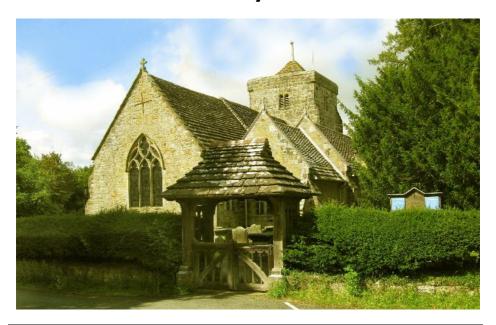
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SUNDAY SERVICES

8am A traditional form of Holy Communion,

10.15am Morning Worship - Our main service - see diary page,

6.30pm Occasional special evening services will be shown on the diary page and announced in advance.

See inside for full details of all this month's services

A LETTER FROM CHRIS SUTTON, OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear Friends

As I write this letter, Parliament has rejected the government's Brexit deal and we are waiting for



Plan B; the US government is in partial shutdown arguing over a wall for the southern border; and Paris is braced for more 'gilets jaunes' riots at the weekend. By the time you read this letter, all of these may be resolved, but right now that does not look likely. In each of these scenarios we see people or groups of people who do not agree and who seemingly make little or no attempt to find agreement. We are living in a world where reconciliation is in short supply. I suspect that each of us could think of more local or even personal issues where the same applies.

There was a period in the late twentieth century with a number of high profile, seemingly successful attempts at reconciliation at the international, political level: between groups in Rwanda after the civil war; through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission established in South Africa in 1996 and chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu; and of course via the Good Friday Agreement in Ireland two years later. Today however, politicians and leaders look to exude strength rather than flexibility; they 'double-down' rather than compromise. Reconciliation seems to be a long way away, from where might it come?

The Bible has a number of historical examples of reconciliation: for example between Jacob and Esau, and between Joseph and his eleven brothers. However the big story of reconciliation in the Bible is not between two people but rather between God and people, made possible by what Jesus accomplished on the Cross and offered freely by God to those who put their trust in him. *In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself* (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is only when we are in right relationship with God (reconciled to Him) that we will be in a position to be truly reconciled with our neighbour, part of the new humanity in Christ that breaks down the established barriers. It is right that we should be people who seek reconciliation – first we must accept the heavenly reconciliation offered by God in Jesus

Christ. Then we might be ready to accept our mandate to seek reconciliation with others who are equally loved by God.

Chris Sutton



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on Sunday, 16th December – those of you who were unable to attend this year missed a wonderful occasion!

Ours is a small but dedicated choir which needs bolstering for such an event so we were thankful that a number of willing singers came forward to offer their services. Jill Veasey had cleverly chosen that the majority of the content would be traditional carols with just a few items that were 'choir only' which we rehearsed in the weeks prior to the event.

Accompanied by guest organist, Richard Toms - who had himself played for a similar service just a couple of hours before ours – the service commenced with the choir, approaching from all the aisles of the chancel, singing an acapella song "He came down that we may have love" following which we processed to "Once in Royal David's City" in the atmospheric candle-lit church.

As usual, the service was interspersed with readings and, along with many favourite carols, the congregation heard the choir singing "Mary's Boy Child" and "O leave your sheep", rounding off with everyone joining in with "Hard the Herald Angels sing". The evening ended with a welcome glass of mulled wine and minced pies for all. A huge 'thankyou' is due to Jill who masterminded the event (especially in what has been a very busy time for her!), to Richard Toms and to those volunteers who joined us to make this a very special occasion.

Lynn Wilson

Services in February 2019

Sunday 3rd February

The Fifth Sunday before Lent

8.00am HC [BCP]

1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 5: 11; John 16: 16 - 24

With refreshments served from 10.00am and throughout the service our worship begins at 10.15am sunday@thecentre

a café style service for everyone in the Church Centre

<u>Christian Hope: Waiting with Confidence</u> – 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11

6.30pm

"Open to God"

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the

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Sunday 10th February

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00am HC [BCP]

1 Thessalonians 5: 12 - 28; John 17: 20 - 26

Christian Community: Walking with Others

10.15am

Holy Communion [CW]

1 Thessalonians 5: 12 - 28; John 17: 20 - 26

Sunday 17th February

The Third Sunday before Lent

8.00am HC [BCP]

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

10.15am

Morning Praise

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 3: 15-17, 21 – 22 **Baptism of Lochlan Ezra Francis Cromie**

Sunday 24th February

The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am HC [BCP]

Revelation Chapter 4; Luke 8: 22 - 25

10.15am

Holy Communion [CW] with prayer for healing and wholeness

Revelation Chapter 4; Luke 8: 22 - 25

NOTICE BOARD

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

... in February will be on Monday 4th and Monday 18th February in Hapstead small hall from 10.15 to 11.30. **All are welcome**. Anyone who needs a lift to Meeting Point please contact Jeannie Leadsom on 892571 (before the day). Help is appreciated for setting up tables.

CUCKFIELD DEANERY DAY 23rd February 10.00am to 3.30pm This is an open meeting in the Old School, Cuckfield. **All are welcome.**

ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY

welcomes Mr Bob Draper who will give an illustrated talk on "River Ouse and Balcombe Viaduct" on Tuesday 12th February 2019 in Hapstead Hall at 7.45pm

FILM NIGHT 7.30pm on 14th February:

The next Ardingly Films showing in Hapstead Hall will be "Mary Poppins Returns", on Thursday 14th February. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are available from the Post Office or Fellows Bakery.



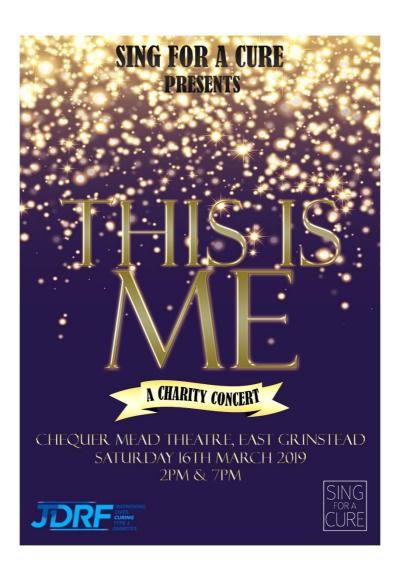
Who let the Dads out?! (St Peter's Centre) Saturday 2nd February Saturday 30th March

Messy Church (St Peter's Centre) Sunday 17th March Messy Easter – Good Friday 19th April



SING FOR A CURE "This is Me" Saturday 16th March

This is a charity concert organised by Matt, Rachel and Ben Cowling to raise funds for sufferers of Type 1 Diabetes. It will take place at 2pm and 7pm at the Chequer Mead Theatre, De La Warr Road, East Grinstead. Songs from many different genres will be performed, accompanied by the Sing for a Cure band and featuring the new Sing for a Cure Choir.



Sunday@thecentre

All are welcome at Café Church **Sunday 3rd February** at St Peter's Church Centre



Coffee (and tea) are served from 10.00am and throughout the service. Our worship begins at 10.15 a.m.

Seated around tables instead of sat in rows, we drink coffee, eat croissants, discuss faith and relax.

Grab a seat, fill up your cup and Welcome to Café Church!

(There are activities for children)

A JOURNEY THROUGH NARNIA: Saturday, 16th February at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield. 6.00 p.m. – Tickets £10.00 (children free) available from Deb Ruse (892717). This will be over-subscribed, so do book your tickets asap. Wine and canapes included, with the remarkable story of the longest tapestry ever made, told by Reverend Michael Maine. This is a fund-raising event for Family Support Work.

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"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world"

(Former Archbishop of Cape Town, Desmond Tutu)

ELECTORAL ROLL

Every sixth year, the Electoral Roll of the Parish expires and a new one must be compiled. 2019 is such a year. EVERYONE wishing to be included on the new Electoral Roll must complete an APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT by 17th March 2019. This notice will be announced at the services on the 20th and 27th January and posted at the Church and Centre on 3rd February. The form will be available for completion after Sunday services from 20th January. It is also obtainable from:



Margaret Dale, *Electoral Roll Officer* 892252 <u>margaret.dale@hotmail.co.uk</u>

John Witherington, *Churchwarden* 892277 ihswithers@btinternet.com

CUCKFIELD DEANERY DAY 2019

Saturday 23rd February 2019, 10am to 3.30pm Old School (Tudor Hall), Cuckfield RH17 5JZ (Please bring your own lunch)

Mission and Vocation

Speaker: Fr Damian Feeney SSC

The day will explore the relationship between our baptismal calling as Christians and our shared call to mission. How might this be best understood? How does that work out in the lives of individuals and communities?

Fr. Damian Feeney has been Vicar of Holy Trinity, Ettingshall (Wolverhampton) since 2015. He combines this with his role as Catholic Missioner to the Diocese of Lichfield. Prior to 2009 he was a parish priest and missioner in the Diocese of Blackburn and was a member of the working party which produced the original Missionshaped Church report. He is a member of the Leading your Church into Growth team and the College of Evangelists, having initiated Eucharistic church plants in Harrogate and Preston; he is also a member of the Society of the Holy Cross, and of the General Synod. He is married to Fiona, a church primary school head teacher, and they have three grown up children.

Outreach in Turkey

Turkish Christians reaching out to Syrian refugees in their country report that a common phrase they hear from Syrians is, "We have seen what ISIS is doing and we don't want Islam anymore. Tell us about Jesus". Turks too, as



pressure has increased in that country, are now saying, "I have always called myself a Muslim but I don't want this anymore. Is there another way?" The Holy Spirit is at work.

Recently Janine* met Klara*, a Syrian lady full of faith. Janine, born a Muslim and now a Christian, asked Klara if she had dreamt of Jesus. Instead, she told Janine about a number of miracles Jesus had done for her. When she was eight and a half months pregnant, she was looking for a certain midwife who had stopped working at the hospital. The midwife heard of Klara, and came to visit her. Klara insisted that she stay for coffee. While making the coffee she went into labour and delivered there and then with the midwife in her home!! Then, a year ago when Klara, her husband and six children came to Turkey, they stayed 2 days with her sister but were told by the landlord that they had to move out. Just then they heard of a family a few houses down the road who were leaving for Europe that night. They got the house, furniture, and all the clothes that were left! God had provided all they needed in a miraculous way!

(* names have been changed to protect the individuals)

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NEWS FROM SAMARA

Just before Christmas Samara received news that there were problems/restrictions bringing containers into Syria, so at the last minute she had to cancel the planned January Appeal. This is a blow, but does not seem to be the end of her humanitarian aid work, just a very unwelcome interruption because very needy people in Syria will not get the warm clothing, footwear and bedding

that would help them through the extremes of winter in Syria. Please pray that the restrictions are lifted soon.



On a positive note, God has prompted Samara to write a book about how her work began and to tell about some of her visits to Syria, God's provision, protection and guidance, and her journey of faith throughout. It should

be a really good read! The book is being launched in July 2019 and soon after in Brighton.

Samara has also been focussing on exciting plans to build a big (9,000 sq metre) Christian not-for-profit hospital in Syria which will serve local people regardless of their faith. The necessary permissions have been granted so now funds need to be raised. Proceeds from Samara's book will help with these costs.

12 January 2019



Tantrums at the Book Fair

One day I took my youngest daughter to her primary school book fair. We had agreed that she could buy one book, so when she asked to buy a second book and I said 'No', she responded by telling me that she hated me, and that I was the meanest daddy in the world!

I didn't mind this because more often than not she flings her arms around me and tells me that she loves me, and when she does so, I know that it means something because I know she doesn't have to say it – she can choose whether to love me or hate me.

I think that one of the reasons that we live in the world that we do



is because God created us to be in relationship with him, rather than to live as robots, pre-programmed to live in unquestioning obedience to his will. We can choose whether or not to love him, or to ignore him and live independently of him, and he allows us to live with the

consequences of either choice.

Free will – it's the greatest gift God ever gave, and the biggest risk He ever took.

(taken from "My dog ate the sponge buns" by Simon Allaby)

Latest news from Jonny and Beth, serving

through Crosslinks in the Gambia

After a tough autumn term, Jonny and Beth

spent New Year on a welcome short holiday on the peaceful



Christmas Day on the beach in the Gambia. It can be a day for missing family so much, but it was good to have the company of friends and colleagues this year.

beaches of Casamance, southern Senegal, which, Jonny says, felt 'abroad' since Senegal is French speaking.

Jonny then headed off, spending 18 hours on three different planes which took him from The Gambia to Uganda via Ghana and Ethiopia: the journeys had many potential complications but thankfully all went well. He joined a Crosslinks team leading and teaching at a conference for alumni of Uganda Martyrs Seminary in Kampala, a really interesting and enriching experience. The contrast between the Gambia and largely 'Christian' Uganda was marked, and Jonny observed how much more mission focused the small Christian minority is in the Gambia.

Beth stayed in the Gambia, praying that the insects would stay away whilst Jonny wasn't on hand as bug catcher in chief! She also had the challenge of overseeing preparations for the arrival of the Crosslinks Gap year team, trying to urge Uncle Modou the handyman to work faster than Gambian snail's pace. Please pray for the team as they settle in and for Jonny and Beth as they support them.

As some of you may know, the church where Jonny and Beth have worshipped and served has been through a difficult time with concerning leadership issues. After much prayer and discussion they have with great sadness left the church: please pray, as they do, for its future and for those who remain. Being freed from regular Sunday commitments now enables them to spend more time visiting SOW students at the churches they pastor, often in quite remote villages up country.

Jonny and Beth continue to be busy with teaching at SOW, training children's workers, school assemblies and spending time with individuals. They are also very conscious that they have only a few months remaining in the Gambia, and it is good that their colleagues Nick and Harriet Algeo will continue the work after they return to the UK.

At the moment Jonny is in the process of applying for posts in church work, after which they will need to find somewhere to live and most likely school based work for Beth. As you can imagine it is not easy to make these decisions from a distance: please pray that God will open doors for them.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new Every morning; great is your faithfulness"

Lamentations 3:22 - 23

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We're enjoying being back at Preschool after the Christmas break, and have made an enthusiastic start to the Spring Term, and welcomed some new children to the group. The children are already settling in well, exploring the toys and activities on offer, and making new friends. This is a busy term and the children have some exciting new topics to learn about including Winter, superheroes and space, as well as exploring nature, taking advantage of our location and walking over the showground and to the park.

We raised a fabulous £245 with our Christmas fundraising, on our stall at the Hapstead Hall Christmas fair where we had a soft toy tombola and ran our ever successful "human fruit machine" giving the people of Ardingly a chance to win one of our hand crafted chocolate Santa sleighs! The funds raised also came from our yearly Christmas performance where we sold cakes and DVDs of the performance. Well done and thank you to everyone who has been involved with the organisation and planning, what a great way to end the fundraising year!

In 2019 we look forward to lots of new and exciting fundraising events, including a chilli and games night for the parents and carers, and a BBQ and leavers disco. All information to be revealed soon!

Did you know that all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free early years education? Please get in touch if you would like to know more and visit the Preschool to have a look around.

St Peter's Pre-School and Toddler Group St Peter's Church Centre, Street Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UN Charity Number 1022794 registered in England & Wales Tel: 07969 890907

http://www.st-peters-preschool-ardingly.org/

INDONESIA following the earthquakes and tsunami

TEARFUND and Barnabas Aid are two organisations which have been helping with relief and rebuilding for Indonesian Christians following the recent earthquakes and tsunami.

The 7.4 magnitude earthquake and tsunami which struck the Indonesian island of Sulawesi on 28th September killed more than 2,000 people and laid waste towns and villages. There were horrifying scenes of destruction: roads destroyed, bridges collapsed and infrastructure destroyed. But it was the loss of human life that hit hardest – as the soil became liquid and churches, homes and clinics were literally sucked into the ground.

Barnabas Aid and Tearfund provided emergency aid packages and set up soup kitchens supplying cooked meals. The aid packages contained items such as toiletries, towels, blankets, vitamins and food. Neighbouring churches further south collected contributions from their interfaith communities, such as water, dry-foods, rice, clothes and baby supplies.

Tearfund's partners have also deployed medical teams to the affected areas – including emergency doctors and nurses, an orthopaedic surgeon and a midwife.

After meeting immediate needs, Barnabas Aid has been helping to restore Christians' devastated homes and to rebuild places of worship - at least 84 churches were damaged or destroyed. They are providing materials for simple multi-purpose halls (which can be used as churches and schools) and for semi-permanent homes. Proper shelters are desperately needed before the rains arrive in February.

Christians are around 17% of Central Sulawesi's population.

(Our OMF friends Bambi and Andreas live on the island of Sulawesi, but were thankfully unaffected by the earthquakes. They have been extending friendship and help to friends and neighbours in their area who do have relatives in the earthquake areas.)

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all those who have already paid their subs, either early or in good time. If you are reading this and have not yet paid, please make sure you put your subscription (Minimum £3, and more if you can afford it) through the letter box of Rye Cottage, 35 High Street, perhaps when you next visit the Post Office. Do make sure your name and address are on the envelope.

Postal subscribers will need to send a cheque for a minimum sub of $\pounds 12.50$ to cover postage and cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Church Ardingly.

Many thanks, Michael.

NEW YEAR THANKS

Thank you to everyone who supported the New Year walk and lunch. It raised $\pounds 160$ which was split between Imara Uganda and Old Jeshwang. Before



lunch 9 walkers enjoyed a new and interesting route around the Imberhorne Lane area of East Grinstead. They came back to join 21 other people at St Peter's Centre for a splendid meal prepared by Deb Ruse and her helpers. **Thank you for another very enjoyable occasion!**



10 years of Christian Concern

Christian Concern is celebrating 10 years of supporting those who stand up for Christian truth and values and encounter opposition.

Baroness Caroline Cox writes ...

Perhaps the greatest privilege of being a parliamentarian is the opportunity to speak and to work for freedom, truth and justice for the vulnerable, the oppressed and the suffering.

For several years, one of my priorities has been to challenge the operation of 'Sharia courts' here in the UK, and to expose the injustice, discrimination and oppression that they bring for women in ways which would make the suffragettes turn in their graves. I have learnt that this battle for freedom is for the long-haul. It takes time, hard work and a determination to keep going despite the many obstacles and setbacks. I certainly couldn't do it on my own. That's why I am so grateful for all those who stand with me. It really is a team effort.

Down the years, Christian Concern has proved to be a wonderful partner and friend, always ready to help when needed, whatever the cost. Many are the occasions, for example, when I have been thankful for help with research and legal questions.

I am particularly grateful for their large community of supporters. When they are mobilised to pray and to take action, it really does make a difference. I know that their commitment is key to making Christian Concern so effective.

As I travel to different parts of the world as part of my wider work, I have seen again and again what happens when Christians are marginalised and persecuted. The challenges for Christians in this country are growing, and I am so glad that the Christian Concern team are here to stand with people in their time of need and to

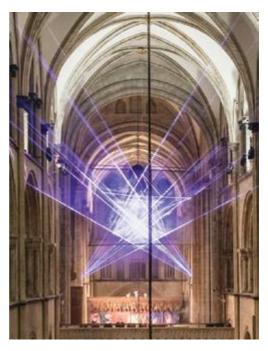
confront the challenges to gospel freedom. I have enormous respect for their courage, compassion and expertise.

I give thanks to God for the Christian Concern community, and I pray that this next season will be one of even greater growth, boldness, courage and influence as together we strive to bring freedom and hope – and to preserve our spiritual, cultural and political heritage, passing it on undiminished to our children and our children's children.

EXHIBITION at CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Until Sunday 3rd February 2019 Star of Bethlehem by Jayson Haebich

Come and experience a spectacular laser *Star of Bethlehem* in the Cathedral nave. This ethereal star is created using two laser projectors, set high up in the Cathedral's roof. The star appears as a morphing shape, moving slowly and gracefully across the space, and a haze machine expels a fine mist - transforming the star into a dazzling three dimensional image. Visitors can also interact with this



artwork, changing the star's appearance and colour via an iPad at ground level. Free entry.

Jayson Haebich is an innovative coding artist who has created digital artworks in the USA, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Australia.



ROUND THE VILLAGE

EDITOR: Everyone will be sorry to hear, I'm sure, that Michael Denman is in hospital at the moment, following a fall. Get well soon, Michael! We wish you a speedy recovery.

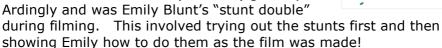


Every year the **deer** population seems to increase and they have no road sense, leading to close encounters that we'd all really rather avoid! You are very likely to see them - and possibly hit one, as I did recently - between the hours of dusk and midnight and again around dawn. They often cross the road on the double

bend on the Lindfield Road, on the short stretch of road South of the Reservoir, at the Copyhold Road juncuntion and along the long stretch of road near the (former) White Hart.

WAKEHURST: Did you know that Wakehurst runs short courses and workshops? On 16th February there is an Introduction to Digital Photography and on 23rd February there is a workshop on Making a Flower Crown.

MARY POPPINS: The next film night will feature Mary Poppins Returns, and a former resident of Ardingly has helped in the making of this! Gabriella Harmann (nee Paul) grew up in Ardingly and was Emily Blunt's "stunt double" during filming. This involved trying out the sture of the student of the sture of the student of the sture of the student of



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

"A cheerful heart is a good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22)

Upon entering a little country store, the stranger noticed a sign warning, "Danger! Beware of dog!" posted on the glass door. Inside, he noticed a harmless old hound asleep on the floor beside the cash register.

"Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?" he asked the owner.

"Yep, that's him," came the reply.

The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

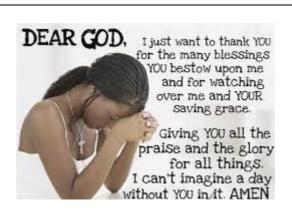
"Because," the owner explained, "Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

It wasn't the apple that caused the trouble in the Garden of Eden, It was the pair on the ground.

Three young boys were walking on the sidewalk arguing over whose daddy was the greatest. One said, "My dad is the greatest because he is the president of the town bank." The second boy said, "That is pretty good, but my daddy owns two grocery stores in town!" The third boy said, "That's nothing, my dad is a preacher, and he owns hell. He came home last night and told my mum that the Church Board gave it to him!"

Parish Register for February 2019

There are no entries in the Parish Register for the past month



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



On 24th December 2018 the church was packed with many children and families who came to the **Christingle** service. It was a very enjoyable time, and thanks go to everyone who helped prepare the Christingles and took part in the service.

Flower Rota for February 2019

 $1^{\rm st}$ February Pam Newnham and Angela Box $15^{\rm th}$ February Ann Luxford



Brass Cleaning February 2019

9th February David and Clare Hadden

General Information

BELL RINGING: Practices on Thursdays at 8.00pm. New recruits please contact Lynn Wilson (892113).

BIBLE READING NOTES: Regular reading helps us to grow as Christians. Bible Reading Fellowship notes are available from Margaret Dale (892252).

BOOKS: On loan and for sale at back of church or can be ordered specially. Contact Anne Kelly (892540).

BRASS CLEANING: If you wish to join the team, contact Pam Dennis (892692)

BRASS RUBBING: Appointments may be made via Churchwardens. Fee £10.00.

CHOIR: The choir, who practise on Wednesdays from 7.15pm to 8.00pm, always welcome new members. Please contact Jill Veasey 892442 CHURCH CENTRE: Hire of Centre, crockery, cutlery and chairs: contact Carol Grossman 416707

FLOWERS: Belinda Maclean (892368) is always glad to hear from anyone who would like to arrange / give flowers for the decoration of the church. GIVING: Special weekly or monthly envelopes or bankers' order forms are available from Jean Jeffery (440979). Anyone paying income tax or capital gains tax is encouraged to sign a Gift Aid declaration which would enable the church to claim tax (currently 25 %) on all their giving.

HOME GROUPS meet for bible study, prayer and fellowship on various nights of the week in homes.

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PRAYER DIARY FEBRUARY 2019

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, To all who call on him in truth." (Psalm 145v18)



- 1. John and Sally & their family. Sally's mother
- 2. Chris Sutton his family, work and ministry
- 3. Praise God for fellow Christians; pray for those with no faith
- 4. Pray for opportunities to tell others what Jesus has done for us
- 5. Indonesia following the 2 earthquakes and tsunami
- 6. Caroline Steer and the Diocesan Family Social Work
- 7. Jamie Savage; the governors and staff of St Peter's Primary
- 8. The NHS; pressures of winter; staff & funding shortages
- 9. Our local clergy & bishops Martin, Richard and Mark
- 10. Our services today and all who lead worship
- 11. Samara's Aid: a solution to the restrictions on containers
- 12. Teresa May, the government and decisions about Brexit
- 13. TEARFUND bringing relief from poverty and hardship
- 14. Off the Fence & Open House; all who are homeless this winter
- 15. Give thanks and pray for friends and family
- 16. Youth Pastors and all who work with young people
- 17. Today's worship; all who need peace, purpose and new life
- 18. All who suffer from depression or mental health problems
- 19. St Peter's Centre; all who use it, clean it and manage it
- 20. Christian believers facing persecution for their faith
- 21. Those who are elderly, infirm, lonely or housebound
- 22. Give thanks for clean water, warmth & food; pray for those who do not have these things
- 23. Our local hospices, St Catherine's and St Peter & St James
- **24.** Pray for hope & healing for all who seek God's help today
- 25. IMARA: Belinda and Silvia visiting Uganda this week
- 26. Refugees and displaced people, especially Syrian & Miyanmar
- 27. Those suffering from addiction or abuse; all who support them
- 28. Praise God for His promises & presence through another month

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Saturday 16th February 2019

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