

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Ralph Cook, Marian Baxter and Jane Turner
- 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 returns from Kyankowe, our deanery link village in Uganda

This Week:

Mon 19 ABC	9.30am
Tues 20 Drop in (Butlers Garage, AH)	2-5pm
Lent Group (*Km)	7.30pm
Wed 21 Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Holy Communion (*RHC)	7.30pm
Thur 22 Life Explored Course (*Km)	7.30pm
Fri 23 Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30
Sun 25 Holy Communion (*K)	8am
Morning Worship (*K)	9.15am
Holy Communion & Baptism (*AH)	10.30am

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 18th February 2018

Lent I

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 (Headley)

9.15am Messy Worship (Kingsclere)

11am Holy Communion (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 - Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising for Kyankowe which Janet has been able to take with her on her visit. We are pleased to report that she has been able to take £956 with her, which included

£90 from Don's "Winter Quiz", as well as all the other fundraising events which Janet organised and funds donated from the PCC. This will be used for a women's project in Kyankowe, the school, community and church along with some bibles, training and reading glasses to resource a bible study there too.

The "Life Explored" sessions 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 those that have already volunteered for the "Bus of Hope", which is coming to our benefice once a month between April and July. If anyone else is interested in helping, or finding out more please speak to Ben or Emma.

Our Lent course "Live Lent - Let your light shine" will begin this week at 7.30pm in the Kingsmill Room, and continues for 5 weeks 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.

Next Tuesday (20th February) please come along to a Women's Morning of Encouragement "5 Ways to Boost your Happiness". You are invited to look at what the Bible, and latest health experts say about being happier. 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.

We are hosting this year's service for the Women's World Day of Prayer here at St Mary's on 2nd March at 2.30pm. Do please come along - the theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good'. Everyone is welcome, men and women, and there is tea and cake afterwards! The service has been written by the women of Suriname - so come and find out a little about this beautiful country

We look forward to welcoming John Wright, as a guest speaker to the next Prayer and Praise evening on 16th March at 7.30pm in St Paul's. John will speak on his journey of faith that has led him from being a businessman to speaking to complete strangers about his faith.

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

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.

Two new email addresses have been set up for our LLMs, Bryony and Steve. They would be grateful if you could use these in future. They are shown on the back of this pewslip, and will remain there in future for reference.

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 today then send out to everyone. The February rota has been sent already - let Emma know if you have not received it.

If you order anything from the Bible Society, we would be grateful if you could quote our church code 12209. This will enable us to receive funds from them under their "More than a Book" programme, at no extra cost to you.

Hampshire County Council fostering and adoption team are looking for specialist Respite Carers for children with a range of needs, including physical disabilities, medical care, learning difficulties and autism. They have seen a downturn in the number of families able to offer this important care, and need more regular carers.

Leaflets are available from the back of each church today showing the readings over Lent and Easter. If you would like an electronic copy please ask Emma.

In March, the 9.15am services in Kingsclere will not quite follow the usual pattern: On 11th March, we will have a Messy Worship for Mothering Sunday, and then Morning Prayer on the 18th March (with Junior Church). 8am and 11am Communion Services are unaffected.