

The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 13th January 2019

Epiphany 2 / Baptism of Christ

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 (Headley)

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

Reading - Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.'

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a

This Week:

Mon 14	Kingsclere PCC	7.30pm
Tue 15	Bible Study (*Km)	1.15pm
Wed 16	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
	Holy Communion (*RHC)	11.30am
Thur 17	Youth Bible Study (*Km)	7pm
Fri 18	Prayer Day	9am-5pm
Sun 20	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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sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

Please sign up (lists on noticeboards in each church) for the Vision Day on Saturday 9th February, and indicate any It will take place at Kingsclere school from 9.30am-3.30pm. It will be lead by Phil Dykes from the Diocese and is an opportunity for people to pray about and discuss where we feel the focus for our churches will be over the coming years.

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 we are looking at the book of Hebrews.

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

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 pamkitch16@gmail.com

The reading and sermon series until Lent is available in all the churches to pick up today - please do take one.

Between the end of January, through Lent, we will be running "The Bible Course". It looks at how all the books of the bible, characters and events fit together to form one BIG story. It's for everyone whether you are new to the Bible or want to go deeper. There are 8 sessions, which will be run on Wednesday evenings 7.30-9pm (apart from half term and the Prayer and Praise evenings on the first Wednesday of each month). The dates therefore will be: 30th January, 13th February, 27th February, 13th March, 20th March, 27th March, 10th April and 17th April. The course uses a booklet so to ensure we order enough copies please let Emma Rivers know if you would like to attend.

Those on the Electoral Roll or who are on a rota at St Mary's will have received an email regarding a new system - Iknow Church. Please do follow the instructions to get into your account and if you have any problems or did not receive an email speak to Emma Rivers.

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