

“The Life of Christ” is an outdoor drama re-enacting the remarkable events of Jesus’ life. It is set in the grounds of the Wintershall Estate in Surrey and runs from 19-23rd June 10am-3.30pm. Costs are £20 per adult, £18 Senior Citizen (65+) and £9.50 Child (3-18). We are thinking of getting a group of people to go together from our churches. If you are interested in going along please let Emma know and we will arrange a trip!

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Ralph Cook and Marian Baxter
- 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
- Janet as she visits Kyankowe, our deanery link village in Uganda

This Week:		
Tues 13	Funeral of Leslie King (*AH)	10am
Wed 14	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
	Ash Wednesday Communion (*H)	7.30pm
Thur 15	Life Explored Course (*Km)	7.30pm
Fri 16	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30
Sun 18	Holy Communion (*H)	8am
	All Age / Messy Worship (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*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 11th February 2018

Sunday 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 (Kingsclere)

9.15am Morning Worship (Kingsclere)

10.30am Holy Communion (Headley)

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel - Mark 2:18-28

¹⁸ Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, ‘How is it that John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?’

¹⁹ Jesus answered, ‘How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

²¹ ‘No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. ²² And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.’

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some ears of corn. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?’

²⁵ He answered, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.’

²⁷ Then he said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for

man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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!

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.

Thank you to those that have already volunteered for the "Bus of Hope", we are still looking for volunteers to help once a month between April and July. The Bus 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. The training evening for 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 week after, 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

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

Please note there will be no Tuesday Bible Study this week due to it being Half Term.

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 wel-

come 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!

Our next Prayer and Praise will be held on 16th March at 7.30pm in St Paul's, Ashford Hill. We are looking forward to welcoming a guest speaker, John Wright who will share his testimony, and speak as well as having time for worship and prayer ministry..

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 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 wardens. 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), or Emma if you need any other information

A blank Rota for March - May is available at the back of St Mary's today, and online. Please do sign up for the empty spaces (there is a note next to it showing how many of each type of role is needed for each week) or click "volunteer" online. Emma will collect the paper version and finalise after the services on 18th February then send out to everyone. The February rota has been sent already - let Emma know if you have not received it.

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. Contact Jeremy Goad 07748107320 or jeremy@thegoads.co.uk for tickets.

Please note the service in Kingsclere on March 11th will be our Messy Service as it falls on Mothering Sunday, meaning March 18th will be a service of Morning Worship.