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For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, and Ralph Cook
- The family and friends of Beatrice Pollard, Susan Hiscock, Maureen Smith, Assunta Holder, Dorothy Drew and Leslie King as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- The "Life Explored" course

This Week:

Mon 5	Burial of Ashes Joan Corneby (*H)	4pm
Tue 6	Bible Study Group (*Km)	10am
Wed 7	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
	Funeral of Dorothy Drew (*K)	11.30am
Thur 8	Life Explored Course (*Km)	7.30pm
Fri 9	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30
Sun 11	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 = Kingmill Rm;

RHC = Rose Hodson Court; KPS = Kingsclere School

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The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 4th February 2018

2nd before Lent

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)

9.15am Holy Communion (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Reading - Mark 2:1-17

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralysed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ 'Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, 'Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up, take your mat and walk"? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the man, ¹¹ 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.'¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow

me,' Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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!

Thank you to all those that enjoyed the soup lunch last weekend, an amazing £208 was raised to be donated to our partner village in Uganda. Thank you too for all the items that have been donated for Janet to take with her when she visits Kyankowe.

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.

There will be a service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday (14th February) at 7.30pm in St Peter's, Headley.

Our Lent course "Live Lent - Let your light shine" will begin the following week, and will take place at 7.30pm in the Kingsmill Room on the following dates:

Tuesday 20th Feb

Wednesday 28th Feb

Tuesday 6th March

Tuesday 13th March

Tuesday 20th March

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!

Please do remember to send any reports for inclusion in the Annual Report (for either parish) to Emma via email if possible 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.

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll in both parishes will take place before the APCM. If you are not on the roll but would like to be please complete the form on the church website, or fill out a paper form. Those already on the roll only need let us know if your details have changed, or if you wish to be removed from the roll. The deadline for any amendments is the 28th March. Please contact Chrissy Green (Kingsclere) or Rachel Chamings (Ashford Hill with Headley) our electoral roll officers, or Emma if you need any other information

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. Several people are going from our benefice so lifts will be available if necessary.

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.