

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Ralph Cook, Marian Baxter and Jane Turner
- The family and friends of Maureen Smith, Assunta Holder, Dorothy Drew, Leslie King, Graham Fox and Jean Swinnerton as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Robert Cowell who will be baptised in St Paul's today

This Week:

Tues 27	Deanery Synod (*K)	7.30pm
Wed 28	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
	Funeral of Graham Fox (*K)	11.30am
	Lent Group (*Km)	7.30pm
Thur 1	Bible Study (*Km)	10.15am
	Funeral of Jean Swinnerton (*K)	11.30am
Fri 2	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30am
	Womens World Day of Prayer (K)	2.30pm
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 25th February 2018

Lent 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 with Baptism (Ashford Hill)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel - Luke 1:28, 46-56

²⁸ The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'

⁴⁶ And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants for ever, just as he promised our ancestors.'

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts

which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Notices

Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising for Kyankowe which Janet was able to take with her - an amazing £956, 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.

Our Lent course "Live Lent - Let your light shine" continues at 7.30pm in the Kingsmill Room, on the following dates:

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.

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.

A reminder that all reports for inclusion in the annual report for either parish need to be with Emma by the end of the coming week please.

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 Chryssie Green (Kingsclere) or Rachel Chamings (Ashford Hill with Headley), or Emma if you need any other information

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.

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. If you are interested in finding out more please contact 0300 555 1384.

Leaflets are available from the back of each church 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.

If you are planning on buying Easter Eggs this year, why not give The "Real Easter Egg"? It is a fairtrade chocolate egg which comes with a booklet explaining the good news of Jesus' resurrection for all ages. We have a small stock of them for anyone that would like to buy one, or if we need more can place an order. They cost £3.99 each. If you would like to buy some, please speak to Emma.

A ladies retreat is planned for the weekend of 21/22nd July. This will involve an overnight stay, some time for fellowship and some guided input (time for prayer, activities/craft and perhaps bible study - exact content is to be confirmed) at St Columbas House, in Woking, Surrey. The cost which will include all meals, the input and overnight stay will be approximately £90-£100 per person, but may reduce the more people that go. If you would like to attend, or just find out more information at the moment please speak to Emma. If you would like to come along but would find the cost prohibitive please speak to Ben.