

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.
- Samantha and James who were married in St Paul's yesterday (24th)
- Esme whose birth we will thank God for during the 9.15am service today.
- The Benefice Vision Day on 9th February

This Week:

Please note the Kingsmill Room is out of action this week so groups that usually meet in the room have moved elsewhere or have been cancelled. Please contact Emma Rivers if you are unsure of where/if your group will be meeting.

Sun 1	Holy Communion (*H)	8am
	Holy Communion (*K)	9.15am

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 25th November 2018

Sunday next 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 (Kingsclere)

9.15am Morning Worship (Kingsclere)

11am Holy Communion (Ashford Hill)

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading - Genesis 45:1-15

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, 'Make everyone leave my presence!' So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still living?' But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come close to me.' When they had done so, he said, 'I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.^[a]

⁸ 'So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, "This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me – you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Other-

wise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.”

¹² ‘You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honour accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.’

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterwards his brothers talked with him.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

Chris Kipling, who has led us in 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 next Sunday, 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 **today** please.

The next Messy Church at Kingsclere School will take place on 4th December from 3.20pm. Please do come along for crafts, activities, worship and a shared hot meal. If you are able to help please speak to Sarah Mussett. All volunteers are invited to the briefing meeting in St Mary's after the service next Sunday (2nd December) to hear more about the theme and what's required.

Thank you to everyone, young and older, who has joined in with the fund raising meals for Kyankowe. Hope you had lots of fun. Please bring the donations you collected to church next Sunday (2nd December). Thank you! Janet Larkins

After Christmas a couple of our regular helpers are stepping down from the coffee rota. Therefore we are looking for people to help after the 9.15am services. Hopefully this will be just once a month. Please speak to Margaret Peach if you are able to help.
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On 9th February there will be a Vision Day for the whole benefice. This will be an opportunity for people to pray about and discuss where we feel the focus for our churches will be over the coming years, and what we need to do in order to get there. Please do put the date in your diaries, more detail will be given nearer the time.

As the Vision Day will be so important in shaping our churches for the future, we want to make sure that we dedicate some time for prayer beforehand. On 7th December there will be a day of prayer for the whole benefice. We will begin at 9am with Morning Prayer in Headley, then move to Ashford Hill for 11.30am. Between 1 and 4pm we will be in the Kingsmill Room. There will also be a further prayer day on 18th January—details on times and locations will follow.

The next meeting of “Cameraderie” will be on Wednesday 5th December 2018, when The Woolton Hill Handbell Ringers will join us for an early Christmas Celebration. Come along and join us for what promises to be a very entertaining afternoon. We will be serving a Christmas Tea and there will be a raffle, which is all included in the £2.00 entrance fee. We look forward to seeing you at 2.30 pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. Pam Kitch – 01635 299743

The December Prayer Diary is available in the churches this weekend. Please do pick up a copy, or ask Emma if you'd like to receive it electronically.

All are invited to Supper, Prayer and Praise on 5th December at East End Farm 7.45-9.30pm. All are welcome. Please contact Marie-Pauline Mckinnon to book on mp@eastendfarm.co.uk. If you would like to go but don't have access to email please speak to Emma.

The next stream of the Bishops's Commission for Mission (BCM) will start in February. This is an 8 week programme for lay-people to develop their skills and become commissioned by the Bishop of Winchester for your role. There are 4 streams available in the spring—Discipleship, Pastoral, Worship and Children, Families, Youth. Please see the leaflets at the back of each church for more information or speak to Ben.

Are you away over the Christmas period? Lesh Stapley's sisters are visiting the UK and are looking for somewhere to stay. They would be happy to help with house or dog-sitting while they are here. If you are able to offer somewhere for them to stay please contact Lesh on 07867897116

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.

After such a successful week this year, we have been able to book Pulse Ministries to come back to Kingsclere in 2019 to run another Holiday Club. Please put the week of the 12th August in your diaries, and think about how you might be able to help when the time comes!

The readings list until the end of January is available in each church today. Please do pick up a copy or if you would like it to be sent electronically email Emma who can send it on.