

We have had some wonderful flower arrangements in St Mary's throughout the year thanks to the ladies on the flower team . We would welcome new members to our team – you do not have to be professional. So – if you have an interest in anything floral, plant based, or any form of art or craft, you may like to expand your skills and join us. Please contact Pam Kitch on 299743 for more information.

For your prayers:

- Those who are ill or suffering: Freda Savin; Alan Hambidge, Marion Baxter, Mary Sneyd, Joe Carey and Kyle & Brooke O'Brien
- The family and friends of David Hunt, Ralph Cook and Marian Butler as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.

**This Week:**

Mon 5	AHwH PCC meeting	7.30pm
Tue 6	Bible Study (*Km)	9.15am
Wed 7	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Thu 8	Bus of Hope (*K)	6.45pm
Fri 9	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30am
Sun 11	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Remembrance Service (*AH)	10.50am
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	Remembrance Service (*H)	3pm

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 4th November 2018**

**4th Before Advent**

*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**

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 42:1-26**

<sup>1</sup>When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, 'Why do you just keep looking at each other?' <sup>2</sup>He continued, 'I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.'  
<sup>3</sup>Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. <sup>4</sup>But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. <sup>5</sup>So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also.  
<sup>6</sup>Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognised them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he asked. 'From the land of Canaan,' they replied, 'to buy food.'  
<sup>8</sup>Although Joseph recognised his brothers, they did not recognise him. <sup>9</sup>Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, 'You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected.'  
<sup>10</sup>'No, my lord,' they answered. 'Your servants have come to buy food. <sup>11</sup>We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies.'  
<sup>12</sup>'No!' he said to them. 'You have come to see where our land is unprotected.'  
<sup>13</sup>But they replied, 'Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and

one is no more.'

<sup>14</sup> Joseph said to them, 'It is just as I told you: you are spies!' <sup>15</sup> And this is how you will be tested: as surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. <sup>16</sup> Send one of your number to get your brother; the rest of you will be kept in prison, so that your words may be tested to see if you are telling the truth. If you are not, then as surely as Pharaoh lives, you are spies!' <sup>17</sup> And he put them all in custody for three days.

<sup>18</sup> On the third day, Joseph said to them, 'Do this and you will live, for I fear God: <sup>19</sup> if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here in prison, while the rest of you go and take grain back for your starving households. <sup>20</sup> But you must bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words may be verified and that you may not die.' This they proceeded to do. <sup>21</sup> They said to one another, 'Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come on us.'

<sup>22</sup> Reuben replied, 'Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood.' <sup>23</sup> They did not realise that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter.

<sup>24</sup> He turned away from them and began to weep, but then came back and spoke to them again. He had Simeon taken from them and bound before their eyes.

<sup>25</sup> Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to put each man's silver back in his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. After this was done for them, <sup>26</sup> they loaded their grain on their donkeys and left.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices

The next meeting of "Bacon Buddies" - a group for the men of the benefice - will be at 8.30am on 24th November at Little Nellies Diner. If you'd like to go along please do let Joel or Ben know.

The Prayer diaries for November are now available in the churches. If you would like an electronic copy please speak to Emma Rivers.

Don't forget the upcoming Supper, Prayer and Praise evenings at East End Farm in November (7th) and December (5th) at 7.45 - 9.30pm. All are welcome. Please contact Marie-Pauline Mckinnon to book on [mp@eastendfarm.co.uk](mailto:mp@eastendfarm.co.uk). If you would like to go but don't have access to email please speak to Emma.

## Autumn Sprinkles" Concert 20th October 2018

We had some lovely performances and all very different too. Thank you so much for coming those who could make it. Thank you so much to all the amazing helpers who made it work, what a great team! The concert produced over £1,000 (and rising) to be equally shared between Riding for the Disabled (Kingsclere) and St Pauls. Our next concert is on April 27th 2019 at 7pm Angela Moore and friend, a dual harp concert. Vanessa.

The Bus of Hope visits Kingsclere again this week (Thurs 8th at 6.45-8.30pm) in the Bowls Club car-park. We look forward to welcoming our young people on board! Please pray for the volunteers and young people attending. If you feel you might be able to help with Bus of Hope occasionally, please do speak to Ben. There is a training session taking place in Newbury on Tuesday 6th and those who are interested are welcome to take part. Volunteers need to have completed this training and have a DBS check done before working on the Bus.

Please note that Holy Communion at Rose Hodson Court will now take place on 14th November (not 21st as previously advertised).

We are still looking for someone to take over the Kingsclere Electoral Roll when Chrissy steps down in April. The PCC will need to appoint a new officer at their meeting on November 12th, so if you are interested in taking this on, please speak to Chrissy, Ben or Emma as soon as possible.

"The Real Advent Calendar" is available to order. It costs just £3.99, and comes with a booklet containing the 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. Please order before 11th November to ensure delivery in time for Advent.

We've had a fantastic suggestion from a member of the congregation that perhaps we could buy extra Advent Calendars and donate them to the Basingstoke Foodbank. The foodbank are delighted with the idea! If you would like to pay for an extra calendar that we can then donate please speak to Emma before the 11th November too.

We are looking to send a donation to Kyankowe, our partner village in Uganda, when Rev. Dodie visits in February. Could you invite a few people for a meal in November and ask them for a donation? Or would you like to be a guest? We're aiming for 20 events - a chance to get together with friends and meet new people. For more information talk to Janet Larkins (01635 297813) or sign up in the Kingsmill Room.