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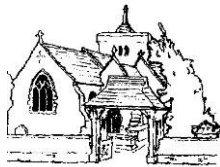
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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

10.15 am Morning Worship – Our main service – see diary page

6.30 pm 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

Letter from Chris Sutton

(Interim Minister at St Peter's)



Dear Friends

Welcome to May. What first comes to mind when you think of the month of May? Bank Holidays, Swifts arriving from Africa, wild garlic, asparagus, the FA Cup Final, Labour Day, GCSE exams, lily of the valley, VE Day, Morris dancing, Star Wars Day, Nightingale song, ... Whatever your personal choice, May is rich in new life, in celebration and in memory. It is a month of longer daylight hours, warmer temperatures, hopefully some sunshine, and full of the anticipation of summer.

With Easter being relatively late this year, the church will hold these three together through the month as the implications of Good Friday and Easter Sunday sink in. Jesus is alive, Hallelujah! New life; celebration; ... remembering. But to fully appreciate these things we need time to reflect, perhaps even to stop, to listen and to learn. Jesus himself understood that. That is why in the Gospels there is this period between the first Easter and Jesus' Ascension into heaven – a time when he teaches his Disciples why things had to be this way and then commissioned them to share the good news around the world.

So too perhaps we could use this month of May to reflect, to listen and learn. That might be in a favourite armchair with a book, it might be alone on a walk taking in the scent of wild garlic or the mesmerizing song of the Nightingale, it might be in discussion with others or listening to a talk or sermon. New life, celebration ... remembering. We have much to be thankful for this month but also much to reflect on – may we each take the time to do that this springtime.

Services in May 2019

Sunday 5th May

8.00am HC [BCP]

With refreshments served from **10.00am** and throughout the service our worship begins at **10.15am**
6.30pm

Sunday 12th May

8.00am HC [BCP]

10.15am
Holy Communion [CW]

Sunday 19th May

8.00am HC [BCP]

10.15am
Morning Praise

Sunday 26th May

8.00am HC [BCP]

10.15am
**Holy Communion [CW]
with prayer for healing
and wholeness**

Thursday 30th May

10.30am HC

The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 1 - 6; John 21: 1 - 19

sunday@thecentre

a café style service in the Church Centre for everyone

"Open to God"

A quiet, meditative service for the end of the day

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 36 - 43; John 10: 22 - 30

Acts 9: 36 - 43; John 10: 22 - 30

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11: 1 - 18; John 13: 31 - 35

Acts 11: 1 - 18; John 13: 31 - 35

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 9 - 15; John 5: 1 - 9

Acts 16: 9 - 15; John 5: 1 - 9

ASCENSION DAY

On the 40th day after Easter Sunday, we commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven.

WARDENS WORDS

We would like to thank all those who laboured inside and out to spring clean the church so effectively in the first week of April to have it looking so good in time for Easter. Week by week there are a faithful few who give us great joy in the floral displays which make the church look so welcoming; those who polish the brass and clean the church regularly show it is really cared for. And thank you to all whose contributions may go unnoticed. We never cease to be amazed how things seem to get done and we appreciate it enormously. **Thank you.**

Nigel and John.

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*Did you know that you can light a candle in church, maybe in memory of someone or just to help some quiet reflection or meditation? The church is open daily, during daylight hours.*

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Sunday@thecentre

All are welcome at Café Church
Sunday 5th May
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)

Messy Easter



On Good Friday we again had good fun, got messy and explored the events of the first Easter through activities, games, a sketch and food!

We created an Easter Garden and did some craft, messed about with paint and watched a sketch of Jesus on trial. We also had fun at the tomb:



NOTICEBOARD for MAY

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Due to bank holidays there is just one Meeting Point this month on 13th May. This will take place 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.



Lunchtime Concert

At 1.15pm on Friday 17th May St Peter's Church will again be welcoming years 9 and 10 Music Scholars from Ardingly College to give a lunchtime concert. Led by Director of Music Richard Stafford, the students will present a varied programme of musical pieces, which, if like previous years, will be of a high standard and well worth listening to. The concert will last under an hour and all are welcome.



Angels & Urchins have changed their times to 0900 – 11.00 to fit in better with school times.

Facebook: St Peter's Church Ardingly is now on Facebook. Search for "Ardingly Church" or "St Peter's Church, Ardingly"

Dates for your diary:

15th May Village Lunch

19th May Messy Church

9th June Pentecost service at Worth at 4pm

16th June London-Brighton Bike Ride



Parish Walk

This is now planned for Saturday 15th June. More details from George Ruse (892717).

NEWS FROM BAMBI AND ANDREAS



Life in an Indonesian suburb is similar to life in any big city suburb – busy and noisy! Add to that the regular calls of the muezzins at the 3 places of worship near their house and you can get a little feel of what it is like for Bambi and Andreas. And it has been extremely wet recently! But the sun is shining again now and they have been very encouraged recently by interest from some local students in Christianity – surprised that Bambi and Andreas take their faith so seriously. Discussions have been lively and sometimes heated!

Bambi continues to travel to attend leadership meetings and come alongside team leaders. She also had to travel to her home country recently because her mother was having chemotherapy. Her mother then had a seizure, but after Bambi prayed for her she rallied and could talk and communicate again – a real answer to prayer for Bambi.

A lot of missionary children have to be home schooled because the local schools are teaching a different syllabus and in a different language. Their son is now at a boarding school in a different country and doing very well. He is hard-working and highly motivated academically. Their daughter is still being home-schooled by her parents and is also doing well. Homeschool helpers from Germany have supported Bambi and Andreas on a yearly basis, but their current helper has just left and will not be replaced. Their daughter will join her brother at boarding school in September.

The 'empty nest' will be a big adjustment for Bambi and Andreas and they will miss the children a lot. The whole family would appreciate prayer for this time and as they try to work out what opportunities God will send them in this new phase of their life.

'The Proper Way'

"The proper way for a man to pray",
said Deacon Lemuel Keys,
"The only proper attitude
is down upon his knees".

"No, I should say, the way to pray,"
said Reverend Doctor Wise,
"is standing straight with outstretched arms
and rapturous upturned eyes".

"It seems to me his hands should be
devoutly clasped in front,
with both thumbs pointing t'ward the ground",
said Reverend Doctor Blunt.

"Last year I fell in Hodgkin's well
head first", said Cyrus Brown.
"With both my heels a'sticking up,
My head a'pointing down.
And I made a prayer right then and there,
Best prayer I ever said -
The prayerest prayer I ever prayed
was standing on my head"

(Author unknown)

UPDATE ON SAMARA'S AID

I am so encouraged to have heard from so many of you, keen to organise events in your churches and communities to help promote my book (and therefore our work) after it is published at the end of July. My prayer is that it will be an encouragement, and an affirmation to all who read it, that when we respond to God's call, putting the poor, marginalised, and broken in this world first, we can expect to see him answering prayers, opening doors and providing in the most beautiful way. The last five years have been the most incredible journey and it is such a privilege to be able to share some of my story. For those of you who would like to come to one of our main book events, here are the dates:

Sunday 21st July at St Peter's Brighton. 9.30am, 11.30am and 6pm.

Over the last months our team on the ground in Syria have been feeding back to us their successes and concerns over the support we have been giving to orphans and widows in Syria. Over the years we have tried to prioritise supporting people in some of the worst situations.

The situation in Syria now looks different compared with a few years ago. While there is still fighting in some areas, these areas are now just a few, and they are generally more contained, compared with the many areas that were in direct conflict or under siege when I first visited the country a couple of years ago.

One of the issues with giving specific women or carers regular food and aid handouts, is that it can develop dependency rather than independence. As peace returns to many places, the need for stability, hope, and looking forward to the future is a vitally important factor in helping people rebuild their lives. The women, and sometimes men, responsible for raising children who have lost one or both parents, need support that will enable them to be self sufficient in the long term, not simply filling their stomachs for today and leaving them without tomorrow.

Recently, one widow with a little boy asked whether we could pay for her to do a course that would enable her to provide beauty treatments for private customers, so she could earn an

income. Another widow told our team that she has the skills to sew and make clothes, but no sewing machine, and she would like to be able to make clothes that she could sell. This is an attitude that we would really love to embrace and encourage, helping people to help themselves, so we are looking more at how we can move to support orphans and widows in this way, looking to the future.

Enabling people to be self sufficient is such an essential aspect of restoring dignity and hope, and for people to be able to feel a sense of self worth. We are really keen to adapt our approach to meet the real and changing needs of the people, not simply to continue in the way we started when the fighting in Syria was at its worst and millions were being displaced.

The trustees of our new Grace Hospital Project have a meeting with a potential British architectural firm, specialising in hospital design both in the UK and abroad, in a couple of weeks. I had a preliminary meeting with in January and they have a wealth of specialist knowledge. Our current goal is to raise the funds to cover the initial concept design and planning for this hospital. We have a chunk of this, but still need help to raise the remaining amount.

I am also really pleased to say that the lorry of aid sent to Athens in Greece through our partner Feed The Hungry arrived a couple of weeks ago. We are blessed to be partnering with a church in Athens who are actively involved in supporting largely Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Athens, in a number of ways, most of whom are in very difficult situations. They are so grateful for our help.

Thanks so much again for all your support.
Love, Samara



STOP PRESS: Deliveries of aid may be resuming in October, but to some of the camps instead of to Syria (due to distribution problems). Watch this space!

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION

MID SUMMER B.B.Q



1.00pm

AVINS BRIDGE COTTAGE,
ARDINGLY.

Saturday 22nd June, 2019

Everyone is warmly invited to join AOJA
supporters for a lunch-time BBQ



Tickets £8.00
(Children under 16 free)

Available from Steve Doerr
and committee members

01444 892 431
and the AOJA Team

Raffle

Please bring own drinks/picnic chairs/garden games

Paddock parking

Pre-school News

We have had another fun half term at Preschool, the children have continued exploring their interests of birds, nature and dinosaurs. We dressed up for World Book Day, ate pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, made cards for Mothering Sunday and learnt about Spring and Easter.



We enjoyed a wonderful (if slightly cold) afternoon for our Easter eggstravaganza. Thanks must go to the Parish council for the use of the Pavilion which was a lovely place to escape the cold and warm up with tea, cake and games. Thank you to all who came and gave so generously, either by sponsoring a child for their welly waddle, buying grand national tickets or by giving at the event for the bouncy castle and activities. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

Our fundraising efforts continue next term with the brilliant bags2school collection on the 9th May and our sports day. The children are going to be doing some planting and gardening, thinking about people who help us and we're going to also be exploring healthy living, including "Walk to School" week.



All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free early years education so 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/>

"Spud we like. Plastic we don't"

Tearfund have moved away from plastic packaging for their literature and are now sending out brochures wrapped in 100% compostable covers. It looks like plastic but is made with potato starch. It can be put into the compost bin or food waste but does not go into plastic recycling or landfill. Let's hope that lots of other companies follow suit!

'Sing for a Cure' - 2019

Matt and Rachel Cowling have run 'Sing for a Cure' concerts for four years now and each one has grown bigger – larger venues, more cast members, more razzmatazz and an ever-increasing and appreciative audience. All in aid of JDRF "Improving Lives, Curing Type 1 Diabetes".

Planning for the 2019 Concert started immediately after last year's and, by Autumn 2018 the date and venue for this year's was set - March 16th at the Chequer Mead Theatre, East Grinstead for two shows, 2pm and 7pm. Many of the previous shows' cast were of course already involved and committed to taking part this year but the call came out for more singers. I duly presented myself to the Church Centre and was welcomed as part of the singing group only to discover that, as yet, they had not managed to secure anyone to play keyboard. With a considerable amount of fear and trepidation, such a prospect being way outside of my comfort zone, I failed to sit on my hands.

I was soon to discover that the show was to comprise some 32 songs, ranging from show-stoppers from *Les Miserables*, *The Greatest Showman* and *Grease* to an eclectic mix of popular songs, old and new, from the likes of Aretha Franklin, The Beatles, Billy Joel, The Mamas and Papas and others.

Rehearsals took place in the latter part of 2018 and the Spring of this year, every Sunday afternoon with some Saturdays thrown in for good measure. At each and every one, Musical Director, Charlie Connaughton cajoled and encouraged us to be the best that we could and aim for a first-class performance.

Week by week, the results of our efforts and hours of practising, began to bear fruit and we could see a show taking shape. What was clear from the outset was the dedication and determination of the whole cast and crew and this enthusiasm was infectious – it made you rise above your own fears and skills level to a point where, once the show date came along, you felt ready. As soon as the curtain went up for the first time, the adrenalin alone, plus the months of rehearsing with the band and singers, in addition to hours

at home, carried us all to what was universally agreed by our audiences as a great show.

Particularly moving was the video shown at the start of the second half where some of the cast and crew, themselves Diabetes sufferers, shared their experiences, day in, day out, coping with the equipment and routines. One such, little six-year-old Coco, gave the show an emotional start singing the first lines of 'A Million Dreams' from *The Greatest Showman*. And there wasn't a dry eye in the house when Matt, accompanied on guitar by his son, Ben (himself a Diabetes sufferer) sang Yusuf Islam's 'Father and Son'.

The audiences at both shows were enthusiastic and helped us on our way by joining in singing and, in some cases, dancing in the aisles.

It was an honour and a privilege for me to take part – a wonderful experience I shall never forget. Full credit goes to Matt, Rachel, all the cast members, including the Front of House helpers, stage crew and many others who all rose to the occasion – with the fantastic result that **the total raised for the charity was £5,579.**

Roll on 'Sing for a Cure, 2020'!

Lynn Wilson

MORE FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for Marie Curie through 'Swoove'

On 24 March 2019 a **bunch of local 'Swoovers' got together to Swoove for 3 hours in aid of Marie Curie. They had a great time, and raised £3,500 on the day and via events in previous weeks.**

(Swoove is a dance fitness class combining dancing and singing and the first class was held in Lindfield in 2015)

Family Support Work

The Spring Supper in March raised a magnificent total of **£2,300!**



This will be Ardingly's third Scarecrow Festival, following the success of the two previous years.

Thanks to the community's wonderful participation in the event, more than 60 scarecrows were displayed by Ardingly residents during Scarecrow Festival week last year, which contributed significantly to a reduction in the speed of traffic passing through the village.

The Scarecrow Festival is an opportunity to raise awareness among drivers of the village 30 mile per hour speed limit. The Scarecrow Festival will coincide with Walk to School week, when children and their families will be encouraged to travel to school on foot.

So please do:

- **Make a scarecrow!**
- **Display your scarecrow during Scarecrow Festival week: 18–25 May 2019, ensuring it is visible from one of the main roads passing through the village**

If you want to make a scarecrow and are not sure of where to position it, please get in touch. Or, if you have a garden to host a scarecrow but can't make one yourself, please let us know. There will be a prize for the best scarecrow, as voted for by the children of the village.

The Festival is run by Safer Streets in Ardingly - a local campaign group set up by parents who want to positively contribute to the ongoing traffic calming work underway in the village. Get in touch: tam_nel@yahoo.co.uk or estherwilliams_2000@yahoo.co.uk, call us on 07929 758943, or join our Facebook group: *Safer Streets in Ardingly*.

Thank you very much for taking part in this fantastic community event!

Hapstead Hall Celebrates 100 years of Community Use



Friday 17th May: Centenary Quiz & Supper

Saturday 18th May: Celebrating our Hall

Meet Ardingly organisations & businesses. Memories and Photographs of Hapstead Hall will be shared and displayed on Saturday 18th May

For more information contact: clerkhapsteadhall@gmail.com
www.hapsteadhall.co.uk



JOAN LEWIS 28.8.1928 – 20.3.2019

Joan was born Joan Lydia Lewis, the only child of Florrie and Bob, and she spent her earliest years growing up in Walworth, near the Elephant and Castle, in London.

During the war she was evacuated to Aylesbury and when she returned to London she attended school in Bermondsey, where she gained many awards and where she was also a keen sportswoman, with a love of swimming, rounders, stoolball and running. She won many first-place medals and even participated in a gymnastic display at the Royal Albert Hall as a part of her involvement with the Girls' Life Brigade. She attended Sunday School at the local mission hall after the war and eventually became a Girl's life Brigade officer. She was a counsellor and chorister at the Billy Graham Crusades and after moving to Surrey in her 20's she taught in both Sunday School and at Bible classes. Throughout her life Joan's faith was very real and very strong.

Joan was a librarian. Her first job was at the British Film Institute and then she worked with a publishing company where she received her training. Her career took her to the Brompton Hospital in London, before the move to Worcester Park saw her begin a new role with a civil engineering consultancy in Epsom where she remained happily until retirement. A high point of her career was an invitation to Nairobi to set up a new library there and where one of the highlights of her trip was a visit to Mombasa, where she saw elephants and flamingos in their natural habitat - and also President Kenyatta, to whom she waved as he passed by on the roadside!

After her father, and then her much loved mother, Florrie, died in 1993, Joan decided it was time for a change and moved to Ardingly where she lived in Loders. For many years she attended the Congregational Church until it closed and then she joined us at St Peter's.

In Ardingly she quickly made new friends and she loved meeting people and having a chat. She became a school governor at St Peter's Primary and regularly read with the children. She also loved to visit garden centres and cafes for tea and cake!

She will be remembered fondly as a very kind, gentle, softly spoken and gracious lady. She also had a real sense of humour and loved a bit of banter. She loved being teased, and could give as good as she got!

After spending nearly a year at Summerlands Joan passed away on 20th March 2019. She will be missed.

Gifts for IMARA Uganda, in memory of Joan, amounted to £603.70. As she was a Librarian, and her visit to Uganda was one of the highlights of her career, this money will be used to create a small library in the office in Lira, Northern Uganda, so that the Imara scholars always have access to the books they need.

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## Week of prayer 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June



Once again we are all encouraged by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, to participate in *Thy Kingdom Come* - a global wave of prayer supported by members of the Anglican, Methodist, Catholic, Orthodox and Pentecostal churches. It began in May 2016 and this year is scheduled to take place between 30<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June. It aims to see the whole family of God joining together to pray for the Holy Spirit to help them as witnesses to Jesus Christ and to play a part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, says "Pray every day, many times if you can, and let's see what God by his Spirit in the grace of Jesus Christ can do"

You can read more on the website: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

**St Peters Ardingly is open every day. You are most welcome to come along and pray.**



## ROUND THE VILLAGE

News and views collated by  
the editor 892344

What a pretty place Ardingly is! Especially at this time of year. The garden flowers, wild flowers, Magnolia, Forsythia, Cherry Blossom followed by Blackthorn all along the hedgerows, have been a treat for the eyes! Who would want to live anywhere else?!



Bluebells in Cob Lane

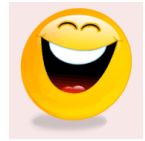
**THEFT:** An intruder visited St Peter's Church on 16<sup>th</sup> April in the afternoon and broke into the collection box which is set into the wall. It is not known how much was taken.

**SHOW TICKETS:** Tickets for the South of England Show in June 2019 will be on sale in Hapstead Small Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May between 10am – 12 noon. These are only for Ardingly residents.

### **"SPRING LIVE" 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May at the South of England Showground, 0900-1700 hours**

£12 for adults (£10 Concessions). Under 16's free if with an adult. This is being advertised as a "*Blooming Good Day Out*" and includes all the usual attractions of the Ardingly Show such as the Animal Barn, Food Market, Shopping and plants. There are a lot of other things to do or see though: Maypole Dancing; Wooden wand making; Medieval Games Workshop; Live entertainment; Climbing Wall and Segway Course; Archery; Axe Throwing; Alpaca Show; Toddler Safe Play area and lots of other games and activities (Donkey Rides, Mini Sheep Show, Fluffy Duck trail & others). That all sounds fun!

# LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOU



There is an explanation to tell the difference between colds and flu. If you see a £20 note flutter past your sick bed window; if you have a cold you'll go and fetch it, with flu you'd leave it. Same for gout; there is no way you will get up and get it.



**T**here are three engineers in a car; an electrical engineer, a chemical engineer and a Microsoft engineer.

Suddenly the car just stops by the side of the road, and the three engineers look at each other wondering what could be wrong.

The electrical engineer suggests the electronics of the car be removed down to its parts and then try to trace where a fault might have occurred.

The chemical engineer, not knowing much about cars, suggests that may be the fuel is becoming emulsified and getting blocked somewhere.

Then, the Microsoft engineer, not knowing much about anything, comes up with a suggestion, "Why don't we close all the windows, get out, get back in, open the windows again? Maybe it'll work!?"

# Parish Register to 21st April 2019

## **Baptism**

Jude Oscar Aldridge of 27 Ardings Close, Ardingly, was baptized on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## **Funeral**

The funeral of Joan Lydia Lewis of 5 Lodgers, Ardingly, who died on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 aged 90 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

*Come, O Holy Spirit.  
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,  
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,  
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,  
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,  
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,  
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.  
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,  
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,  
to be your servants to the world. Amen*

John Henry Newman

## **Flower Rota for May 2019**

3<sup>rd</sup> May All flower arrangers please, 10.00 a.m.

17<sup>th</sup> May Jean Jeffery

31<sup>st</sup> May Pam and Angela

## **Brass Cleaning May 2019**

4<sup>th</sup> May Pamela Dennis & Geoff Chittenden

## **Meeting Point 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Jill, Alison and Deb



## PRAYER DIARY MAY 2019



*"The Lord is near to all who call on him"*  
(Psalm 145 v 18)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and family
- 2 Chris Sutton – his work, family and ministry
- 3 All who have suffered from the cyclone & floods in Africa & Iran
- 4 Pray for all (and for more) Christians in sport and the music world
- 5** All church services today, also those on the radio and TV
- 6 Our Prime Minister and government
- 7 Our local care homes; for David, Molly and Sylvia
- 8 Praise God for the seasons and the beauty of the countryside
- 9 Our Churchwardens and Lay Readers, Nigel, John and Phil
- 10 Angels & Urchins and all who help and attend
- 11 Pray for all countries where there is conflict and pray for peace
- 12** May the faith of all Christians grow through today's worship
- 13 Meeting Point. Pray for Belinda and her team of helpers
- 14 Christian Aid week. Pray for a good response & for the charity
- 15 Our choir and music ministry at St Peter's
- 16 Refugee camps around the world; all who help and live in them
- 17 Jonny & Beth Burgess in the Gambia: their plans for the future
- 18 Our village community: 100 years of Hapstead Hall
- 19** Our Bishops and clergy and all who lead worship today
- 20 Pray for inner city life; pray against the gang and knife culture
- 21 Give thanks for the NHS and pray for all who work in it
- 22 Children who are taking exams this month
- 23 CPAS and the support it gives to UK churches
- 24 Our village schools – their staff, pupils and governors
- 25 Christian Festivals taking place this weekend. Big Church Day Out
- 26** May we all meet with God in new ways today
- 27 CMS: Heather Johnstone and her work with the Rehema project
- 28 Those who are struggling with poor health at the moment
- 29 Pray for those who are fearful or who lack hope or faith
- 30 Ascension Day! Praise God for His wonderful plan for us all
- 31 Give thanks for prayers answered and God's blessing this month

**Deadline for copy for the June magazine**  
**midday on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019**