

spread...yum yum - but not compulsory!!), tea and coffee. The children have a variety of toys to play with and make lots of new friends. We end with nursery rhymes and singing. Come and visit us - we'd be delighted to see you. Talk to Maggy or Jane if you are interested...or just drop in....all ages very welcome.

For your prayers:

- Those who are ill or suffering: Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Marian Baxter, Marion Butler, Mary Sneyd, Joe Carey, Sue and Kyle & Brooke O'Brien
- The family and friends of David Hunt and Ralph Cook as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Kate and Elliott who were married in St Paul's yesterday (22nd September)

**This Week:**

Mon 24	Kingsclere PCC Meeting (Vicarage)	7.30pm
Tue 25	Bible Study (*Km)	9am
Wed 26	Morning Prayer (*K)	9am
	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Fri 28	Morning Prayer (*H)	9am
	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30am
	School Harvest Service (*AH)	2pm
Sun 30	Harvest Worship (*K)	9.15am
	Harvest Worship (*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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## The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

**Sunday 23rd September 2018**

**Trinity 17**

*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)**

**6pm Harvest Worship & Supper (Ashford Hill)**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 - Genesis 37:12-36**

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, <sup>13</sup> and Israel said to Joseph, 'As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them.'

'Very well,' he replied.

<sup>14</sup> So he said to him, 'Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me.' Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, <sup>15</sup> a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, 'What are you looking for?'

<sup>16</sup> He replied, 'I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?'

<sup>17</sup> 'They have moved on from here,' the man answered. 'I heard them say, "Let's go to Dothan."'

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. <sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

<sup>19</sup> 'Here comes that dreamer!' they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> 'Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams.'

<sup>21</sup> When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. 'Let's not take his life,' he said. <sup>22</sup> 'Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him.' Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

<sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe – the ornate robe he was wearing – <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and

saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

<sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, 'What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.' His brothers agreed.

<sup>28</sup> So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels<sup>[a]</sup> of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

<sup>29</sup> When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup> He went back to his brothers and said, 'The boy isn't there! Where can I turn now?'

<sup>31</sup> Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup> They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, 'We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe.'

<sup>33</sup> He recognised it and said, 'It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.'

<sup>34</sup> Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. <sup>35</sup> All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. 'No,' he said, 'I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.' So his father wept for him.

<sup>36</sup> Meanwhile, the Midianites<sup>[b]</sup> sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices

Bryony White will be standing down from all public ministry from October, for an indefinite period of time. This is because she needs to spend more time with her parents in Worcestershire who are in poor health. We're so grateful that Bryony will continue to play an active part in our services and our church family by continuing home communions and worshipping with us.

We look forward to welcoming a guest speaker, John Lenton to our Harvest Worship in Ashford Hill today at 6pm. Sandwiches will be provided, but please do bring "finger food" to share for supper.

Next Sunday, 30th September, Harvest celebrations will take place during both the 9.15am service in Kingsclere and the 10.30am service in Headley. There will be an opportunity to donate either food or money to the

Basingstoke Foodbank At the moment, the Foodbank is running short of the following items and would particularly welcome these for the people they help, although any tins would be gratefully received:

- Tins or Sachets of cooking sauces
- Long Life Sponges or packet desserts
- Tinned Fruit
- UHT Fruit Juice
- UHT Longlife Milk
- Marmite and Peanut Butter
- Savoury Crackers
- Tinned Tomatoes

There will be no 8am service on this day

Please note, some work will be carried out to the area around the west door at St Mary's on Tuesday and Wednesday. During this time it will not be possible to use the door, and there can be no access to the organ loft, cleaning cupboard, flower room or entrance lobby. Access via the vestry and/or Kingsmill Room will still be possible.

We are still looking to appoint new foundation governors at Kingsclere Primary School. We need to have someone who can represent our church and ensure the Christian ethos in the school is woven through everything the children and staff do. If you would like to find out more about what is required please speak to Emma or Ben.

Over the coming months there will be Supper, Prayer and Praise evenings at East End Farm, East End (near East Woodhay/Woolton Hill) at 7.45 - 9.30pm. These will take place on 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December. All are welcome. Please let Emma or Ben know if you would like to attend so we can advise the hosts for catering.

We are starting a new group for young people of secondary school-age which will include bible study and activities (plus snacks of course!) from 4.45-6pm on a Thursday roughly every fortnight. Please contact Ben or Emma if you would like to come along as the venues may change depending on the needs of the group. Dates for this term are as follows: 4th October, 18th October, 1st November, 15th November, 29th November and a special end-of-term celebration on 13th December.

If you are not a teenager but would like to attend bible study in Kingsclere don't forget the Tuesday Group which meets in the Kingsmill Room at 9.15 each week. This term we are looking at the book of Acts.

Or in Headley.... We would love you to come and join us for a weekly evening of Bible discussion and prayer starting on Wednesday 26th September 7 for 7.30pm at the home of Christine and Geoff: Kirinyaga, Ashford Hill Rd, Headley, RG19 8AJ. Pudding will be available at 7pm. We will be starting with 8 weeks looking at The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) so please have a read beforehand if you can. All welcome! Looking forward to seeing you there. Christine, Geoff and Kate. 07941 809567

Why not drop in and see Toast for Tots on a Wednesday morning? We're here, in the Lady Chapel, from 9.30 - 11am. Plenty of toast (+ peanut butter with chocolate