

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Ralph Cook, Marian Baxter and Jane Turner
- The family and friends of Leslie King, Graham Fox, Jean Swinnerton, Kirsty Broadhurst and Pat Dunn as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Caroline & Keith who were married in St Marys yesterday Saturday 10th
- Those attending Messy Church this week as well as the leaders and volunteers running it.

**This Week:**

Tues 13	Bible Study (Km)	9.45am
	Funeral of Kirsty Broadhurst (*K)	1pm
	Messy Church (*KPS)	3.30pm
	Lent Group (*Km)	7.30pm
Wed 14	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Fri 16	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30am
	Prayer & Praise (*AH)	7.30pm
Sun 18	Holy Communion (*H)	8am
	Morning Worship	
	& Junior Church (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion & Baptism (*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 March 2018

#### Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

*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 Messy Worship for Mothering Sunday (Kingsclere)

##### 10.30 Holy Communion (Headley)

#### Collect of the Day

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

#### Reading - Exodus 2.1-10

A man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

"Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

## Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices

The last two sessions of the Lent course “Live Lent - Let your light shine” take place at 7.30pm in the Kingsmill Room, on the following dates:

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. This will be the only service in the Benefice that day (so no 8am in Ashford Hill). Those being confirmed and their families invite you to join them after the service for a celebratory coffee and cake in the function room at the Crown pub in Kingsclere.

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.

Please join us for a Seder Meal at St Paul's Ashford Hill on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. We hope as many as possible can come. A few salads or desserts will be needed. Please email Susie on: [susiesainsbury@gmail.com](mailto:susiesainsbury@gmail.com) if you are able to help or indeed be part of it.

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.

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

“Live the Mission” - the Diocesan newsletter is available on the noticeboards in each church today. If you would

like your own copy (electronic or paper) please speak to Emma.

The next “Drop In Surgery” will be held in the Community Shop, Headley on 19th March between 12.30 and 3pm. Please do pop in and see Ben if you would like to chat to him.

We would like to invite all sidespeople, welcomers, and vergers who help in St Mary's to the Kingsmill Room on 20th March at 3.30pm. There will be refreshments, and will be a thank you for your work in our church.

St Mary's Kingsclere has the Bronze Environmental award, thanks mainly to the hard work of Janet Sturgess. To carry on this work we have been offered places on a workshop looking at “Caring for God's Creation”. It's free and allows people to share ideas and gather resources to bring back to the parish. It's on 12th April 7-9pm (refreshments from 6.30pm) at Old Alresford Place. Please do let Emma know if you would like to attend.

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.

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.

At their meeting this week, the PCC in Kingsclere:

- Welcomed Steve Wells, headteacher at Kingsclere School for an update on the school and heard the fantastic news that they have been awarded “Outstanding” on their recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools) inspection.
- Discussed youth work including a holiday club and the Bus of Hope
- Approved the annual accounts and PCC report ahead of the annual meeting.
- Approved costs to begin preparatory work on the re-ordering of the church
- Supported the decision of the Fabric Committee to award the tender for the re-decoration of the main part of the church.