

The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 17th February 2019

3rd 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 (Headley)

9.15am All-Age Messy Worship (Kingsclere)

11am Holy Communion (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 8:22-26

²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spat on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, 'Do you see anything?'

²⁴ He looked up and said, 'I see people; they look like trees walking around.'

²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him home, saying, 'Don't even go into the village.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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This Week:

Mon 18 ABC(*K)	9.30am
Wed 20 Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Fri 22 Prayer Group	9.30am
Sun 24 Holy Communion (*K)	8am
Morning Worship (*K)	9.15am
Holy Communion (*AH)	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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Notices

Please note Rev Ben is on leave this week (16-23rd Feb). Please do speak to Emma or the wardens in his absence.

There is no Bible Study Group, "The Bible Course" session or Youth Bible Study this week due to it being half term.

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!

Ladies from our benefice are invited to a "Pudding and Coffee" evening at the vicarage on 12th March from 7.30pm. Please bring a pudding to share. Please let Bethan know if you are able to go along.

... and the men are invited to St Nics church in Newbury on 23rd March at 8.30am for a Mens Breakfast. If you would like to go along please speak to Ben for more details.

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.

Owing to increased demand, the Care Group (Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley Care Group) is now looking for more drivers. It's not a huge commitment and you chose when you can drive....but it offers an extremely valuable service to those in the wider community who are less mobile and need to attend local health or social care appointments. If you think you could help, please speak to Maggy Wallace, or email mjwwatershipdown@msn.com; or ring on 01635 298794

For your prayers:

- Those who are ill or suffering: Freda Savin, 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.