

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

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**We will
Remember
Them**



St Peter's Church, Ardingly

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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

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

"When you hear of wars and revolution" said Jesus, "do not be frightened, these things must happen first but the end will not come right away." But of course, thoughts of war and of conflict are frightening thoughts, and the experience of war is terrifying. All too often it seems we are seized by what can only be described as collective insanity. So, it is right that we remember and as we remember it's right for us to thank those who've been caught up in all of that for us. It's right to thank them for their sacrifice, care, service and support. It's right to thank all of those who have stood in for us and who have secured the measure of peace and security that we enjoy and it's right to thank and pray for those who continue to stand in for us today.



But it's also right for Christians to stand up in much the same way that they have done, and with courage and without fear, to tell our story. To tell the world and to be witnesses to what we know about another way; about God's way. A way of love and of peace; a way of wholeness and of healing. A way that is the *only* way of truth and of life. When Jesus said the words that I've quoted above he knew that there would be times of war and of danger and of testing. He knew that there would be times of fear and of terror. But he also knew that it's in such times that we must be patient and wait and that in such times his disciples must witness to the world that despite everything that can be seen around us, despite everything that suggests to the contrary, Jesus is LORD. And so it's at such times that we must witness to the world of the reality of the love of God that is to be found in and through Jesus Christ his Son, taking our example from those soldiers we honour today, hearing our call to serve, responding in

obedience to God's command and trusting despite our fears that God is in this with us – always.

If the history of humankind teaches us one thing above everything else, littered as it is with conflicts throughout the ages, it is surely that we're never going to find the answer to that perversity in our human nature from within ourselves. It surely teaches us that we've got to look outside of ourselves, to something bigger, to God, to the one: "*Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all.*" Because the cross of Jesus Christ is the guarantee of the continuing and unflinching generosity of God despite all that we can see around us, and that is a message that a broken world needed to hear, and one that I believe a broken world needs to go on hearing again and again and again.

Don't we best honour those who have given their lives in the service of their country where we work to ensure that their sacrifice wasn't in vain? Don't we best honour them by learning the lessons of history, by remembering all that our story teaches us, and then by hearing Christ calling us as his disciples to be patient, to wait, and above all to witness to the world of another way, of God's way? Surely there can be no better cause for any of us to enlist in that that.

With my prayers and best wishes



Services in November 2019

Sunday 3rd November

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

8.00am HC [BCP]

2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1 - 10

10.15am

Holy Communion [CW]

2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1 - 10

Baptism: Gwilym Arthur Birmingham
Bournon

6.30pm

Open to God: "A Time to Remember"

...those we have loved and lost. We have already commended them to God, but now we show our continued love as we remember with gratitude the gift of their lives to us...

Sunday 10th November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY [The Third Sunday before Advent]

8.00am HC [BCP]

Amos 5: 18 – 24; John 15: 9 - 17

10.15am

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

'A never-failing stream of justice and forgiveness to all'

Sunday 17th November

The Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am HC [BCP]

2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13; Luke 21: 5 - 19

10.15am

Morning Praise

2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13; Luke 21: 5 - 19

Sunday 24th November

CHRIST THE KING [The Sunday next before Advent]

8.00am HC [BCP]

Colossians 1: 11 - 20; Luke 23: 33 - 43

10.15am

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

Colossians 1: 11 - 20; Luke 23: 33 - 43

NOTICEBOARD for November

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 11th and 25th November 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.



ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 12th November at 7.45pm in Hapstead Hall
Mr J Hodgkinson will be speaking on
"Pictures in Iron: Designs on British Firebacks"
All welcome. Non-members £3

QUICK – Don't miss out – it's



At St Peter's Centre, Church Lane
on Sunday 17th November 3pm-4.30pm
Play, Chat, Activities, a Song, a short talk ... and food!
All welcome

Who let the Dads out?!



A morning of fun, food and relaxation for dads and children up to about Year 6. Dads can be any age
Saturday 30th November 9.30-11.00 a.m.
at St Peter's Centre, Church Lane

SUSSEX HISTORIC CHURCHES Ride & Stride

I am pleased to tell you that this year we raised £532 which is quite a bit more than last year and 50% will come back to St Peter's. Thank you all of you who participated by walking or manning the church, also all of those who generously sponsored the participants.

Jean Jeffery

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 26th September at the Church Centre: Thank you to those who supported this event, which made over £200 for Macmillan.



HAPSTEAD HALL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Fayre will take place on Saturday 7th December 2019 from 2pm to 4.30pm. Stalls of all types will be selling cards, gifts and other produce for Christmas and also fundraising for local organisations. Father Christmas will be making a visit! After the Fayre, at about 5.30pm, there will be Christmas Carols under the tree, with mince pies and mulled wine. **DO PLAN TO COME!**

St Peter's Church will be having our usual Handmade &



Homemade stall, so offers of goods to sell will be very welcome, as will offers to help set up and/or man the stall for an hour or so. If you can help please contact Jill Veasey (892442) or Sue Laker (892117) Thank you!



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

PCC News ...

The PCC met on 28th September and the agenda covered the following:

- Replacement of panels in the fence at the back of St Peter's Centre
- Training to speak to victims of domestic violence
- Church finances and planning for the future (fundraising and buildings upkeep), relating especially to giving, the church roof and West window
- Reports from the Ministry and Mission sub-committees were received
- There is now a Safeguarding Handbook in the Vestry for anyone who needs to refer to it

The next meeting will be a short Finance meeting on 6th November.

Christmas Concert by The Fletching Singers

In Fletching Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 30th November. The programme will include a selection of favourite carols and seasonal classics. A collection will be taken for St Catherine's Hospice. Tickets £15 (includes mince pies and mulled wine). Online at www.fletchingsingers.co.uk or from 01825 712462.



FSW October update

Dear Friends,

We are currently busy receiving all the very generous Harvest donations from local schools and churches. It is such a joy to see our foodbank so well stocked in preparation for the difficult winter months when our families can really struggle. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everybody who has already made a contribution or whose Harvest festival is approaching within the next couple of weeks – it really does make a huge difference to our families. Thank you as always for your ongoing support of FSW.

Harvest 2019



Harvest Festival service on the Showground 6th October 2019 (in beautiful sunshine!) and (below) Harvest Festival Supper getting underway at St Peter's Centre on 4th October 2019.

Photos thanks to Glynis Doerr.



News from Jonny & Beth

Dear friends at St. Peter's,

We returned from The Gambia to the UK in July, after 4 years for Jonny and 2 years for Beth (having married 2 years ago). We are now loving cool air, good hospitals (Beth is pregnant!) and not a single ant yet spotted in our kitchen - quite a contrast to the 100s of daily 6-legged visitors to our Gambian kitchen.



We are so grateful for your prayers and support during our service in The Gambia. For new readers, we were serving at Servants of the Word (SOW), a small Bible School that trains people to be disciple-making disciples of Jesus, through prayerful and careful study of God's word, the Bible. As we reflect on our time there, here are two key lessons that we took away with us. I've been reading Paul's letter to the Colossians recently, and noticed several connections:

1 Prayer to God is vital and fervency in prayer is possible

We were continually struck by the prayerfulness of our African brothers and sisters as they follow Christ. Whilst Christian meetings in the UK tend to begin with a "brief word of prayer" for a few seconds, every time Christians gather in the Gambia they begin with a sustained and highly energetic period of prayer for at least 10 minutes, maybe hours! That took a while to get used to! The style is very different too - no quiet huddles and hushed tones... Rather, people stand, stride, jump, clap and shout! *All at once!* Of course, God has created us with very different cultural tastes and expressions. I can't imagine many UK churches looking or sounding like Gambians praying! But the devotion to prayer is unquestionably right. We are urged, "*Devote yourselves to prayer*" (Colossians 4:2). I'm convinced it's an area we Brits need to work at. God is very big and very strong - so let's pray!

We were always challenged by the evident thankfulness in people's prayers too. Whilst often having very little materially, these believers truly were "*overflowing with thankfulness*" (Colossians 2:7). Often people prayed, "Thank you, God, for life – we are not in the grave, we are not in hospital, we are not in prison..." Have you ever heard such gratitude in England? May it drive away our cynicism.

2 God strengthens his people with amazing resilience in suffering

Many of our African friends have suffered terribly, without many of the safety nets that we take for granted in the West – people can't count on free healthcare, social welfare, housing that won't collapse when it rains, families that won't publicly shame you for following Jesus...

We were often stunned by the resilience that people demonstrated in the face of such trials. They could say, "*I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me*" (Colossians 1:29). They had no super-human ability in themselves. They're ordinary human beings like you and me. But they knew deeply that with *Christ* in us, we really do have access to super-human strength – his energy working in us!

My friend Abdul, for example, was a committed Muslim, like 90% of Gambians. When he came to see that Jesus is more than a good man or prophet, but worthy of our full and exclusive devotion, that resulted in his family driving him from home, beating him publicly and abusing him in various humiliating ways. Yet, with Christ in him and strengthening him, he has grown to be an amazingly courageous and fruitful leader in the service of Christ and the reaching of the lost with the good news.

So now in London, working at Christ Church Balham, we are eager to keep these lessons fresh in our minds. May we, and you in lovely Sussex, be similarly devoted to prayer and bold in facing whatever trials come, knowing the difference that is made by having "*Christ in you, the hope of glory*" (Colossians 1:27).

With love,
Jonny & Beth Burgess

News from St Peter's Primary School ...



It has been a busy and interesting start to the autumn term and indeed the academic year. We welcomed our reception children into Greenfinch class, all of whom made a very confident and happy start and have settled well into life at St. Peter's. Our school is built upon six key Christian values, Respect, Thankfulness, Trust, Forgiveness, Love and Hope. From the very beginning children explore these values in worship, in class and more widely across school life and it is these values that collectively form the foundation of our 'Golden Key to Good Learning Behaviour'.

Our youngest members of the school led our annual Harvest Festival Celebration at St. Peter's Church. As a Church of England School, we value our strong links with our local church. The theme of the service followed the children's learning on Creationtide and generosity. Pupils shared their artwork, joyous singing and poignant prayers they had written themselves. It was a lovely moving time shared with parents, carers, grandparents and governors.

Our partnership between Ardingly College and the school, established formally at the end of the summer term, is already beginning to meet the desired aim of bringing mutual benefit to both schools. Members of staff from St. Peter's and Ardingly College are sharing expertise and pupils have already benefitted from shared events. This term KS2 children have taken part in Maths and Spanish workshops led by students from the college, a lunchtime sporting opportunity and have been invited to join a Primary School choir, based at the college on a Saturday morning. We are already looking forward to an end of term concert.

There are some exciting trips planned to support class topics. Greenfinch class have enjoyed a visiting storyteller, Cuckoo class will visit Michelham Priory, looking at how homes have changed over the years, Robin class will visit Lewes Castle to learn more about the Stone Age and Swallow class will visit the Natural History Museum taking part in an Evolution workshop.

And finally we cannot forget that Christmas is coming! We will have our annual decorations day later in November, our Early Years and KS1 Nativity and our end of term Carol Service led by KS2. What a packed agenda!

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## Pre-school News

We have been continuing to enjoy the Autumn Term. We've looked at healthy eating, and thinking about where food comes from. We have been collecting nature finds and bringing them into preschool to discuss with our friends, and have enjoyed talking about the changes to the trees and



plants. We've still loved playing outside in spite of the weather and have been planting bulbs for spring and some flowers to make the playground look nicer.

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, we have a few spaces available for September.

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/>

*"The Lord is my strength and shield;  
My heart trusts in Him and He helps me"*

*Psalm 28 v 7*

St. Peter's Church

*Festival of*

## NATIVITIES

Saturday 14 December

and daily until the end of December



*Come & Behold Him*

Come along to view the Nativity Scenes designed and made by village organisations. If your Church Group would like to take part in the Festival please contact Jane Taylor Cheater on 01444 892769 for more details.



With  
MID SUSSEX SINFONIA  
& COPTHORNE  
PREP SCHOOL CHOIR

Conductor **ROBERT HAMMERSLEY**

In aid of  
**The Royal  
British Legion**



# Remembrance Concert

**Poulenc - Gloria**

**Mozart - Vespers**



**Sunday 10th November 2019  
7.30pm Dolphin Centre, Haywards Heath**

Tickets £15 (Concessions £13) available from the Dolphin Centre  
Box Office or M. Kershaw 01825 791241

## Why Wear a Poppy



"Please wear a poppy," the lady said,  
And held one forth, but I shook my head.  
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,  
And her face was old and lined with care;

But beneath the scars the years had made  
There remained a smile that refused to fade.  
A boy came whistling down the street,  
Bouncing along on care-free feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun,  
"Lady," said he, "may I have one?"  
When she'd pinned it on, he turned to say;  
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way  
And answered; "This is Remembrance Day.  
And the poppy there is a symbol for  
The gallant men who died in war.

And because they did, you and I are free –  
That's why we wear a poppy, you see.  
I had a boy about your size,  
With golden hair and big blue eyes.

He loved to play and jump and shout,  
Free as a bird, he would race about.  
As the years went by, he learned and grew,  
And became a man - as you will, too.

He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,  
But he'd seemed with us such a little while  
When war broke out and he went away.  
I still remember his face that day.

When he smiled at me and said, 'Goodbye,  
I'll be back soon, Mum - please don't cry.'  
But the war went on and he had to stay,  
And all I could do was wait and pray.



His letters told of the awful fight  
(I can see it still in my dreams at night),  
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,  
And the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won –  
And that's why we wear a poppy, son."  
The small boy turned as if to go,  
Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.

That sure did sound like an awful fight  
But your son - did he come back all right?"  
A tear rolled down each faded cheek;  
She shook her head, but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,  
And if you were me, you'd have done the same:  
For our thanks, in giving, if oft delayed,  
Though our freedom was bought - and thousands paid!

And so, when we see a poppy worn,  
Let us reflect on the burden borne  
By those who gave their very all  
When asked to answer their country's call  
That we at home in peace might live.  
Then wear a poppy! Remember - and Give!

*By Don Crawford*



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REMEMBER**

## THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

*This is a tribute to all the Grandmas and Grandpas who have been fearless and learned to use the computer.*

The computer swallowed grandma.  
Yes, honestly it's true!  
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the Recycle Bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the Internet,  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Google  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her  
And send her back to me!



*By Mike Atkinson – "MikeysFunnies"*

## *NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ...*

After buying her kids a pet hamster, after they PROMISED they would take care of it, Mum, as usual, ended up with the responsibility.



One evening, exasperated, she asked them, "How many times do you think that hamster would have died if I hadn't looked after it?"

After a moment, her youngest son replied quizzically, "Once?"



After the accident, I told the police officer I thought the driver of the other vehicle was drunk.

He told me the other vehicle was a cow.



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

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**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES  
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**

## GRAVEYARD DAY 19<sup>th</sup> October (photos by Glynis and Merle)



A big thank you to the 14 adults and 2 children who came to help tidy up the graveyard on 19<sup>th</sup> October. After days of grey skies and rain our prayers were answered and it was a beautifully sunny morning!



We all enjoyed working together and a lot was achieved in a short time. A lot of the graves, including two of the Commonwealth graves, were tidied up and hedges were trimmed. The Contractor had done a great

job of clearing an area which had not previously been given much attention, and that had revealed some old Victorian graves, so some heavy digging was done around those to reveal stone edges which had been hidden from sight.



Carol had brought along some delicious cakes, which everyone enjoyed mid-morning, and there were some amusing reminiscences and anecdotes shared from school days long past!



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

What a lot of berries there are in the hedgerows this Autumn! Older Grandparents would say "it's going to be a hard winter"! Time will tell what type of Winter we're going to have, but Wildlife certainly looks well provided for this year.



There will be no film night in November as the hall is booked, but on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December RUMPELSTILTSKIN will be shown at 3pm in Hapstead Hall, Ardingly. Tickets from Ardingly Post Office and the Bakery from November, £8 and £6.

**WAKEHURST:** On selected Mondays over the past 2 months Wakehurst has been welcoming dogs into the grounds. Only 2 dogs per adult are allowed, on 'specially curated dog-walking routes' which take in the sights, sounds and smells across a 500-acre area. Walkers can ramble from the Temperate Woodlands all the way to Westwood Lake. Everything has been thought of – from water, to dog treats and waste bins! It will be interesting to see if the trial has been successful and dogs are allowed on other days of the week.

# Parish Register

There are no entries up to 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## A Remembrance Day Prayer

God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women who have died in  
active service:  
in the World Wars, the Middle East and  
elsewhere.

As we honour their courage and cherish  
their memory,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever. Amen.



## Flower Rota

1<sup>st</sup> November: Pam and Angela

15<sup>th</sup> November: Pat and Sheila

29<sup>th</sup> November: Jean (Candle arrangements)

## Meeting Point Rota

11<sup>th</sup> November: Adele, Diana and Sandy

25<sup>th</sup> November: Jill, Alison and Deb

## Brass Cleaning Rota

23<sup>rd</sup> November: Deb and George Ruse



## **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 EDITORS:** Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, Ardingly RH17 6AN (892117) and Michael Denman, Rye Cottage, 35 High Street, Ardingly, RH17 6TB Tel. (892344). Items for inclusion must be submitted by noon on the Saturday before the penultimate Sunday in the month. Email to: [emails4sue@gmail.com](mailto:emails4sue@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 9-11.00 Contact Jill Veasey 892442

## PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2019

*"He is near to those who call to him,  
Who call to him with sincerity." (Psalm 145.18)*



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family. Sally's Mum.
- 2 Chris Sutton, ministering in Nuthurst and Mannings Heath
- 3** May our Christian faith, love and trust grow today
- 4 Syria; the ongoing troubles and needs of that country
- 5 Fun and safety in all bonfire night celebrations
- 6 PCC meeting today. Pray for church finances
- 7 Praise God for His love and the beauty of creation
- 8 Give thanks for, and pray for, our NHS and its staff
- 9 Countries affected by recent cyclones, hurricanes & floods
- 10 Remembrance Day** Services today. Pray for all taking part
- 11 Our Armed Forces: chaplains, new recruits and the injured
- 12 Ardingly College & St Peter's Primary. All staff & governors
- 13 The problem of rubbish around the world; those affected by it
- 14 Fun and faith for all who attend Angels and Urchins
- 15 Alpha courses (and others) running this Autumn
- 16 Our Prime Minister, the cabinet and all Members of Parliament
- 17** All clergy and bishops and church services today.
- 18 Those who have lost a loved one and are grieving
- 19 The Parish Council, making important decisions about the village
- 20 MAF, flying to help those in remote African villages
- 21 Scripture Union: outreach to children through sport and activities
- 22 All who work in the media – for honesty, integrity & compassion
- 23 Those suffering injustice or persecution, at home or abroad
- 24** Pray for a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit
- 25 Meeting Point – all who help and attend
- 26 Salvation Army & other charities helping people in crisis
- 27 All refugees around the world, and those who help them
- 28 Give thanks for family and friends. Pray for those in need
- 29 The homeless & charities who help: Off the Fence & Open House
- 30 "Who let the Dads Out?!" today. Pray for young people in our village

**Deadline for copy for the December/January magazine is  
Midday on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**