

The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 27th January 2019

Epiphany 4

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

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 - Mark 6:30-43

³⁰ The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. 'This is a remote place,' they said, 'and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.'

³⁷ But he answered, 'You give them something to eat.'

They said to him, 'That would take more than half a year's wages^[a]! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?'

³⁸ 'How many loaves do you have?' he asked. 'Go and see.'

When they found out, they said, 'Five – and two fish.'

³⁹ Then Jesus told them to make all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat

This Week:

Wed 30	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
	The Bible Course (*KM)	7.30pm
Thur 31	Holiday at Home (*KM)	12-4pm
	Youth Bible Study (*Km)	7pm
Fri 1	Prayer Group	9.30am
Sun 3	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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down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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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 dietary requirements. It will take place at Kingsclere school from 9.30am-3.30pm. It will be led 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.

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

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 in the Kingsmill Room 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.

Please note the Tuesday Bible study group will not meet this coming week (29th January) and after that, will change the time of their regular meeting to 9.15am. All are welcome to join us!

The next meeting of "Bacon Buddies" - a get-together for the men of the benefice will take place on 2nd February at 8.30am in Little Nellies Diner, Kingsclere. If you'd like to come along please let Joel know jsjhev@gmail.com or speak to Ben.

The duty rota for St Mary's for the next quarter has been added to Iknow Church (the new church database) and instructions sent via email to all those who have access. Paper copies are available for those that are without internet access. If you have any queries on the new system please contact Emma Rivers.

The Prayer Diaries for February are available in each church today. If you would like an electronic copy sent to you, please 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 Bill Hull, Charles Nicolson, Marian Mitchell, Eric Passey and Alice Meads as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.
- The Benefice Vision Day on 9th February