

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. Cost £3.99 each. We have a few available - please speak to Emma or Ben to get yours before they all go!

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.

This Week:

Tues 5	Bible Study (*Km)	9.15am
Wed 6	Toast for Tots (*K)	9.30am
	Ash Weds Holy Communion (*H)	4pm
	Supper, Prayer & Praise (*Km)	7.45pm
Thur 7	Youth Bible Study (*Km)	7pm
Fri 8	Prayer Group	9.30am
Sun 10	Holy Communion (*K)	8am
	Morning Worship (*K)	9.15am
	Holy Communion (*H)	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 3rd March 2019

Sunday next 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 (Ashford Hill)

9.15am Holy Communion (Kingsclere)

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading - Mark 8:1-21

During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ²'I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. ³If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.'

⁴His disciples answered, 'But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?'

⁵'How many loaves do you have?' Jesus asked.

'Seven,' they replied.

⁶He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so. ⁷They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. ⁸The people ate and were satisfied. Afterwards the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ⁹About four thousand were present. After he had sent them away, ¹⁰he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.

¹¹The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. ¹²He sighed deeply and said, 'Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.' ¹³Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.

¹⁴The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. ¹⁵'Be careful,' Jesus warned them. 'Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.'

¹⁶They discussed this with one another and said, 'It is

because we have no bread.'

¹⁷ Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: 'Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?' ¹⁸ Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?'

'Twelve,' they replied.

²⁰ 'And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?'

They answered, 'Seven.'

²¹ He said to them, 'Do you still not understand?'

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

Lent begins this Wednesday, 6th March with our Ash Wednesday service in St Peters, Headley at 4pm.

Also on Ash Wednesday, at 7.45pm - Supper, Prayer and Praise will be held in the Kingsmill Room. A chance to meet together over dinner and then spend time worshipping and in prayer. Let Emma Rivers know if you would like to attend, to ensure we get numbers for catering right!

During Lent we have invited a speaker from the Christian Charity "Open Doors" to preach. For more information on the charity and it's work with persecuted Christians please see their website www.opendoorsuk.org

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.

Tuesday 5 March is Shrove Tuesday, when the Founder, of Merton College, Oxford - Walter de Merton (also Rector of Kingsclere in the 13th century) is commemorated. There will be a special choral Evensong at 6.00pm at Merton College (entry from 5.30pm) All are welcome to attend this free event.

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. We'd like to invite all those on the electoral rolls to say a big thank you for your all you have done over the year, and celebrate everything that has happened in our benefice. We'll also have an opportunity to elect churchwardens, PCC members and Synod Representatives.

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

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.

For sale: several items of storage furniture from St Marys including:

3 Drawer lockable Filing Cabinet

Grey 4 drawer filing cabinet

2 door metal cupboard

2 x wooden toy storage units including plastic drawers.

If you would like to have any of these items please speak to Ben, Emma or the wardens by the 15th March and for a donation, they're yours! Anything left then will be offered for sale/disposed of elsewhere.