

approving the next phase of the architect's work on the buildings project we decided to dispose of some very old bibles and hymn books that have been stored for many years. If anyone would like a copy of the RSV bibles or "Hymns Ancient and Modern" in return for a small donation please contact Emma Rivers. Those that remain at the end of May will be sold/donated/disposed of.

For your prayers:

- Those who are ill or suffering: Freda Savin, Doug Webb, Ruth Leah and Mark
- The family and friends of Alice Meads, Iris & John Isles, Mary (Nan) McBay, Eric Browning and Chris Earl as they grieve for the loss of their loved ones.

This Week:

Wed 29 Toast for Tots (*Km)	9.30am
Burial of Ashes (*K)	12 noon
Knit and Natter (*Km)	2pm
Thur 30 Ascension Day Service (*H)	7.30pm
Fri 31 Prayer Group (Km)	9.30am
Sun 2 Holy Communion (*AH)	8am
Holy Communion with Thanksgiving (*K)	9.15am

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 26th May 2019

Easter 6

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 - I Corinthians 15:12-34

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he 'has put everything under his feet'.^[a] Now when it says that 'everything' has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under

Christ.²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

²⁹ Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptised for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptised for them? ³⁰ And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? ³¹ I face death every day – yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³² If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised,

‘Let us eat and drink,
for tomorrow we die.’^[b]

³³ Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’^[c] ³⁴ Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God – I say this to your shame.

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Notices

The first meeting of “Knit and Natter” will take place on Wednesday 29th at 2pm in the Kingsmill Room. This event has been planned in response to replies from “Who Cares” a survey which showed that many people in our villages feel lonely. Do come along and bring your knitting projects - or if you’ve never knitted before come and see how it’s done. Refreshments available too! For more information please contact Maggy Wallace on 298794 or mjwwatershipdown@msn.com

We will be running the prayer room again between Ascension Day and Pentecost as part of “Thy Kingdom Come”, an initiative to encourage Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. It’s a chance to make time in our busy days to spend time with God in prayer. The prayer room will be open 9am-5pm each day from 31st May to the 8th June. Some evening slots may be available by appointment - if you are unable to visit the prayer room between the available times please speak to Emma or Ben and we will try to sort something out! To book please visit

www.24-7prayer.com/signup/66c9c4

For those without access to the internet please contact Emma Rivers who will book a place for you.

Next Sunday (2nd) during the 9.15am communion service Ben and Bethan invite you to join with them in dedicating Olivia to God.

And on 9th June during the 9.15am service we will welcome the new Headteacher of Kingsclere School,

Mrs Hannah Melrose to our church community. Please join with us as we pray for her, her family and the school.

At the end of “Thy Kingdom Come” there will be a Deanery Celebration, a Pentecost Service at All Hallows, Whitchurch on 9th June. Refreshments will be available from 3.30pm, and the service starts at 5pm. All are invited to celebrate with our deanery friends. If you are attending and able to take a cake to share it would be gratefully received!

The “**Life of Christ**” at Wintershall on 20th June - A 30 seater coach has now been booked but there are still places to fill. It is an unforgettable and moving experience performed by a highly dedicated cast in lovely Surrey countryside. Some walking is involved for the audience but help is available including a trailer with seats. Take your own picnic. Inclusive cost £35 The performance is between 10am and 3.30. To book your place please contact as soon as possible: Tom & Mary Sneyd: tom.sneyd.kingsclere@gmail.com 291230 or Hazel O’Leary hazeloleary@hotmail.co.uk 298507.

The June Prayer Diary is available in the churches this week, or on the church website. Please do pick up a copy!

Tuesday morning Bible study begins again on 4th June when we will start a new series looking at prayer with the theme “Bold I Approach”. All are welcome to join us in the Kingsmill Room on Tuesday mornings. Coffee from 9am, bible study begins at 9.15am.

The next Supper, Prayer and Praise evening will take place in the Kingsmill Room on 5th June at 7.30pm. If you would like to come along please let Emma Rivers know for catering purposes.

A big thank you to all that donated to “Open Doors” when Geoff and Irene spoke in our churches on Palm Sunday. We were able to give £395 for the work that Open Doors does with persecuted Christians.

Booking Forms for St Mary’s Holiday Club (12-16th August) are available in Kingsclere church today. We will prioritise the children of those helping at Holiday Club, but if you want to book places please do so as soon as possible as we have limited places available and after the success of last year’s holiday club think we’ll fill those places quite quickly! Any queries speak to John Price, Emma Rivers or Ben or email holidayclub@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Kingsclere PCC met this week, and as well as thinking about what Jesus has called us to do as a church and talking about our Action Plan, our finances and