

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 BMAP group, wardens, PCCs and Ben as they consider the outcomes of the Vision Day before putting together the plan for the coming years for our churches.

This Week:

Tue 12	Bible Study (*Km)	9.15am
Wed 13	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
	Bible Course (*KM)	7.30pm
Thur 14	Youth Bible Study (*Km)	7pm
Fri 15	Prayer Group	9.30am
Sun 17	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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The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 10th February 2019

4th before Lent

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

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 - Mark 7:1-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?'

⁶ He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.'

⁹ And he continued, 'You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!¹⁰ For Moses said, "Honour your father and mother," and, "Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death."¹¹ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God) –¹² then you no longer let them do

anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.'

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, 'Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.'

¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ 'Are you so dull?' he asked. 'Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.' (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

²⁰ He went on: 'What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.'

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

"The Bible Course" continues with session two this Wednesday (13th) in the Kingsmill Room 7.30-9pm. It looks at how all the books of the bible, characters and events fit together to form one BIG story. The remaining sessions are on 13th February, 27th February, 13th March, 20th March, 27th March, 10th April and 17th April.

Thank you to all those who help at Messy Church at the school. We have secured dates for 2019 and would be grateful of helpers - from supervising the children's craft activities to washing up! The dates for your diaries are: April 2nd, June 25th, Sept 24th and Dec 3rd. In preparation for the April Messy Church there will be a briefing session in St Mary's on 24th March (after the 9.15am service) - come along if you're able to help or speak to Sarah Mussett.

Do you have a first aid certificate? If so might you be able to help on a very occasional basis at the Bus of

Hope when it comes to Kingsclere? We have to have a first aider present and have a couple of people trained, but due to holidays and commitments elsewhere there may be times when we need to call on others to help. The bus only comes once a month on a Thursday evening 6.45-8.30pm so it would only be very occasionally. If you'd like to get involved at the Bus of Hope but don't have a first aid certificate, that would be great too - all help is gratefully received. All helpers need to have a DBS check done by St Mary's. Please speak to John Price or Emma Rivers

The World Day of Prayer "Come, everything is ready" will be held in Kingsclere Methodist Church on Friday 1st March at 6pm with Refreshments following the service. All are welcome!

This year is a full revision year of the electoral roll. It is important for all regular attenders to be on the electoral roll so that they can attend and vote at the annual meeting, but also shows the true membership and strength of the church in our parishes. The easiest way re re-apply is to fill in the online form at:

www.clerewoodlands.org.uk/electoral-roll

However, if you don't have access to the internet, please pick up a pack from the back of each church and return the two top paper forms to either Les Wallace (Kingsclere) or Rachel Chamings (Ashford Hill with Headley) or pass to Ben. The deadline for doing this is 15th March (Kingsclere) and 12th April (AHWH)

Please put the dates of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in your diaries. They will be celebrating all that has happened in our church over the past year, and are an opportunity to elect churchwardens, PCC members and Synod Representatives. Only members of the electoral roll are eligible to attend and vote at the meetings.

Kingsclere

1st April at 6.30pm in the Kingsmill Room for the APCM, then a meeting regarding the proposed re-ordering of the church at 8pm. Those not on the electoral roll wishing to come to hear about the re-ordering are welcome from 7.45pm for refreshments

Ashford Hill with Headley

29th April at St Peters Church, Headley. 7pm for refreshments with a 7.30 start

The Real Easter Egg is a super-thick milk chocolate egg which comes complete with a Easter Story and activity book. It's a great opportunity to be able to share the Easter Story and support fair-trade projects too. If you would like to order one (or more) please let Emma Rivers know before February 24th so that we can get them ordered in time for Easter delivery. They cost £3.99 each.