

Christmas Story and activities (as well as a yummy fair-trade chocolate behind each window). If you would like to order please contact Emma Rivers. More details are on the posters available in each church.

The October Prayer Diary is available online and in the churches this weekend. Please do pick one up!

Bacon Buddies - a group for the men of the benefice will meet at Little Nellies Diner at 8.30am on 20th October and 24th November. Please do let Joel or Ben know if you would like to go along.

For your prayers:

- Those who are ill or suffering: Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Marian Baxter, Mary Sneyd, Joe Carey and Kyle & Brooke O'Brien
- The family and friends of David Hunt, Ralph Cook and Marion Butler as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Caroline and Jonathan who were married in St Paul's on Saturday (6th)

This Week:

Tue 9	Bible Study (*Km)	9am
Wed 10	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Thur 11	Funeral (*K)	1.30pm
Fri 12	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30am
Sun 14	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Morning Worship (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*H)	11am

K= St Mary's Kingsclere; H = St Peter's Headley

AH = St Paul's, Ashford Hill; Km = Kingsmill Rm;

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The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 7th October 2018

Trinity 19

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 (Ashford Hill)

9.15am Holy Communion with Junior Church (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 39:20-40:23

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favour in the eyes of the prison warder. ²² So the warder put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warder paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

¹ Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt. ² Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them.

After they had been in custody for some time, ⁵ each of the two men – the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison – had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own.

⁶ When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, 'Why do you look so sad today?'

⁸ 'We both had dreams,' they answered, 'but there is no one to interpret them.' Then Joseph said to them, 'Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.'

⁹ So the chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream. He said to him, 'In my dream I saw a vine in front of me, ¹⁰ and on the vine were three branches. As soon as it budded, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes.

¹¹ Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup and put the cup in his hand.'

¹² 'This is what it means,' Joseph said to him. 'The three branches are three days. ¹³ Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. ¹⁵ I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.'

¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that Joseph had given a favourable interpretation, he said to Joseph, 'I too had a dream: on my head were three baskets of bread. ¹⁷ In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.'

¹⁸ 'This is what it means,' Joseph said. 'The three baskets are three days. ¹⁹ Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and impale your body on a pole. And the birds will eat away your flesh.'

²⁰ Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: ²¹ he restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand – ²² but he impaled the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation.

²³ The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

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.

Several of our church family enjoyed the Supper, Prayer and Praise evening at East End Farm this week. These events will also take place in November (7th) and December (5th) at 7.45 - 9.30pm. All are welcome. Please contact Marie-Pauline Mckinnon if you would like to attend on mp@eastendfarm.co.uk. If you would like to go but don't have access to email please speak to Emma.

Our new group for young people of secondary school-age including bible study and activities has started! If you know someone who would like to come along from 4.45-6pm on a Thursday roughly every fortnight, please contact Ben or Emma. Dates for the rest of this term are as follows:

18th October, 1st November, 15th November, 29th November and a special 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 on Wednesdays at 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 looking at The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) so please have a read beforehand if you can. All welcome! Christine, Geoff and Kate. 07941 809567

A blank rota covering November to January for St Mary's is available in church today, along with a little note explaining what is required. Please do fill in your name where you are able to help in our services. If you would like any information about what is required of each of the "roles" please speak to Ben, one of the wardens or Emma.

After many years of service, (in fact so many we can't remember how long!) Chrissy is stepping down from her post as Electoral Roll officer for Kingsclere. Our thanks to her for her hard work over all that time. This means we are now looking for someone to take over. They will need to be happy with spreadsheets and emails as a lot of the electoral roll forms now come in from the church website and if anyone has database experience that would be a real bonus! The new Electoral Roll officer would need to be appointed by the PCC and start to work with Chrissy soon in order to take over the roll after Christmas so it is completed before the APCM in March/April. This year is a full revision which only happens every 7 years so subsequent years won't be as much work. If you would like to know more please speak to Chrissy, Emma or Ben.

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

The work on the re-plastering and re-decoration of the main body of St Mary's is scheduled to take place from 22nd October until just before Christmas. Due to a lot of the work being done at height, the church will be out of action apart from Sunday services (and we may need a little patience and flexibility then too!). All groups that usually meet in church have been informed and alternative plans made, but please bear it in mind. Any questions please speak to Nick Selsey or Emma.

"The Real Advent Calendar" is available to order. It costs just £3.99 each, and comes with a booklet containing the