smith, Assunta Holder and Dorothy Drew as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- The "Life Explored" course
- Bonnie who is to be baptised in St Mary's today
- Nina and Daniel on the birth of Luna (a new granddaughter for Steve & Chrissy)

This Week:

Mon 29	Prayer & Praise (*Km)	7.30pm
Tue 30	Bible Study Group (*Km)	10am
	Funeral of Beatrice Pollard (*K)	12 noon
Wed 31	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Thur 1	Life Explored Course (*Km)	7.30pm
	Funeral of Assunta Holder (*K)	12 noon
Fri 2	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30
	Funeral of Maureen Smith (*K)	12.30pm
Sun 4	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; KPS = Kingsclere School

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The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 28th January 2018

Epiphany 4 / Presentation of Christ

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 Baptism (Kingsclere)

10.30am Holy Communion (Ashford Hill)

Collect of the Day

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

Reading - Mark 1.29-45

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all who were ill and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: 'Everyone is looking for you!'

³⁸ Jesus replied, 'Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come.' ³⁹ So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him

on his knees, 'If you are willing, you can make me clean.'

⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ 'See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.' ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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Notices

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

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 today from 12 noon to 2 o'clock
- Donate something to send there. Lists of what to donate are at the back of church. Items will be auctioned in Kyankowe to raise funds for the church there. Very many thanks for your help.

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

We are delighted that on May 6th at 9.15am in Kingsclere, Bishop David will preach, and will also confirm several members of our church. If you are interested in being confirmed at that service too please speak to Ben.

The "Bus of Hope" is a Christian organisation that works with young people in and around Newbury. It's aim is to be "somewhere to go, something to do, and someone to talk to" for young people in the area. We are excited that we are able to secure a visit from the bus for the young people in Kingsclere for an initial period of once a month for 4

months, but need to have a small team of trained volunteers to staff it to be able to confirm the bookings. The training evening for these volunteers will take place in Newbury on 22nd February at 7.15pm. Please do think about whether you are able to help with this project for the young people in our villages. If you are interested in helping, or finding out more please speak to Ben or Emma.

Women's World Day of Prayer is on 2nd March, and the service will be held at St Mary's at 2.30pm. All are welcome, men and women. Jane Freeman, Diana Tait and Eileen Selsey have started the planning, but would welcome you if you would like to be involved. Would you like to read, or help with props, setting up, baking cake for the tea? Do please contact one of us if you are interested. Many hands make light work!

Now we have come to the end of 2017, Emma is beginning to compile the reports for various church groups for the Annual Report in both parishes. 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.

For many years the refectory at Winchester Cathedral has been staffed by volunteers, including from parishes in the diocese. Diana and Rod have represented Kingsclere for a very long time, but their slots have now been taken by University of Winchester students. Thank you to them both for representing our church, as well as others who have helped out over the years.

The February edition of "Live the Mission" is available in each church today.

Saturday 24th February 2018, 7.30 - 9.30 pm – Return Performance by the FB Pocket Orchestra of hot jazz, blues, ragtime and popular dances from the 1920s/30s at St Andrew's Church, Hurstbourne Priors. Ticket Price £15 (children under 16 free) Includes a drink and canapés. Contact Jeremy Goad jeremy@thegoads.co.uk or 07748107320 for tickets