

The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 13th May 2018

Easter 7

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

This Week:

Mon 14	Prayer & Praise (Km)	7.30pm
Tue 15	Early Morning Prayer (*K)	7am
	Bible Study Group (*Km)	9.45am
Wed 9	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
	Holy Communion (*RHC)	11.30am
Thu 17	Evening Prayer (*AH)	8.30pm
Fri 18	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30am
Sat 19	FOSM Plant Sale (*K)	9.30am
	Prayer Stations (*K)	2pm
Sun 20	Holy Communion (*H)	8am
	All-Age Messy Worship with Thanksgiving and Baptisms (*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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Today's Services

8am Holy Communion (Kingsclere)

9.15am Morning Worship with Junior Church (Kingsclere)

10.30am Holy Communion (Headley)

Collect of the Day

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel - Mark 3:1-11

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. ² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shrivelled hand, 'Stand up in front of everyone.'

⁴ Then Jesus asked them, 'Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?' But they remained silent.

⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. ⁸ When they heard all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. ⁹ Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. ¹⁰ For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. ¹¹ Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, 'You are the Son of God.'

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

We are part way through “Thy Kingdom Come” - a national call to prayer for Christians everywhere to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. We hope you have been able to attend some of the events in our benefice since Ascension Day, but please see the separate leaflet for details of this week’s events, such as tomorrow evening’s Prayer and Praise, Early Morning Prayer on Tuesday, Evening Prayer on Thursday and Prayer Stations on Saturday. Next Sunday (20th May) at 7.30pm a celebration service will be held in Winchester Cathedral at the end of the Novena. Tickets for the event are free, but must be booked, so if you would like to go along please speak to Ben or Emma.

PLEASE NOTE: The Prayer Stations which will be set up in St Mary’s on 19th May as part of Thy Kingdom Come will now be open between 2 and 4pm (not from 12 noon as originally advertised). This is to make sure that those who might want to watch the Royal Wedding on TV can do so before coming along!

The Prayer Diaries for May are available in each church this week and on the website. If you would like an electronic copy please speak to Bryony.

Thank you to all who donated through the collection last Sunday at the Confirmation service. We raised over £300 which will be split between the Diocese of Winchester Companion Links and Hope Now and will support work overseas.

Congratulations to Vanessa for organising an amazing concert on Saturday 28th April featuring the Reading Male Voice Choir with additional solo performances by Annie Wheeler, Stephanie Hinson, Eira Jones and Kate Izzard. It was a fantastic evening celebrating music of the highest standard and two young very talented singers, a flautist and a contrabassoonist. If you weren’t there you missed a real treat.

The ladies retreat details have been confirmed, and all

those who have indicated they would like to go should have received an email with details - including details of deposit payment. If anyone else would like to join us for a day and night away (21/22nd July) at St Columbas House, Woking full of fellowship, time for prayer and some time to think (including all meals etc) then please do let Emma know as soon as possible. The cost for the retreat is £100 per person but if you are interested in attending and find the cost prohibitive please speak to Ben.

A blank rota for St Mary’s for June and July is at the back of church today. Please do fill in your name in against the services you are able to help at. We are still in need of an extra person (or two) to work the amplification system - please speak to Emma if you are willing to learn about the system and be on the rota.

Thank you to the happy band of ladies who came and helped spring clean St Peters on Friday. It was much appreciated as Wally and Roy have retired. Penny

Are you creative? Would you like to put your skills to use in church? We currently have two 2-week gaps in the flower rota for 2018 (27 May/3 June and 16th/23rd September) where none of our usual fantastic flower arrangers are available. It would involve arranging flowers in the stand by the pulpit, and then checking on them the second week to refresh if necessary. There is a fund available so costs can be covered, or perhaps you would like to use home-grown flowers? If you are able to help please speak to Emma Rivers - either to cover one or both of these dates, or to join the team of arrangers for the future.

For your prayers:

- Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Ralph Cook, Marian Baxter and Marion Butler
- The family and friends of Pat Dunn, Freda Melbourne, Joyce Wilson, Beryl Dyer and Roy Castelli as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on their wedding day (Saturday 19th)
- Elliott, whose birth we will thank God for in St Mary’s next Sunday (20th), as well as Aled and Florence who are to be baptised at the same service.