

The Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley

Sunday 24th February 2019

2nd 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 (Ashford Hill)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Reading - Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

²⁸ 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

²⁹ Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

This Week:

Tues 26 Deanery Synod (*KM)	7pm
Wed 27 Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
Funeral (*K)	2.30pm
The Bible Course (*Km)	7.30pm
Thur 28 Youth Bible Study (*Km)	7pm
Fri 1 Prayer Group	9.30am
Sun 3 Holy Communion (*AH)	8am
Holy Communion (*K)	9.15am

K= St Mary's Kingsclere; H = St Peter's Headley

AH = St Paul's, Ashford Hill; Km = Kingmill Rm;

RHC = Rose Hodson Court; KPS = Kingsclere School

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³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

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

Large Double room (furnished) available from April, in a beautiful character property, in Kingsclere. It would be living with myself and my young daughter but you would be made very welcome and at home. Kitchen, dining room, lounge, shower / bathroom all yours to use. Unlimited WiFi, allocated off road parking. £400 including bills. I am ideally seeking a female. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Susie on 07912356007. Thank you!

For your prayers:

- Those who are ill or suffering: Freda Savin, Doug Webb, Lynda McCallough and Mary McBay
- The family and friends of Marian Mitchell, Eric Passey, Alice Meads and Iris & John Isles 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.