

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

April 2019



EASTER

He is Risen!

HALLELUJAH!



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This short, anonymous poem entitled 'One Guy Didn't' captures the message and meaning of Easter splendidly for me:



Three guys were tried for crimes against humanity.

Two guys committed crimes. One guy didn't.

Three guys were given government trials. Two guys had fair trials. One guy didn't.

Three guys were whipped and beaten. Two guys had it coming. One guy didn't.

Three guys were given crosses to carry. Two guys earned their crosses. One guy didn't.

Three guys were mocked and spat at along the way. Two guys cursed and spat back. One guy didn't.

Three guys were nailed to crosses. Two guys deserved it. One guy didn't.

Three guys agonized over their abandonment. Two guys had reason to be abandoned. One guy didn't.

Three guys talked while hanging on their crosses. Two guys argued. One guy didn't.

Three guys knew death was coming. Two guys resisted. One guy didn't.

One. Two. Three guys died on three crosses.

Three days later. Two guys remained in their graves.

One guy didn't.

[Author Unknown]

That 'One Guy', the Risen Lord Jesus Christ is awaiting us at the empty tomb. It is there that the miracle begins. The darkness and despair of our life is being brought into the glorious light of his presence. So, this Easter why not let the Son rise in your life! Why not cry aloud from the depths of your heart: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With very best wishes for a blessed and Holy Easter.



Monday Prayer Group

Just a reminder that anyone is welcome to join us every Monday in the Small Hall of the Church Centre, 8.00 - 9.00 p.m.

In this season of Lent, however, the pattern of prayer will be more specific:

Date

18th March

25th March

1st April

8th April

Prayer focus

The sick and suffering

Our nation

The world

The village and our community

We would love you to join us. If you are unable to be there but would like us to pray for someone or something on your heart, it will be our privilege to do so. Let us know: have a word; write your prayer concern down and give it to us; e-mail us or phone us:

Phil Kelly
John Witherington

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892277, jhswithers@btinternet.com

Wardens' Words

In May, PCC will be reviewing the charities which we as a church support. Every year we donate 10% of our disposable income in equal shares to five charities, details of which you can find at the back of the Church Directory. The four regular recipients are currently: the **Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association** (supporting a health clinic in the Gambia); the **Church Mission Society** (and thus our link missionary Heather Johnstone helping disadvantaged women and children in Tanzania); the **Church Pastoral Aid Society** (our Patron, supporting churches in proclaiming the good news of Jesus); and the **Imara-Uganda Education Fund** (supporting the education of severely disadvantaged children in Uganda).

The fifth charity is usually left unallocated to allow us to respond to an urgent crisis or to donate to organizations in need or with which we have a personal connection. The most recent donations have been made to the **Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work** (working with families across Sussex in need of support).

Separate from this allocation list, is the **Off The Fence Trust** (working towards an end to social and spiritual poverty in Brighton and Hove), to which we donate our collections from the Christmas services. In addition, many individuals and Home Groups have supported in various ways the **Samara's Aid Appeal** (working to relieve suffering through the provision of humanitarian and medical aid in Syria), our support beginning with a personal connection to Samara Levy.

Annual donations to the five charities are thus made 'automatically' from the income of the church which is largely generated by the giving of church members. It is only right, therefore, that we should review from time to time our charities policy. If anyone has any views they would like express on this issue, or suggestions of other possible recipients (especially if there is a personal connection with a church member), please have a word with a member of the PCC.

Nigel & John.

Services in April 2019

[and for HOLY WEEK and EASTER]

Thursday 4th April

2.30pm

Lent Course – Afternoon Tea!

In the Church Centre. *Followers of Jesus – James, Son of Thunder*

Sunday 7th April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

8.00am HC [BCP]

Philippians 3: 4b - 14; John 12: 1 - 8

10.15am

Holy Communion [CW]

Philippians 3: 4b - 14; John 12: 1 - 8

6.30pm

A service of **Compline**

Wednesday 10th April

10.30am

Lent Course – Morning Coffee!

In the Church Centre. *Followers of Jesus – Mary Magdalene*

Sunday 14th April

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am HC [BCP]

Philippians 2: 5 - 11; Luke 19: 28 - 40

10.15am

Morning Praise

Philippians 2: 5 - 11; Luke 19: 28 - 40

6.30pm

A service of **Compline**

Tuesday of Holy Week [16th April] to Wednesday of Holy Week [17th April]

Twenty-four hours of prayer in church beginning at 11.00am on Tuesday and continuing through to 11.00am on Wednesday. The last hour will be a service of Holy Communion [10.00am - 11.00am]

Thursday 18th April

7.00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

As we remember how Jesus and the disciples gathered in the Upper Room to share the Last Supper, we will gather in the Church Centre for supper followed by an informal celebration of Holy Communion.

Friday 19th April

10.30am

GOOD FRIDAY

messychurch@thecentre

Be messy, get messy and have messy fun! A chance for families together to meet with Jesus and learn about Easter whilst being creative together, eating together and having fun together.

2.00pm

A Meditation on the Passion of the Cross

A service that through music, quiet reflection, meditation, images, hymns and songs will help us to focus upon the death of Christ on the Cross.

Saturday 20th April

7.00pm

EASTER EVE

An Easter Vigil – the first service of Easter

A service of light held in the Church Centre, to experience the passage from slavery to freedom, from sin to salvation, from death to life

Sunday 21st April

8.00am HC [BCP]

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10: 34 – 43; Luke 24: 1- 12

10.15am

Holy Communion [CW]

“He has Risen!”

A service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday morning

Sunday 28th April

8.00am HC [BCP]

The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5: 27 – 32; John 20: 19 - 31

10.15am

Morning Praise

Acts 5: 27 – 32; John 20: 19 – 31

NOTICEBOARD for APRIL

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 1st, 15th and 29th April in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. If anyone needs a lift please contact Jeannie Leadsom on 892571 before the day. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



LENT COURSE:

4th April Afternoon Tea, 2.30 in Church Centre

10th April Morning Coffee, 10.30 Church Centre

ARDINGLY COLLEGE CHORAL SOCIETY

7th April at 7.30pm : "ELIJAH" by Mendelssohn

More information on page 9

ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society will be meeting on Tuesday 9th April at 7.45pm in HAPSTEAD HALL

Geoffrey Mead will give an illustrated talk on "The Sussex Literary Landscape"

Friday 19th April – Good Friday – Messy Church

Once again "Messy Easter" will be taking place at St Peter's Centre from 10.30 - 12.00. More information on page 7

Parish Walk – a date for your diary:

On 16th May George Ruse is planning a walk. The venue is still to be arranged, but if you'd like to join him please do get in touch (892717).

Film night: "The Green Door" on 11th April 2019

Messy Easter

**10.30 – 12.00 noon on Good Friday
19th April 2019 in the Church Centre**



Be messy, get messy and have messy fun!

A chance for families to meet with Jesus and explore the events of Easter through different creative fun activities and a short drama, finishing with food! You might ... do some Origami; make an Easter garden with chocolate and biscuits; do some colouring or painting; have a water balloon competition; sing a song; watch a video Come and see!

Children, parents and grandparents are all welcome! No smart clothes!



Scene from a previous Messy Church event

EASTER LILIES

At Easter the flower team decorate the church with lilies and other flowers in memory of loved ones. If you would like to remember a family member or friend in this way please let Belinda know no later than 6th April so she knows how many flowers to order. Lilies cost around £4 each. A donation of between £5 and £20 will enable us to make the church look lovely. Many thanks.

Belinda 01444 892368



CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL



It's that time of year again! Each year we give the church a good clean before Easter, so please do join us on Saturday 6th April. Bring dusters, cloths, brushes and any cleaning materials which you think would be helpful. Cobweb brushes are always useful.

If enough of us are there, it only takes a couple of hours – and it's only once a year!

Suitable refreshments will be on offer during the morning.

Come when you can and go when you must!

Phil Kelly will be there around 9.30 but if anybody wants an early start the church will probably be open around 9.00 a.m.

Need a helping hand?

Serving the community in simple ways
If you have a problem there are people willing to help

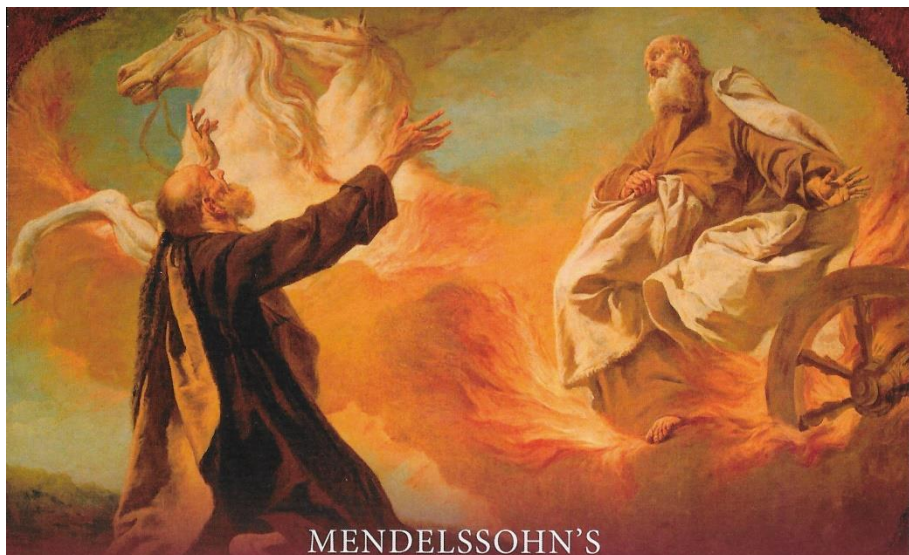


AT YOUR SERVICE

Call 892442 or 892307

A community project managed by St Peter's Church

Apology: Last month we had some technical problems which resulted in a few errors/omissions in the magazine - please accept our apologies for this. The amended version is on the website.



MENDELSSOHN'S

ELIJAH

Ardingly Choral Society

Mid Sussex Sinfonia

Conductor Robert Hammersley

Sally Harrison - Soprano • Jane Haughton - Alto
Lawrence Olsworth-Peter - Tenor • Mike Christie - Bass

7.30pm Sunday 7th April 2019

Ardingly College Chapel

Tickets £15, Concessions £13

available from M Kershaw 01825 791241



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Service at All Saints Lindfield



Friday 1st March was the World Day of Prayer and services were held all around the globe – part of a great wave of prayer, beginning as the sun rose over Samoa and ending some 38 hours later back in the Pacific, as the sun set over American Samoa. Prayers and worship were shared with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world.

Each year the service is put together by a different country and this year it was written by the women of Slovenia – one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe.



Five ladies from one of the Home Groups at All Saints led the service, on the theme of “Come – Everything is Ready!” and centre stage was a table prepared for a celebration. It was laden with symbolism, with a white tablecloth (i.e. this was a special meal), a vase containing red carnations (symbol of celebration) and rosemary, bread in a basket (poteeka is a national speciality and Slovenian biscuits are given as gifts eg. at a wedding, and as an expression of love), a bowl of grapes (Slovenia is a wine producing country), water, salt and a ceramic bowl.

The service began with 5 brief stories representing the difficulties of being a refugee and migrant worker; of juggling the burdens of raising a family and needing to work at the same time; of being elderly and isolated, with little or no support; of living with the disruptive effects of alcohol or violence in the family; and of being from an ethnic minority and feeling excluded and marginalised or experiencing financial hardship.

Prayers for all living in circumstances like these were said and summed up by “daring to hope for a new day when all will build relationships based on justice, peace and love”.

The service included a Reflection on Luke 14, given by Antonia, a member of the All Saints Ministry team. This was based on the

story of the rich man who prepared a banquet and invited many guests, only for the guests to make lame excuses for not coming. They were too busy, distracted by their own agendas or pleasures. The rich man then invited in all the poor, the vulnerable, the homeless, the marginalised and those on the edge of society. These are the people that Jesus shared time, food and love with and the call is for Christians to do the same.

A special painting had been done for the 2019 World Day of Prayer service by Slovenian artist Rezka Arnus. It is based on the story in Luke 14.

God's invitation is to an abundant feast; a generous celebration offered in love. The story ends with a warning to those who were originally invited; that they should not be complacent – they will be the ones who will miss out.



Come – Everything is Ready!

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## **Yours Sincerely**

When we write letters we commonly end them with "Yours sincerely". Have you ever wondered why you do this?

The practice has its origins in ancient Rome. Roman sculptors often concealed cracks in apparently flawless marble statues with melted beeswax. When the wax dried and crumbled, the angry purchaser sought compensation. So reputable sculptors guaranteed their work as 'sine sera', which means "without wax". Hence "Yours sincerely".

Likewise, we are called to be people of integrity whose words are true.

*(seen on a Australian calendar)*

## **MISSION FOCUS .....**



### **IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND**

In February Sylvia Jarrett and I were in Uganda struggling with the sweltering heat at a time when those of you in England were facing storms and even snow. It was the start of the new school year and it is the time when we interview for new scholarships. This year the charity has awarded three new scholarships. The children's stories are heart breaking.



Yafesi is 13 years old and the youngest in a family of four orphan boys. The oldest, Joseph, dropped out of primary school and learnt to be a mechanic. He struggles to pay school fees for two of his brothers and to earn enough to feed them all once a day. When we visited the

home there was a little dried sweet potato and half a pot of beans in one of the huts.

Calvin is also 13 years old. He shares a small hut with his uncle and two other children. The children sleep on a straw mat on the floor. The roof of the hut is in need of repair and will leak when the rains come. Calvin lives with his grandparents, peasant farmers, who have eleven children of their own. His father died and his mother remarried and is unable to care for Calvin.



Before we left Uganda, Yafesi and Calvin were settling into a primary school in Lira as boarders. As well as an education, they will receive three meals a day and will sleep on bunk beds.

A few days after we met the two boys, we learnt about Elizabeth, a 14-year old girl who had completed primary school but her family did not have the means to send her to secondary school. Her primary school head teacher, Sister Susan, had been praying for help for Elizabeth and she took us to meet her. Elizabeth's mother





left her husband and six children when the youngest was only a few months old. Last year one of the children became ill and died and not long after that their father also died. Before he died, he asked Sister Susan if she would look out for his remaining five children. They now live with their uncle and his wife and an 85- year-old

grandmother. As subsistence farmers, it is hard for the family to raise enough money for food and school fees and they were delighted when we said we would help. Elizabeth has started secondary school and perhaps one day she will realize her dream to be a nurse.

We enjoyed spending time with all the Imara scholars and encouraging them to do their best. One of them, Jasper, is waiting for the results of his final exams for a Certificate in Electrical Installations. His plan is to work until August and then to resume his studies by taking the lecturer's course in electrical installations. He rarely talks to us about his abduction by the LRA rebels as a 10-year-old orphan, sleeping in the bush at night, or the 2 years he spent with the rebels. While he was with us, a helicopter flew overhead. Jasper told us that during the insurgency there were many. The army used helicopters to seek out the rebels and when they saw them, they would shoot. The children learnt to zigzag in and out until they found a place to hide. Jasper told us how he was separated from children he knew in case they should plot together to escape. Those children never returned home. As he spoke of those times, he became unsettled, fearful, remembering. He doesn't like to think of those times. They have passed and now things are different. He is enthusiastic about his course, his work prospects, his hopes for the future. He amazes us with his positive outlook.

The Imara-Uganda scholars often ask us to send their greetings to people in the UK so I will add their grateful thanks to ours for all the financial and prayer support we receive and for the encouragement that means so much to us.

Belinda

## Bellringing at St. Peter's

It will surely have been noticed that, for some time now, our bells have not been heard regularly before normal services.



While we always manage to have them rung for special services, weddings and other occasions, regular Sunday ringing has become nearly impossible due to a temporary lack of local bellringers. This is not uncommon – villages like ours, with poor public transport, few job opportunities for young people and high accommodation costs are experiencing a dearth of both young people with time to take up and commit to local activities while at the same time the adult population seem to have such busy lifestyles not to allow time for additional interests.

Our neighbours at St. Margaret's, West Hoathly are in a similar position so we are currently working together in order to maintain bellringing as far as is possible and also to train learners - the ultimate aim of course being to restore to full membership both our towers and ensure all services are properly covered.

At present we alternate our ringing practices so that each Thursday evening we either ring in Ardingly or at West Hoathly and, in this way, with our own bellringers, West Hoathly's and visiting ringers from nearby villages, we always have enough ringers to ensure we make progress with our own skills and also train new ringers.

Recently we have attracted several new members and these are gradually increasing our membership but mostly they are from the West Hoathly Area and therefore likely to swell that tower's team in the first instance (although we shall doubtless still be able to utilise them when we need help as indeed we do the same for them).

St. Peter's, Ardingly really would like to attract anyone who may wish to learn this fascinating art which is very much part of our English heritage in the service of the church. It does not require physical strength, mathematical or musical skills and is suitable for any age from about 12 years and over. Once learned, bellringing is something that will stay with you (like riding a bike) for ever more and you will find that you are welcome in any bell tower, anywhere in the world.



If you think that you might care to learn more about bellringing, please contact me (892113 or Mobile: 07713 324610 Email: [lynn@ardingly.clara.co.uk](mailto:lynn@ardingly.clara.co.uk) ) and maybe come along and see up into the ringing and bell chambers, see how they are rung and learn a new and rewarding art.

Lynn Wilson

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## News from FSW

Dear Friends,

As I write this we are preparing for World Book Day tomorrow (7<sup>th</sup> March). Thanks to the generosity of our supporters we are able to give a personalised book to every child we support – relevant to their age, interests and reading abilities. It's often the only time that they are given their own books to keep and we know how much it means to them, so thank you to everybody who has donated books or book tokens. During half term we took a group of families to Chichester Cathedral to participate in their family activity day, which was greatly enjoyed by everybody who attended. Our day-to-day work continues to be primarily focussed on helping our families to access the relevant services and support they need. Relationship breakdown and domestic violence feature heavily at the moment, so please remember these families in your prayers.

Finally, our annual Easter Walk is now open for registration and we would love you to join us. On Easter Monday we will be tackling a 7-mile walk beginning (and ending) at Alfriston and taking in the famous Long Man of Wilmington. We are hoping to raise £10,000 this year and your support would be greatly appreciated. More information can be found on our website [www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org) (under the Get Involved section).



## **'In His Name' – Go into all the world**

### **Diocesan Healing Conference – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

This was for me a day of real hope. Keynote speaker, Rosemary Phillips, of the Lazarus Healing Trust in Worthing, was quiet and undemonstrative, very 'normal', yet her stories of healings were remarkable and challenging. Her very matter-of-factness made what she said the more compelling.

Sue Scott, one the Lewes Prison Chaplaincy team, recounted a recent experience when a guy in prison had a tumour on his neck. She asked him "Would you like Jesus to heal you?" he answered "Yes please" . She prayed for him but saw nothing, but by the time He had returned to his wing it had completely gone! (It was an abscess on his tooth.)

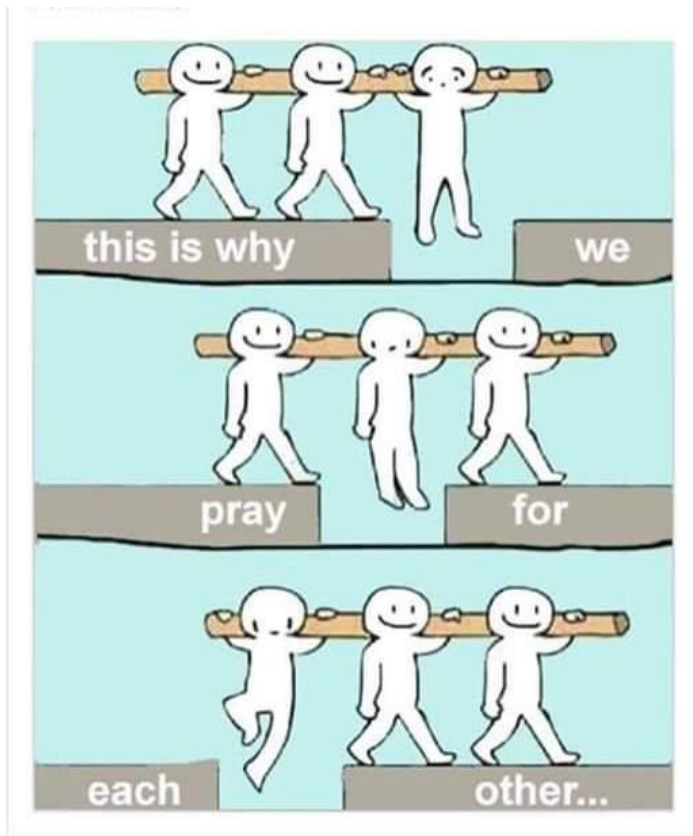
There was immense encouragement in hearing of the work of Brighton Healing Rooms (which meets in Costa Coffee, Western Road, on Friday mornings!) – see their website [www.healingroomsbrighton.org.uk](http://www.healingroomsbrighton.org.uk) for more details of who they are and what God has been doing through them.

At the Chanctonbury Churches, the team at the healing centre, through faithful prayer and listening to God, have seen some remarkable healings.

Giles Carpenter, vicar of St Johns Meads in Eastbourne, ran a session on grief and loss. Gina Paul writes:

*I attended the seminar run by Revd Giles Carpenter. He was focussing on grief and loss and how we can insulate ourselves from pain, even denying it in our human lives. Not allowing the Holy Spirit to work in these deep areas in us means that we can become spiritually and emotionally unstable. I found the talk very useful and practical. When I got home I sent off for a book that he recommended to shed further light on this sensitive subject.*

Phil Kelly



(seen on the Church of the Ascension Facebook page)

## MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE GOES PLASTIC FREE



If you are trying to help the planet by reducing your use of plastic, and if you buy Easter eggs, you'll be pleased to know that the company producing the Real Easter Egg, which is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects, have produced the Original and Dark eggs in plastic free packaging. The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box. As at 1<sup>st</sup> March more than 1,000,000 eggs had been sold – such a success that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £275,000 has been raised so far from sales for charitable causes.

You can find the blue Original egg at Tesco, Waitrose, Morrisons and Asda and the whole range can be ordered online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)

## DITCHING PLASTICS



The Church of England is urging Christians to give up single use plastics during Lent, in a bid to cut the environmental damage it can cause. Worshippers have been offered tips to cut plastic use for each day up to Easter, such as choosing a refillable fountain pen over a plastic ballpoint pen and buying music electronically rather than on CD. The calendar of tips can be found online at [www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint](http://www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint) and include suggestions such as taking your own reusable bags for shopping, using a bamboo toothbrush, buying bread that is not pre-packaged, taking your own toiletries to hotels rather than using the free travel size bottles, and taking your own coffee cup when going out for a coffee mid-morning. It's all about raising our awareness of how much we rely on single-use plastics and challenging ourselves to see where we can reduce that use. It ties in closely with our calling as Christians to care for God's creation.

## Pre-school News

We've had a busy time at Preschool, the children have been learning about the changing seasons, exploring Winter and enjoying the few snow days we had, and are now finding the first signs of Spring. We took a trip to Outer Space (!) enjoying playing with our space station, and were all Superheroes for another week. We had a very interesting time learning about our senses, particularly liking hiding in the dark den, and using torches and light up toys to explore.

We ended the last half term with a successful Valentine's Day coffee morning and cake sale with Angels & Urchins, and the children enjoyed exploring each other's groups.



This half term, we have continued to learn about the seasons, will be growing some plants and seeing what we can find outside, particularly looking for birds. We'll also be learning about Easter and will hopefully have some exciting events coming up, including a community event for preschool and

school aged children with face painting, bouncy castle and cake sale, Everyone welcome.

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/>**

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***“One person cannot change the world –  
But you can change the world for one person”***

*(George Hoffman, founder of Tearfund)*

# ‘Surviving or Thriving’: An exhibition at Wakehurst on plants and us



This new event is open daily from 22 March 2019, from 10am to 5pm  
Venue: Millennium Seed Bank Atrium, Wakehurst  
Price: Included with garden entry

## Explore the state of the world's plants

Gain a fascinating insight into the current state of the world's plants, how this impacts on us and what we anticipate the future will hold, at this exciting new exhibition.

Which plants are likely to survive, and which are likely to struggle? How will we adapt our lives around this? And, most importantly, what can we do to help protect and preserve our most precious plant resources?

## Inside the exhibition

A **2050 garden display** will show what a Sussex garden of this future year may look like, and which plants will have adapted to survive in a changing climate; with longer roots, high water efficiency and smaller leaves.

**Stories of individual plants and projects** will be showcased. You will begin to **understand the critical importance of plant research** and the challenge of widening our diets so we are not reliant on just a handful of crops on our dinner plates.

**Plant-based medicines** are crucial for so many of us to combat disease and help us live pain-free lives. Here you can find out about research into many useful common plants and herbs.

# SING FOR A CURE



On Saturday 16th March two 'Sing for a Cure' concerts were held in aid of Diabetes Type 1, at the Chequer Mead theatre in East Grinstead. The cast of twenty people had been rehearsing every week for half a year. There were 7 people in the band playing 2 guitars, keyboard ( Lynn Wilson!) drums, saxophone, trumpet, violin and harmonica. There were six solo singers, including Matt Cowling, whose numbers included a father and son duo, with his son Ben playing guitar.

The 2 performances of the day were delivered with enthusiasm and included 32 songs, all extremely well rehearsed and performed with tremendous joy. Several members of the cast have Diabetes Type 1, including the youngest member, Coco, who started the show by singing a solo. She is only six years old.

A very big 'well done' to all involved.

Pat Wilson



## *ROUND THE VILLAGE*

**News and views collated by  
the editor 892344**

**THE OAK:** According to the MSDC website the application to convert the former Oak Inn public house to two residential dwellings, and redevelop the public house car park to provide three 3 bedroom dwellings with associated car parking and hard and soft landscaping, is still “pending consideration”.



**Ardingly Community Choir** meets fortnightly (usually the first and third Monday of the month), at **St Peter's Church Centre, 8.15-9.15pm.** They are a friendly group and welcome new members. There is no need for previous singing experience and you do not need to be able to read music. Just come along

for a fun and calming hour of creating harmonies! The next choir meetings will be on 1st April, 15th April, 29th April and 20th May. A contribution of £2 towards hall hire is requested. Please do contact Tammy Nelson for more information, on 07929 758943 or [tam\\_nel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tam_nel@yahoo.co.uk)

The beautiful weather in February has caused all the Spring flowers and blossom to spring into life earlier than usual and the daffodils on the verges in Ardingly have looked wonderful! A big ‘Thank you’ to all who planted them!



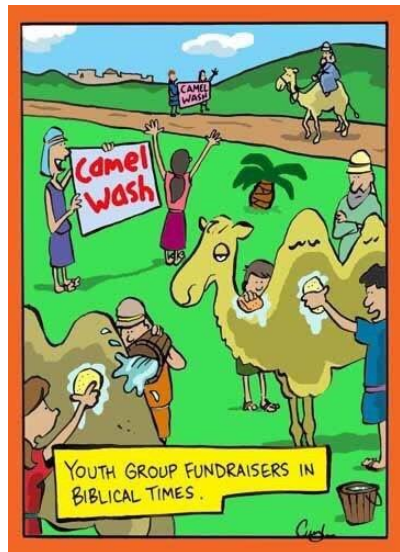
## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE ...

A small boy wanted a baby brother so his father suggested he pray everynight for one. The boy began to pray earnestly, night after night, but when nothing seemed to happen he gave up. After a few months his dad said they were going to see mum in hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies.



"Well, what do you think about having twin brothers?" his dad asked. The little boy thought for a moment and replied, "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

The evangelist, Billy Graham, used to tell of a time early in his career when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to post a letter, he asked a young boy where the Post Office was. When the boy told him, Billy Graham thanked him and said, "If you come to the Baptist Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven." The boy looked surprised and finally stammered, "But you don't even know your way to the Post Office!"





# Parish Register

**Baptism:** Lochlan Ezra Francis Cromie of Quaker's Lane, Haywards Heath was baptized on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**Funeral:** The funeral of Margaret Rusk of Windlesham Manor Care Home, Crowborough and formerly of Ardingly, who died on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 aged 89 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

## *An Easter Prayer*

*We thank you  
that Easter is not about a people,  
but all people,  
that your love and your salvation  
are for all who confess  
with voices, hearts and lives  
that the tomb is empty  
because Jesus is risen,  
that we might know  
forgiveness,  
that lives might be  
reborn  
and your name  
glorified  
now and for eternity.  
Amen.*

### **Flower Rota for April 2019**

5<sup>th</sup> April Pat Wilson and Sheila  
20<sup>th</sup> April All flower arrangers please,  
at 10.00 a.m.

### **Brass Cleaning April 2019**

6<sup>th</sup> April Adele Collins



## **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.

**MAGAZINE:** Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (Post extra). **MAGAZINE EDITOR:** Michael Denman Rye Cottage, 35 High Street. Ardingly RH17 6TB Tel. (892344). Items for inclusion must be submitted to the editor by noon on the Saturday before the penultimate Sunday in the month. Email: denmanardingly@gmail.com

**TRANSPORT:** If you require transport to church or to Meeting Point, or if you could provide it for others, please contact Jeannie Leadsom (892571).

**YOUTH:** Crèche and Children's activities - Contact Anne Kelly 892540

**ANGELS & URCHINS:** Thursdays 9-11.30 Contact Jill Veasey 892442

## PRAYER DIARY APRIL 2019



*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His love endures for ever." (Psalm 118 v 29)*

- 1 John & Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Chris Sutton – his ministry, work and family
- 3 Yemen – pray for a political solution and access to aid
- 4 Our local hospitals, care homes, hospices and NHS staff
- 5 Our Churchwardens and Lay Readers, Nigel, John and Phil
- 6 Theresa May and her government – for wisdom and Brexit
- 7** Praise God for our freedom to worship. Pray for the persecuted
- 8 Pray for all refugees around the world and those supporting them
- 9 Pray for the media; for honesty, integrity and compassion
- 10 Ardingly College & St Peter's Primary; staff, pupils and governors
- 11 Angels & Urchins – all who attend and help
- 12 Give thanks for all the modern comforts we enjoy; pray for those without these
- 13 Justin Wellby and our local Bishops, Martin, Mark & Richard
- 14 Palm Sunday** – praise God for his salvation plan
- 15 Teachers and school children on their Easter holidays
- 16 Pray for family, friends & neighbours who do not know Jesus
- 17 Our Queen and Royal Family, especially the young Royals
- 18 Maunday Thursday – Holy Communion meal this evening
- 19 Give thanks for Good Friday. Messy church this morning
- 20 TEARFUND – bringing improved safety and hygiene to the poor
- 21 He is Risen!** Praise God for Jesus' victory over death
- 22 Bambi and Andreas and family, in Indonesia with OMF
- 23 Pray for opportunities to share God's love today
- 24 Pray for all who are lonely, discouraged or hurting in any way
- 25 The families of babies who have recently been baptised
- 26 The Samaritans and all who offer counselling support
- 27 Families & individuals suffering hardship of any kind
- 28** May our worship be filled with love and joy today. APCM today.
- 29 Old Jeshwang – its staff, patients and directors
- 30 Give thanks for God's faithfulness & constant presence through another month

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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019**