

The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 11th November 2018

3rd Before Advent / Remembrance

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)

10.50am Service of Remembrance (Kingsclere)

10.50am Service of Remembrance (Ashford Hill)

3pm Service of Remembrance (Headley)

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Second Reading - Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

This Week:

Mon 12	Kingsclere PCC meeting	7.30pm
Tue 13	Bible Study (*Km)	9.15am
Wed 14	Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
	Holy Communion (*RHC)	11.30am
Fri 16	Prayer Group (*Km)	9.30am
Sun 18	Holy Communion (*H)	8am
	All-Age Messy Worship (*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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⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

⁶ He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Notices

Chris Kipling, who has been helping us with contemporary worship in St Mary's for the last 18 months will finish his secondment with us soon. His last service with us will be 2nd December. To thank him for all his hard work we would like to give him and Ruth a gift. If you would like to make a contribution please pass your donation to Sarah, Andrew, Emma or Ben before 25th November.

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.

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

BBC Children in Need are staging a "Rickshaw Challenge" and will be coming through Kingsclere on Monday morning. Hot drinks and croissants will be available in the churchyard to warm up those watching the challenge! If you aren't able to come along and watch perhaps consider catching it on "The One Show" on BBC One at 7pm that evening!

On Thursday, 15th at 6pm St Mary's Bellringers will ring a Remembrance Alliance Major to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice.

We are still looking for someone to take over the Kingsclere Electoral Roll when Chryssie 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 Chryssie, 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.

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 today to enable us to take delivery in time for Advent.

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.

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.

The Bishop of Winchester's Christmas appeal is raising funds to build a new Hospice in Winchester where there is currently no hospice provision. If you would like to know more about the fund, or donate please visit the website www.justgiving.com/fundraising/winchesterchristmasappeal If you would like to donate but don't have access to the internet please speak to Emma Rivers.

We have been contacted by Melanie, daughter of Mary Georgina Marshall previously of Kingsclere to inform us that sadly Mary has passed away. Melanie wanted to let those who knew Mary in the village know.

For your prayers:

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