### For your prayers:

- •Those who are ill or suffering: Freda Savin, Joe Carey, Doug Webb and Lynda McCallough.
- •The family and friends of Alan Hambidge, Barbara Woodley, Bill Hull, Charles Nicolson, Marian Mitchell and Eric Passey as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- •The Benefice Vision Day on 9th February

## This Week:

Tue 8	Bible Study (*Km)	1.15pm
Wed 9	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Fri II	Prayer Group (*K)	9.30am
Sun 13	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Morning Worship (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*H)	llam

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 6th January 2019 Epiphany

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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

# First Reading - Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

# **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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#### **Notices**

We are in need of some additional helpers for Junior Church in St Mary's. No preparation required, just some occasional extra pairs of hands. Please speak to John Price if you are able to help.

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.

Would you like to read and study the bible more in 2019? Why not come along to the Kingsmill Room on a Tuesday 1.15 - 3pm and join our friendly group. This term (beginning 8th January) we are looking at the book of Hebrews.

Youth Bible Study returns Thursdays 7-8:15pm in the Kingsmill Room starting 17th January. So if you're aged 11-18 come along - we'd love to see you there!

Final call for anyone who would like to be part of the 200 Club for this year: £12 please to Maggy or Les Wallace. 01635 298794 or mjwwater-shipdown@msn.com;

On 31st January between 12 and 4pm the Kingsmill Room will be transformed into a seaside town, for people to enjoy a "Holiday at Home". There will be fish and chips for lunch, sticks of rock plus other seaside fun. To book your place please speak to Pam Kitch 01635 299743 or email pamkitch 16@gmail.com

Thanks to those who have generously given to the replastering and redecoration project costs through The Good Exchange If you have not yet donated and wish to do so please visit

www.thegoodexchange.com/what-is-the-goodexchange/for-donors/#find-project

All electrical items that are used in our churches have to be tested for safety before being used. If there is something you regularly use which does not belong to church (ie if you bring in your own music player for services or laptop for meetings) and plug it into the mains sockets at church please speak to Emma Rivers before Mon 14th January.

In preparation for the vision day, (see note opposite) we are holding a prayer day on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

The day begins & ends with more formal services, as well as at midday and at 2 p.m. There will also be opportunity to spend time alone in prayer either in the churches or nearby. There will then be opportunity to join together for more informal prayers.

Please do come along prepared to pray and listen to God. Bring Bibles and a notepad and any other prayer resources you might need.

The day will end with bread and soup. All are welcome to come along for the whole day, or part(s) of it.

<u>Headley – 9-11:45am.</u>

9:00 – Morning Prayer

10:00 - Quiet Prayer

11:00 - Thanksgiving & prayers

Ashford Hill - 12-1:45pm.

12:00 - Midday prayer

12:45 – Quiet Prayer

1:15 - Thanksgiving & Prayers

Kingsclere – 2-5pm.

2:00 – Afternoon prayer

3:00 – Recreation ground – thanks & prayers

3:45 – Quiet prayer

4:15 - Evening Prayer

Soup and bread available in Kingsmill Room from 5pm.