

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

March 2019



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This service is for anyone in the village who may need assistance with transport to appointments, shopping, etc. It is a community project managed by St. Peter's.



St Peter's Church, Ardingly

Who's Who at St. Peter's

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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

Dear Friends,

The great English mystic Julian of Norwich wrote in her Revelations of Divine Love that: *'we are so precious loved by God that we cannot even comprehend it. No created being can ever know how much and how sweetly and tenderly God loves them'* This is quite a thought.

But for many people, it is also quite a hard thing to accept. However, the fact remains, and as the Bible teaches us, God is love and God wants us to know that love of His and to experience it for ourselves. After all, that's exactly what He shows us in the death of His Son on the cross. It is the paradox of the cross of Christ that the motivation that lay behind Jesus' suffering and endurance of the horrors of the cross was love, that tender sweet love that God has for each one of us.



The chapter in the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that speaks of love is one of the most widely known and often quoted passages from scripture. It has been used over and over again at both weddings and at funerals. But few chapters in the Bible have suffered more misinterpretation and misapplication than 1 Corinthians 13. Divorced from its context, it becomes something of a hymn to love or even a sentimental sermon on Christian brotherhood when in fact it reminds us that love is enriching, edifying and enduring and that as with God, so with us, love must be the motivation in everything that we do. The apostle Paul actually says something to the effect that *'even if I could speak all of the various languages that humans speak, all of the languages of the world'* and *'even if I could add to that the languages spoken by the angels themselves that would still be nothing but noise if I didn't speak in real love'*. Which love he says, is a selfless concern for others. So, this isn't love arising from any loveable quality in the other person, indeed it's not dependent upon them at all, but rather this is a selfless love, a love that's in obedience to God's command to all of us, to love as He loves us.

Put quite simply the love of God speaks of love that is directed outwards and towards others and not inwards and towards ourselves. It speaks of a love that's utterly unselfish and which gives all, whilst expecting nothing in return. And it is this that we witness at the cross: the miracle of grace by which God made it possible for all of us to enter His kingdom. The cross of

Jesus Christ is the means by which God broke through our self-sufficiency with a demonstration of His all sufficient love. Through Jesus, the one who was mocked and insulted, spat upon, flogged and finally killed we were given a declaration of the love of God in the past as well as a reminder of that love of God that is continuing and an assurance of the love of God that reaches towards all of his faithful people with a kindness and compassion that is itself motivated by deep and everlasting love.

But we are also given a challenge. The cross of Christ is a challenge to all of us to love as God has loved. God has taught us to love by sending His Son [1 John 4: 19], but we have also been ‘taught by God to love each other’ [1 Thessalonians 4:9], something that Jesus elevated to a commandment [John 13: 34 – 35]! So, the most important lesson in the school of faith is to love one another. But it was Jonathan Swift, the author of “Gulliver’s Travels”, who noted that sadly and all too often: “*We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another*’.

Over the coming weeks of our Lent I think that we all need to try or maybe even begin to get a grasp on the nature of God’s love for us: a love that is constant, compassionate, kind and responsive. We need to look towards the cross and try to understand the extent of God’s love for us, however we may see ourselves and however unlovable we may think ourselves to be. We need to be reminded by the cross of Christ just how sweetly and tenderly God loves each one of us, not because of us but because of who He is and then we need to pray for the strength and maturity to rise to the challenge to live our life in a way that is motivated by love that is just like that love of God.

After all, we expect a child to think, understand, and speak like a child, but we also expect the child to mature and start thinking and speaking like an adult. As we journey to the cross let’s pray for the day to come when we are able to ‘put away all childish things’ and to know both the love that God has for us and how to love others in His way.

Yours in His service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'John' written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diocesan Healing Conference

IN HIS NAME - 'Go into all the World' - Saturday 2nd March 2019

Each year since 2000 the Diocese of Chichester has resourced a high profile day devoted to the ministry of healing. About 200 people attend each year making the event a regular date in the diary

Over the years a pattern for the day has evolved with a main speaker giving a keynote address followed by a variety of teaching seminars in the morning and afternoon. The day concludes with a time of worship and a reflection on the day with an opportunity for anointing with oil, confession and extended prayer ministry.

Last year we welcomed Revd Canon J. John as our inspiring and energetic keynote speaker!

For 2019 we are very excited to announce that our Keynote Speaker will be Rosemary Phillips founder of the *Lazarus Healing Trust* which trains and equips individuals and churches to pray for all forms of healing as a part of the evangelistic and discipleship ministry of the Church.

Rosemary speaks internationally on the biblical foundation for prayer, prophecy and praying for healing and has a heart to share the love of Jesus to those both inside and outside the church through healing prayer. She has been part of Billy Graham's international team and has also worked with Francis MacNutt in the USA and in Europe, and spent ten years teaching and leading Lazarus Trust's ministry in Switzerland. Additionally, we are delighted that Bishop Richard Jackson, Revd Rob Dillingham and Rev Giles Carpenter will be leading our seminars.

Victoria Baptist Church in Eldon Road, Eastbourne remains our regular venue as they offer a wonderful welcome with very good access, facilities and parking. There is a charge of £10.00 for the day which includes tea, coffee but not lunch.

Details of the seminars, seminar speakers may be found in the 2019 brochure which is available from Diocesan Web Site - . There is also a link to Eventbrite for on-line bookings; postal booking is also an option.

Services for March 2019

Crèche & Children's activities are always available at our 10.15 services

Sunday 3rd March

8.00am HC [BCP]

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

6.30pm

The Sunday next before Lent

2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2; Luke 9: 28 – 36

*a café style service for everyone in the **Church Centre***

Open to God

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

Wednesday 6th March

7.00pm

Ash Wednesday

A service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes to mark the beginning of Lent

Sunday 10th March

8.00am HC [BCP]

10.15am

Holy Communion [CW]

6.30am

The First Sunday of Lent

Romans 10: 8b – 13; Luke 4: 1 – 13

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A service of **Compline**

Wednesday 13th March

10.30am

Lent Course – Morning Coffee!

In the Church Centre. **Followers of Jesus – Nicodemus**

Sunday 17th March

8.00am HC [BCP]

10.15am

Morning Praise

6.30am

The Second Sunday of Lent

Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1; Luke 13: 31 – 35

Luke 13: 31 – 35

A service of **Compline**

Thursday 21st March

2.30pm

Lent Course – Afternoon Tea!

In the Church Centre. **Followers of Jesus – Mary and Martha**

Sunday 24th March

8.00am HC [BCP]

10.15am

**Holy Communion [CW]
With prayer for healing
and wholeness**

6.30 pm

The Third Sunday of Lent

1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13; Luke 13: 1 – 9

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a service of compline

Wednesday 27th March
10.30am

Lent Course – Morning Coffee!

In the Church Centre. *Followers of Jesus – The Woman at the Well*

Sunday 31st March

8.00am HC [BCP]

10.15am

Fifthsunday@thecentre

6.30am

MOTHERING SUNDAY [The Fourth Sunday of Lent]

Colossians 3: 1 – 7; John 20: 1 – 10

A service of prayer and praise to celebrate Mothering Sunday held in the CHURCH CENTRE

A service of **Compline**

Sunday at the Centre

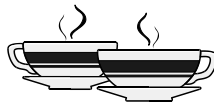
SUNDAY 3rd MARCH

**Refreshments at 10am
and served throughout the Service**

Worship begins at 10.15



NOTICE BOARD



Meeting Point Coffee Morning

In **March** will be **Mondays 4th and 18th**. In Hapstead Small Hall **10.15 - 11.15, All are welcome**. Anyone needing a lift to Meeting Point, please contact Jeannie Leadsom on 892571 before the day. Help is appreciated for setting up tables etc.

Show Tickets.

South of England show tickets at a reduced rate for Ardingly residents 'only' will be on sale in Hapstead Small Hall two Saturday mornings in May. Saturday 4th and again Saturday 11th. between the times of 10am - 12 noon. Please note these are the only dates/times the tickets will be sold at the special rate for this three day event this coming 6th 7th and 8th of June.

M. K. P.

Children's Society boxes

It is time once again for our annual collection of the boxes that you have in your homes in order for us to send off the money to the Children's Society.

We would be grateful if you could bring your boxes to church during March if this is convenient. We normally attend the 10.15 service but if it is easier for you we are happy to collect the boxes from you. If you would like us to arrange a suitable time to collect your box from you please contact us by telephone (01444 440979) or e-mail us (jeanandtonyjeffery@hotmail.com). Thanks again for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

Jean and Tony Jeffery

Note, Due to their mishap there may be different contact details

A Note From The Editor

Thank You all who have paid their subs for 2019. There are still a few still that remain Outstanding.



As a reminder, the minimum sub is £3 and the the full sub is £5 with postal subs costing £12.50.

These should come through my letterbox either by hand or by post at Rye Cottage. 35 High street. RH17 6TB.

Next Messy Church – 17th March

– with **Messy Easter** on Good Friday – 19th April - get the dates in your diary now!

Electoral Roll – enrolment form for everyone to re-new or join - needs completion before 17th March. Forms available at Church, or speak with Margaret Dale: 892252

AT YOUR SERVICE: New contact details: 01444 892442 or 892307. This service is for anyone in the village who may need assistance with transport to appointments, shopping, etc. It is a community project managed by St. Peter's.

SING FOR A CURE – “This is Me”, Saturday, 16th March at Cheque Mead Theatre in East Grinstead. Shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Concert in aid of Type 1 Diabetes research. More detailson page14.



MISSION FOCUS

Heather Johnstone

CPAS

The Rehema Project benefits women and children in crisis – who don't have food, clothing, or shelter and who are susceptible to all sorts of illnesses because of malnutrition. Many of them struggle with the effects of HIV or AIDS and sometimes suffer abuse, rape, theft and mistreatment; they are trapped in poverty, with little hope. As Christians we are compelled, through Christ's love, to show love, compassion and mercy.

I had been a Christian for two years in 2011 when I felt God calling me to mission – I spent 17 life-changing months working on water and building projects in Tanzania and India. While in Tanzania I helped manage a local project for women and children in crisis, and when the opportunity arose to return to Tanzania to run the project, I did not hesitate to follow the call.

Dear friends,

"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

In Tanzania, when women have their first child, they become known as the mother of that child, rather than by their own name. So, in this culture, Mary would be Mama Jesus and no longer be called Mary. Similarly, Joseph would be Baba (father) Jesus. Often you never know a person's Christian name – they are simply Mama or Baba "so-and-so".

Mama Emma and Mama Neema

Mama Emma and Mama Neema sell fruit and veg at the top of the street where I live, and I buy my tomatoes and bananas from them. Mama Neema always greets me with a massive hug and a "wow". We have a bit of banter and she tries to teach me her tribal language, Kikurya, and laughs uproariously when I get the words

wrong. Mama Emma greets me with a big, beautiful, bright smile and is one of the few people who can pronounce my name. It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to some of the women I interact with as I go about my daily life, women outside of the Rehema Project. These are women I meet as I get my weekly supplies in, as I walk home or I see when I am out and about.

Mama Neema making porridge

These days, I visit them not just to buy fruit and veg but to sit and have a chat as we develop a personal relationship. They tell me about their days and a bit about their lives, their work and their faith. I love that when I ask them how they are, their standard response is “thanks be to God, I am well”.



They both work seven days a week and get up at 5am in the morning. Mama Neema, a mother of three, goes to a piece of land by a lake where she does her small-scale farming. It's hard work, with watering, hoeing, planting and harvesting various crops, ready to be sold on her little market stall. All this activity before my alarm wakes me at 6am and I hit “snooze” three times before begrudgingly dragging myself out of bed at 6.20am. As I make myself a cup of tea, she is carrying 25 litre buckets of water on her head from the lake to her home – a half hour walk.

Meanwhile, twice a week at 5am, mother of two Mama Emma takes a two-hour bus journey to Tarime in order to buy her supply of bananas and other such items for her stall. Five or six hours later, she can start selling what she has bought. On the days she goes to Tarime, Mama Neema looks after her stall and when Mama Neema is farming, Mama Emma keeps an eye on her stall. They have each other's backs.

However, selling fruit and veg is not enough to sustain themselves and their families, so they bustle about and are proactive in doing other things to earn a bit of cash. Roasting peanuts for sale, making tea or “uji” (porridge) to sell to parents and children who need sustenance. They don't stop until they pack up for the day and go back

to their respective homes at 8 or 9pm, preparing to start all over again at 5am the following morning.



Life is a challenge for many in Mara and these ladies work so incredibly hard to provide for their families. It is humbling to see them in action because, despite their difficult lives, these God-loving women are always cheerful, always welcoming and always greet you with open arms and open hearts.
Sherehe ya Shukrani



Some facts about the Bible

The Bible, the world's best-selling book, is also the world's most shoplifted book.

The Bible was written by some 50 men, only one of whom (Luke) was a Gentile.

The Bible has been translated, in whole or in part, into more than 1,100 languages and dialects.

The first book printed with movable type was the Gutenberg Bible of 1456.

The text which our KJV uses matches that of the earliest Bible translations: Peshitta (AD150), Old Latin Vulgate (AD157), and the Italic Bible (AD157), etc. (These Bibles pre-date, by some 200 years, the minority Egyptian codices favoured by the Roman Church.)

The vast majority (99%) of the 5,200 Greek manuscripts we have today (the Received or Majority Text) support the King James Bible, as do the 86,000+ citations from scripture by the early church fathers. Its text can be traced back to Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians, and where Paul and Barnabas taught the word of God for a whole year (Acts 11:26).

A small number of other texts came from Alexandria, Egypt, and Rome; these abound with deletions, additions and amendments, and omit some 200 verses. These Minority Texts contradict themselves in hundreds of places. The King James Bible does not use these texts.

About 30,000,000 copies of the Bible are distributed annually.

The last word in the Bible is AMEN.

**SING FOR A CURE
PRESENTS**

THIS IS ME

A CHARITY CONCERT

CHEQUER MEAD THEATRE, EAST GRINSTEAD
SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2019
2PM & 7PM

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Women's World Day of Prayer 1st March 2019

Two local churches will be holding services to mark Women's World Day of Prayer on 1st March. Here are a few details:

All Saints Lindfield:

The service for the Women's World day of Prayer will be held at 10.00 a.m. at All Saints, Lindfield this year. It has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia and is based on the Bible text from Luke 14 v15 – 24. At the core of the theme is an invitation 'Come', and to enable the response 'Everything is ready'. Come to praise, thank and proclaim the kingdom of love. The invitation is grounded in the parable that Jesus told about a great dinner, which was attended by the ones called off the streets, as the ones invited first excused themselves. The community around the table is not enough to fill the house, there is still room. Who is missing from the table in our community? Look out for further details of the service on posters outside and inside the church and on the weekly notice sheet

Haywards Heath Baptist Church, Sussex Road:

The service here will begin at 1.30 pm and will be followed by tea and cakes

The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer





ROUND THE VILLAGE
**News and views collated by
the editor 892344**

Although it is not strictly "Round The Village", it happened to two of our church members on Wednesday 13th of February.

A huge oak tree fell across the roof of the home of Tony and Jean Jeffery in Syresham Gardens in Haywards Heath, smashing the roof and rendered it uninhabitable. They and their neighbours had a lucky escape

The photo below is by Eddie Howland



The increasingly spring-like weather has produced a lot of unseasonal blossoms and even flowers. I am sure that Wakehurst Place would be worth a visit while the weather holds

Remember, I am always on the lookout for items for this page - please do let me know if you have something you feel should be reported here. Ed.

Not Too Seriously

A cheerful heart is good medicine
Proverbs 17:22

Criticism is
easy,
achievement
is more
difficult.

Winston
Churchill

A parson once asked the actor David Garrick: "Why is it that I, who speak great truths, deliver them to a half-empty church once a week, while you who speak merely fiction can fill a theatre every night?"

Garrick replied: "Because you speak truth as though it were fiction; whereas I speak fiction as if it were the truth."

*Quoted in the journal of the Religious
Drama Society of Great Britain*

Theological Truths...(1)

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day,
but a ball of fire by night.

Salome was a woman who danced
naked in front of Harrods.

Christians can have only one wife.
This is called monotony.

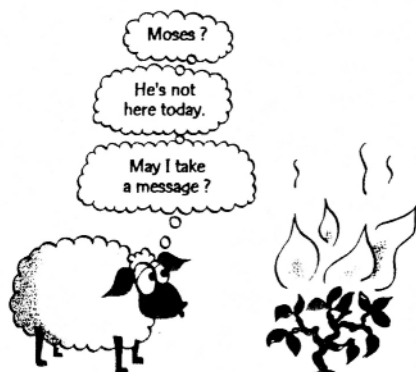
Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

NOTICES

Don't let worry kill you.
Let the Church help.

Thursday night Pot-luck Supper
Prayer and Medication to follow.

Apparently, the Bishop
of London is marketing
St Paul's for the Millen-
nium Celebrations as
'The dome that knows
what's in it'.



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Parish Register to 16th February 2019

There are no entries to this date

**God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Flower Rota for March

4th Jean (foliage arrangement)
22nd Belinda (foliage arrangement)

Brass Cleaning for March

3rd Barbara and Michael Lucas
24th Adele Collins and June Howell



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 MARCH 2019

*"He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress;
I shall never be shaken" (Psalm 62 v 2)*



- 1 Women's World Day of Prayer: Pray for blessing & inspiration
- 2 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 3 Our Café service today and 'Open to God' tonight
- 4 Samara; pray for protection and plans for the hospital in Syria
- 5 Chris Sutton and his interim ministry
- 6 Ash Wednesday and the service tonight. Our observance of Lent
- 7 Our Home Groups and those who lead them
- 8 The Post Office and other village businesses
- 9 CMS: Heather Johnstone and the Rehema project in Tanzania
- 10 Pray for our services today and all who lead them
- 11 Pray for peace wherever there is conflict or war
- 12 Pray for all with learning difficulties; their teachers & families
- 13 Our morning and afternoon Lenten studies this month
- 14 Theresa May & her government; relations with the E.U.
- 15 Courageous MAF pilots, saving lives in remote places
- 16 Jill Veasey and all involved in St Peter's music ministry
- 17 Today's services and Messy Church this afternoon
- 18 All who suffer from a long term illness; all carers
- 19 Our church wardens and Lay Readers, Nigel, John and Phil
- 20 Pray God's comfort for all who are grieving
- 21 Church Army's evangelistic outreach & help for the homeless
- 22 IMARA: Belinda, the leadership team and the sponsored children
- 23 All who visit St Peter's or seek help through the church
- 24 Pray for the church family and praise God for His love
- 25 Pray for all who are on the margins of society
- 26 The PCC, meeting tonight: for vision, unity and guidance
- 27 Pray for friends & family who do not know Jesus
- 28 Bible Society, bringing new life through Scripture
- 29 Praise God for His creation and the delights of Spring
- 30 "Who let the Dads Out" today. Pray for children everywhere
- 31 Mothering Sunday: pray for all mothers and our service today

Very last copy date for the April edition is noon on Saturday 16th
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