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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 Bill Hull as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- The Benefice Vision Day on 9th February

This Week:

Please note the Kingsmill Room is out of action again 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.

Tue 4	Messy Church (*KPS)	3.20pm
Wed 5	Supper, Prayer & Praise	7.30pm
Fri 7	Prayer Day (*H)	9am
	Prayer Day (*AH)	11.30am
	Prayer Day (*K)	1-4pm
Sun 9	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Morning Worship (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*H)	11am
	Christingle & Party (*K)	4pm

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 2nd December 2018

Advent I

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 (Headley)

9.15am Holy Communion (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading - Genesis 49:1-28

Then Jacob called for his sons and said: 'Gather round so that I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come. ²'Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob; listen to your father Israel.

³'Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, the first sign of my strength, excelling in honour, excelling in power.⁴Turbulent as the waters, you will no longer excel, for you went up onto your father's bed, onto my couch and defiled it.

⁵'Simeon and Levi are brothers – their swords^[a] are weapons of violence. ⁶Let me not enter their council, let me not join their assembly, for they have killed men in their anger and hamstrung oxen as they pleased. ⁷Cursed be their anger, so fierce, and their fury, so cruel! I will scatter them in Jacob and disperse them in Israel.

⁸'Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down to you. ⁹You are a lion's cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness – who dares to rouse him? ¹⁰The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. ¹¹He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. ¹²His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk.

¹³'Zebulun will live by the seashore and become a haven for ships; his border will extend towards Sidon.

¹⁴'Issachar is a scrawny donkey lying down among the sheepfolds. ¹⁵When he sees how good is his resting place and how pleasant is his land, he will bend his shoulder to the burden and submit to forced labour.

¹⁶'Dan will provide justice for his people as one of the tribes of Israel.¹⁷Dan will be a snake by the roadside, a viper along the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its

rider tumbles backwards. ¹⁸ 'I look for your deliverance, LORD.

¹⁹ 'Gad will be attacked by a band of raiders, but he will attack them at their heels.

²⁰ 'Asher's food will be rich; he will provide delicacies fit for a king.

²¹ 'Naphtali is a doe set free that bears beautiful fawns.

²² 'Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall. ²³ With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility. ²⁴ But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed supple, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,

²⁵ because of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the skies above, blessings of the deep springs below, blessings of the breast and womb. ²⁶ Your father's blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills. Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

²⁷ 'Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder.'

²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

The next Messy Church at Kingsclere School will take place this Tuesday, 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 stay after the service this morning for a quick meeting

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. margaretpeach@hotmail.co.uk

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.

The next meeting of "Cameraderie" will be on Wednesday 5th December at 2.30 pm in the Methodist Schoolroom, when The Woolton Hill Handbell Ringers will join us for an early Christmas Celebration. We will be serving a Christmas Tea and there will be a raffle, which is all included in the £2.00 entrance fee. Pam Kitch – 01635 299743

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 flower team are preparing to decorate the church for Christmas, and would welcome donations towards the cost of the flowers. Perhaps you would like to donate in memory of a loved one? The team can dedicate a specific arrangement or put the donation towards the overall floral displays. They will acknowledge all donations and record those who are being remembered. Please give donations to Pam Kitch 01635 299743.

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

After the success of this year's Holiday Club we have been able to book Pulse Ministries again to come in 2019. 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.

You will have seen the fantastic work being done on the re-plastering and redecoration of St Mary's Church. We have opened a project with The Good Exchange which enables us to collect donations towards the costs of the redecoration and also receive match-funding. If you wish to contribute towards the cost of redecoration, your support would be most welcome. Visit www.thegoodexchange.com/what-is-the-good-exchange/for-donors/#find-project