

The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 30th December 2018

Christmas 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 Morning Worship (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading - Luke 2:15-21

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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This Week:

Fri 4	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 6	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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Notices

We are in urgent need of some additional helpers for Junior Church in St Mary's. We have seen numbers rise in the last year or two and have split the children according to age but need more helpers, especially with the older group. No preparation or teaching is required, just people to be a named "helper" and to ensure we safeguard the children by having at least two adults with each group. Please speak to John Price if you are able to help, even just occasionally.

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. Beforehand, on the 18th January there will be another Prayer Day for the benefice.

As 2019 gets rapidly closer, it's time to be thinking about your 200 Club entry for next year. £12 gets you 12 entries into the monthly draw, with the possibility of winning £50. The more people, the more money for St Mary's! This is an excellent way of raising money for church funds, with the possibility of something for yourself as well. All results published monthly in The Kingsclere Tower. If you would like to renew your membership or join us for the first time, £12 please to Maggy or Les Wallace. Cash or cheques, made payable to PCC of Kingsclere .01635 298794 or mjwwatershipdown@msn.com; or Jada, Union Lane, Kingsclere. RG20 4SS.

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 At the bottom of that page is a 'Donate Now' button which takes you to the various projects. Just look for St. Mary's Kingsclere.

For your prayers:

- Those who are ill or suffering: Freda Savin; Marion Baxter and Joe Carey
- The family and friends of Alan Hambidge, Barbara Woodley, Bill Hull and Charles Nicolson as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- Mr Wells, Kingsclere Primary School Headteacher as he leaves the school, Mrs Spencer-Healey as she takes on the role of Acting Headteacher for the coming term and Mrs Melrose, the new headteacher who will join the school at Easter.
- The Benefice Vision Day on 9th February