

# The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

**Sunday 1st April 2018**

**Easter Day**

*A warm welcome to all worshipping with us today. Please take this sheet home for your prayers and information.*

## Today's Services

**8am Easter Communion (Headley)**

**9.15am Easter Communion (Kingsclere)**

**10.30 Easter Communion (Ashford Hill)**

## **Collect of the Day**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

## **Gospel Reading - John 20.1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she

### **This Week:**

Wed 4	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Fri 6	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30am
Sun 8	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Morning Worship & Baptism (*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 = Kingsmill Rm;

RHC = Rose Hodson Court; KPS = Kingsclere School

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did not realise that it was Jesus.

“Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Notices**

We are very much looking forward to the Bus of Hope visiting Kingsclere for one evening a month over the next 4 months. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help staff the Bus. We would now like to set up a network of prayer supporters who are able to pray for the work of the Bus on the evenings it is in the village. If you are able to do this, please speak to Emma or Ben. The dates when the Bus will visit will be 19th April, 10th May, 14th June and 19th July.

The annual report and accounts for both parishes are available in the churches today. Many of you will have received an electronic copy already and so we have printed fewer copies than in previous years to save paper and printing time. If you would like a copy either electronically or on paper please do contact Emma.

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.

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.

St Mary's Kingsclere has the Bronze Environmental award, thanks mainly to the hard work of Janet Sturges. 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.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written a Pastoral letter for Holy Week and at the end of the safeguarding hearing in the Diocese of Chichester. There are copies available in each church, but if you require a copy electronically please do ask Emma.

A reminder please for anyone who would like to attend the Ladies Retreat (July 21/22nd) at St Columbus House, Woking and hasn't already let Emma know to please contact her as soon as possible so that final numbers can be confirmed. The day will include a guided session as well as time for prayer and fellowship, food and an overnight stay. Cost approximately £80-£100 depending on numbers, but if you would like to attend and would be prohibited by costs please do speak to Ben.

### **For your prayers:**

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Ralph Cook, Marian Baxter, Jane Turner and Marion Butler
- The family and friends of Graham Fox, Jean Swinerton, Kirsty Broadhurst, Pat Dunn and Freda Melbourne as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Esther Green who is to be baptised in St Mary's next Sunday (8th April)