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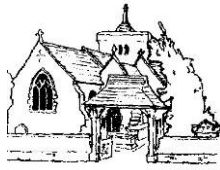
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St Peter's Church, Ardingly

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

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

5.00 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,

Lent is all about coming closer to God: nothing more and nothing less.



To try and do just that, during the season of Lent this year we will be doing two things together as a church family. First, we're going to be looking at the Book of Exodus, beginning on Ash Wednesday and then on each Sunday throughout Lent. And second, we're going to be thinking about how we pray – over coffee and in the Church Centre each Wednesday morning in the weeks of Lent. Because, whilst we think that prayer is simple, it can sometimes seem like hard work. Indeed, sometimes, it may even seem that it is a bit of a mystery. But it is always an encounter with God and it roots us in God so that we might hear all that he wants to say to us. So, we all need to work at it.

The Book of Exodus is also an encounter with God. It is also rooted in God. It is a God-centred book in which God is actually heard. And it is certainly an epic tale. A story of fire, sand, wind and water where under the hot desert sun we encounter two great nations, Egypt and Israel, who are led by two great men, Moses the liberating hero and Pharaoh the enslaving villain. It is all about deliverance from wicked slavery to good servitude, a freedom that is accomplished only by God. So, to read the Book of Exodus is also to grapple with God. We must work to apply the spiritual lessons of Israel's journey out of Egypt to our own daily walk with God by asking what it means for us to be 'liberated' from all that holds us captive so as to serve God in our own context.

Because we should make no mistake. We do indeed need a liberator. A God to save us from slavery to all that is insulting to God and to lead us instead into the freedom that is that service of God. We do indeed need a provider, a God to feed us with bread from heaven and water from the rock. We do indeed need a lawgiver, a God to command us how to love and serve him. And we do indeed need a friend, a God to stay with us day and night forever. The truth is that the Book of Exodus is not just a story of salvation it is **the** story of salvation which finds its ultimate meaning and interpretation in the person and work of God the Son, who in

his own exodus, through his crucifixion and death, would pass through the waters of death to deliver his people from their bondage to all that keeps them from God and take them on to the glory of a New Creation.

The Exodus of Israel from Egypt reminds us that there is a God who saves and who longs to deliver his people through the salvation accomplished once and for all in Jesus Christ. It has been described as 'a glorious adventure' and I think that it is! So, my hope is that you will join us on this adventure to discover more and that you too will thereby come closer to God in this season of Lent.

The full details of our services in Lent and of our gatherings to explore prayer are set out in the service details in this magazine.

With my prayers and best wishes,



PASTORAL CARE in Ardingly

The Rector, John Crutchley, heads up pastoral care at St Peter's Ardingly and is always available to talk to anyone who would like a pastoral visit or explore the Christian faith further.

Under his leadership Kathy James and Sue Laker are co-ordinating a small team at St Peter's who are available to offer pastoral care to anyone who is lonely, struggling, housebound, unable to get to church, or has questions about the Christian faith. They will also be happy to visit anyone who is unwell, who would like to receive Home Communion, or who has been bereaved and would like to chat to someone.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the team if you would like a visit, or if you know someone who would like to be visited. Contact details are as follows:-

Rev. John Crutchley	892332
Kathy James	891047.
Sue Laker	892117.

Services in March 2020

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Sunday 1st March

9.00am HC [BCP]

*With refreshments served from 10.15am and throughout the service our worship begins at **10.30am***

5.00pm

Wednesday 4th March

10.30am
In the Church Centre

Sunday 8th March

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am
Holy Communion [CW]

5.00pm

Wednesday 11th March

10.30am
In the Church Centre

Sunday 15th March

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am
Morning Praise

5.00pm

The First Sunday of Lent

Exodus: Experiencing God's deliverance

Exodus 12: 1 – 13, 29 – 32; Luke 22: 7 – 23

Sunday@thecentre

A café style service for everyone in the Church Centre

Open to God: A service of Compline for Lent

Lent Course – Morning Coffee!

Sources of Life - Prayer as Relationship

The Second Sunday of Lent

Exodus: Trusting God's Provision

Exodus 16: 1 – 26; John 6: 25 – 40

Exodus 16: 1 – 26; John 6: 25 – 40

A service of Compline for Lent

Lent Course – Morning Coffee!

Sources of Life - Prayer as Enjoying God

The Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus: Becoming God's People

Exodus 19: 1-6, 20: 1-17;
Matthew 5: 17-20

Exodus 19:1-6, 20:1-17; Matthew 5: 17-20

A service of Compline for Lent

Wednesday 18th March

10.30am

In the Church Centre

Lent Course – Morning Coffee*Sources of Life - Prayer as Listening***Sunday 22nd March**

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

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

5.00pm

MOTHERING SUNDAY [The Fourth Sunday of Lent]

Ruth 4: 9 - 17; John 19: 25 - 27

Ruth 4: 9 - 17; John 19: 25 - 27

A service of Compline for Lent

Wednesday 25th March

10.30am

In the Church Centre

Lent Course – Morning Coffee!*Sources of Life - Prayer as Honesty***Sunday 29th March**

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

*A service of prayer and
Praise, held in the
Church Centre***The Fifth Sunday of Lent***Exodus: Building God's dwelling place*

Exodus 25: 1-9, and 31: 1-11; John 1: 1-14

Fifthsunday@thecentre

Exodus 25: 1-9, and 31: 1-11; John 1: 1-14

5.00pm

A service of Compline for Lent

**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 (892368) know no later than 25th March so that she knows how many flowers to order. Lilies cost around £3 each. A donation of between £5 and £20 will enable us to make the church look lovely. Many thanks.

Diocesan Healing Conference 7th March 2020

9.30am-4.00pm at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne.

Bookings are now open for the 2020 conference. This year the theme is based around the spiritual freedom that we can experience through Christ and how that works out in everyday life. This year's Keynote Speaker will be Revd Steve Gendall – Senior Chaplain at the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre.

There is a charge of £10.00 for the day which includes tea, coffee but not lunch.

The conference is open to anyone, no matter what their personal beliefs may be. For further details contact Revd Chris Lawrence - revchris.framfield@gmail.com

Family Support Work Spring Supper 2020

Friday 13th March

Wivelsfield Village Hall, RH17 7QH

7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets: £15.00

To book, or for more information call 01273 832963



CHURCH SPRING CLEAN SATURDAY 21ST MARCH



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 21st March. 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!

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.

Suitable refreshments will be on offer during the morning.

NOTICE BOARD

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings will take place on 9th and 23rd March in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. If anyone needs a lift to Meeting Point please contact Jeannie Leadsom on 892571 before the day. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



World Day of Prayer 6th March 2020

Services will take place at Lindfield URC church and St Peter & St John the Baptist in Wivelsfield.

This year the World Day of Prayer has been prepared by people in Zimbabwe and the theme is "**Rise, take your mat and walk**":
"Let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come. This is the time for change!"

Ardingly History Society Annual General Meeting In Hapstead Hall 10th March at 7.00pm

To be followed by a photograph quiz. All welcome.



Mothering Sunday 22nd March

Do come and bring all the family!

Help in providing flowers and greenery for the Mother's Day services, and in putting together posies, would be very much appreciated by the St Peter's flower arrangers! Please bring any contributions and meet at St Peter's Centre at 2pm on Wednesday 18th March (this is for the separate Primary School service) and also at 10.00am on Saturday 21st March. Thank you!

Children's Society Boxes

As you are no doubt aware it is time for the annual collection of the boxes you have in your homes. However as we are not exactly certain when we will be back in our home (since a tree fell on it last year and it is taking a long time to repair), it might be best to leave collecting the boxes from you until April. Thanks again for your generosity in supporting this worth cause.

Jean and Tony Jeffery

Village Lunch: Wednesday 25th March

Ardingly Film Night: 26th March – details to be announced
Tickets £6 from Fellows Bakery or the Post Office

PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all those who have paid their subscriptions for 2020, especially those who have given more than the minimum £3 and those who have very generously sent additional donations. These are much appreciated! It would be really helpful if folk who have not yet paid could do so soon, so that we can budget for this year's printing costs. You can either let your deliverer have your subscription, or pop it through Michael's door at 35 High Street with your name and address on the envelope.

Many thanks, **SUE**

Sunday@thecentre

All are welcome at
Café Church on
Sunday 1st March
at St Peter's Church Centre



Coffee (and tea) are served from
10.15am and throughout the
service. Our worship begins at 10.30 a.m.

We sit around tables instead of in rows, we drink coffee, eat
croissants, and discuss our faith in a relaxed way.

Come along, fill up your cup and **Welcome to Café Church!**

(There are activities for children)

Letter from Bishop Martin, Bishop of Chichester



I was recently asked by a reporter whether in the diocese of Chichester Ash Wednesday has become more popular – like Christmas is.

My own experience of offering “ashes to go” outside Brighton station was very informative. Generally, people on their way to work were not very interested and sometimes hostile.

People with a bit of Christian formation and experience were more pleased to see us. I sensed that for some of them, this was an invitation to re-connect with the season of Lent and the renewal of their faith. For others, it was encouraging, giving permission for the hidden, private practice of their faith to be affirmed by someone else in public.

The message of Lent is cheering and simple: God loves you and the Church is starting preparations to celebrate that fact at Easter. But this year, in particular, the ashes with which we began this season of Lent offered a serious statement of protest.

As destructive fires raged in Australia, ash was everywhere. Our ashes were an identification with all who are the victim of climate change and environmental damage. But perhaps more importantly, ash was an even clearer symbol of the Christian call to repentance, a radical change of heart.

Extinction protests have certainly become more popular. But we might have more yet to do to make the Lenten discipline of repentance more popular within the Church, in order to become a catalyst for repentance in society and global change.

My hope and prayer is that we might emerge from this Lent with a greater sense of reverence for the earth and all its inhabitants. The celebration of Easter will then be marked by a different, freer, lighter way of living, rather than a return to damaging habits we had tried to give up for the time being.

+Martin

Aanandit Charity Centre, Nepal

Many of you will remember that, some years ago, we had a couple of visits to Ardingly from Milan Adhikari and that he spoke at our church about the work of Aanandit, based in Kathmandu, Nepal.



Led by Milan and his wife, Shusma, this Christian organisation has for many years organised charity and mission work while at the same time offering a range of assistance and care to many in this land-locked and needy country.

In January, 2018, Pat and I were fortunate to have an opportunity to see their work at first hand when we travelled through Nepal and stayed at Aanandit's Guest House in Kathmandu. This very polluted and busy city is the capital of a country still trying to re-build areas devastated by a serious earthquake in 2009, killing around 9000 people and injuring a further 20,000.

We were able to attend their church service, to visit one of their more remote churches and also to see their childrens' home. We have kept in touch ever since and, whenever Milan is visiting this country (which he does to attend conferences and to visit partner churches here) we try to meet up, as we did on another occasion at Ashburnham Place.

In January this year, hearing that he was again in the U.K. we travelled to South East London and met him at Ichthus House in Perry Vale. It was wonderful to catch up with him again and to learn of the latest developments at Aanandit, which includes their latest project – to raise £25,000 to build a small house for the girls when they reach 18 yrs and leave the Childrens' Home so that they can continue their studies and possibly attain some vocational skills.

Should you wish to learn more about Aanandit and the wonderful work they do in Nepal you can access much more information via their website www.accnepal.org

Lynn Wilson

MEETING POINT COFFEE MORNINGS

Meeting Point was started by Ann Palmer, a member of St. Peters Church, Ardingly, over 30 years ago and it has been thriving ever since. We meet in Hapstead Hall on alternate Mondays to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea together, to chat with old friends and make new ones. Delicious homemade cakes and scones are provided by a dedicated team of helpers.



Membership is open to everyone. There are no forms to fill and there is no joining fee. Just come along. £1 a time will pay for as much coffee or tea as you can drink and as many cakes and scones as you can eat!

Every August, we go on a cream tea outing to a garden centre or other venue chosen by the members.

In December we have a Christmas party with mulled wine, nibbles and Christmas cake.

Please don't be lonely. Come on your own and you will be warmly welcomed, or bring a friend. Meeting Point dates for March are 9th and 23rd.



If you would like more information, or you need transport to get to the hall, please contact Belinda. Tel. 01444 892368

God's Promises



**God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorry,
Peace without pain.**

**But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.**

CMS NEWS

Heather Johnstone's visit to St Peter's on 19th January

Heather's work is motivated by 2 Corinthians 5 v 14 (Christ's love has the first and last word in everything we do). So 'Rehema' is a 'Mercy Project', empowering women through education, employment and training. Examples are enabling women to sell clothing, accessories and craft through the charity's shops. Other ladies make food and deliver it to food outlets for sale.



A lot of good work has been done in 2020:

- Rehema have started a small loans programme to help women start up small businesses (eg by sewing things).
- Rehema makes re-usable sanitary towels and a seamstress teaches local women how to make them.
- Rehema sponsors young girls in vocational training eg. In sewing, or secretarial skills and helps them start up new businesses
- They have built a new kindergarten in a remote village (lots of young children have to walk 40 minutes each way to school).
- They have created a new school in Chedakaya and they also provide a cup of porridge for each child at primary school (it is nearly always the first meal the child has had that day, and is sometimes the only meal they have that day).
- They have also created some new homes in remote villages, equipping them with solar power and providing large rainwater tanks to store much needed water.

To relax, the team all had a trip to the Serengeti one day. They also had a day of praise and celebration in the grounds of a local hotel. They have also begun a choir and made a CD.

Heather says " God is a great provider!" This is especially evident

in Africa, where many things that we rely on are not readily available, and sometimes God goes before and provides for the need before the prayer request has even been made!

Rehema faces challenges too, but overall Heather has felt that it is a tremendous experience to be there and involved in the work (and living just below the equator!).

The local Bishop has asked them to take on another project related to hospitality and accommodation – watch out for more news of this!

Heather thanks everyone for their prayerful support and all the Rehema ladies send their good wishes to Heather's supporters.

NEWS FROM ST PETER'S PRIMARY:

There are so many exciting things happening at St Peter's School, it is hard to know where to start! We are fortunate to be able to continue to have a number of authors and storytellers visit the school to talk to the children about their books, tell stories with actions and discuss writing generally. One particular highlight was active participation for key stage one children in the re-telling of The Snail and The Whale, including the use of water pistols to experience the sea swell!! The sea theme continued with a visit to the Sea Life Centre in Brighton where the children became ocean explorers.

This term's focus for collective worship in school is Courage. One mum did begin to wonder what had been going on when, on asking what her sons had been talking about at school, they replied, "bombs and chocolate"! Things didn't get much clearer when they explained that Revd Crutchley had been talking about these in assembly!

We will be having a Mother's Day assembly in school later this term, on the afternoon of March 19th. The pupils will be able to recognise just how important mums are to them and share this with parents.

Kathy James

Simnel Cake

There are lots of different theories about the origin of the Simnel cake. Some people say it was traditionally baked for Mothering Sunday during the Easter period. In the 17th century, Mothering Sunday was the day when sons and daughters got the day off to visit their mothers and the daughters would bake a simple cake as a gift. Others say it was a post-Lent treat as it contained all the things you weren't allowed to eat during Lent. Simnel probably refers to the Latin word 'simila' meaning fine, wheaten flour. The cake is often decorated with eleven marzipan balls to represent the disciples (minus Judas)

Ingredients

100g/4oz [glacé cherries](#)
225g/8oz [butter](#), softened
225g/8oz light muscovado [sugar](#)
4 large [eggs](#)
225g/8oz [self-raising flour](#)
225g/8oz [sultanas](#)
100g/4oz [currants](#)
50g/2oz chopped [candied peel](#)
2 [lemons](#), grated zest only
2 tsp ground [mixed spice](#)



For the filling and topping

450g/1lb [marzipan](#)
1-2 tbsp [apricot jam](#), warmed

Method

Preheat the oven to 150C/280F/Gas 2. Grease and line a 20cm/ 8in cake tin.

Cut the cherries into quarters, put in a sieve and rinse under running water. Drain well then dry thoroughly on kitchen paper.

Place the cherries in a bowl with the butter, sugar, eggs, self-raising flour, sultanas, currants, candied peel, lemon zest and mixed spice and beat well until thoroughly mixed. Pour half the mixture into the prepared tin.

Take one-third of the marzipan and roll it out to a circle the size of the tin and then place on top of the cake mixture. Spoon the remaining cake mixture on top and level the surface.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for about 2½ hours, or until well risen, evenly brown and firm to the touch. Cover with aluminium foil after one hour if the top is browning too quickly. Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes then turn out and finish cooling on a wire rack.

When the cake is cool, brush the top with a little warmed apricot jam and roll out half the remaining marzipan to fit the top. Press firmly on the top and crimp the edges to decorate. Mark a criss-cross pattern on the marzipan with a sharp knife. Form the remaining marzipan into 11 balls.

Brush the marzipan with beaten egg and arrange the marzipan balls around the edge of the cake. Brush the tops of the balls with beaten egg and then carefully place the cake under a hot grill until the top is lightly toasted. Enjoy!

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Some Recycling updates:

More and more places are becoming involved in recycling! Here are some more local suggestions:

Soft contact lenses: Leightons Opticians, 27 The Orchards, Haywards Heath

Colgate Oral Care products: 3 private addresses in Haywards Heath. Check out on <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/colgate-uk>

KP Nuts/Popcorn/Pretzels and other snack packets: Harlands Road Primary School, Penland Road, Haywards Heath. Check out on <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades>

Biscuit wrappers (eg. McVities, Jacobs, Carr's): take to the Stand Up Inn, Lindfield High Street. Website: <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/pladis>

Clean bread wrappers, croissant bags and bubble wrap: recycle at Sainsbury's with your plastic bags

Pre-school News



We've had a lovely half term back at Pre-school, the children have been learning about the changing seasons, exploring Winter, as well as looking for the first signs of Spring and watching the bulbs we planted in Autumn finally starting to appear. We were all Superheroes for the week and have enjoyed learning about love and our feelings. We ended the half term with a successful Valentine's Day disco.

The Committee has just held their annual fundraising evening to discuss and plan various events and activities for Pre School throughout the year. We are excited to be planning an Easter egg hunt and welly waddle (sponsored walk), a Quiz night and so much more. We will also be having an open Day on 5th March - please call Pre-school to register your interest.

Next half term, we are going to be thinking about people who help us and continuing to learn about the seasons, 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.



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/>

ROOMS FOR HIRE AT ST PETER'S CENTRE



We have two halls available to rent at St Peter's Centre. A large hall which can seat up to 120 people and which has a small carpeted area at one end suitable for children to play on, or a separate smaller hall which seats up to 40 people. Chairs and round tables,

seating 6-8, are available. We also have some larger rectangular tables which would each seat 8.

Both halls have access to the kitchen, which is well equipped with a large double oven plus a smaller one and a hot cupboard to keep things warm. There is also a fridge, urn, sinks and dishwasher. There is a large hatch between the main hall and the kitchen and plenty of plates, cups, saucers and cutlery.

There is easy disabled access and there is a disabled toilet.

WiFi is available at the Centre and the main hall is equipped with audio visual facilities (including an induction loop to half of the hall) to aid presentations. The smaller hall has a 32" monitor available to link into a laptop or other electronic device.

At weekends the halls can be hired from early morning till 10.30 at night (the premises must be vacated by 11.00pm). During the week the large hall is currently in regular use each morning in term time and also some evenings, and the small hall is in use on Thursday mornings in term time.

Alcohol can be consumed but cannot be sold on the premises (there is no licence for this). Smoking is not permitted at the Centre.

There is parking around the Centre for a limited number of vehicles and additional parking can usually be arranged opposite.

If you are interested in hiring either or both of the halls for a party, meeting or other function, or would like more information, please contact Carol Grossman on Tel. 01444 416707 or email carol@catmill.co.uk



AROUND THE VILLAGE

There has been a lot of activity in Street Lane recently! Work seems to have begun preparing the site of the former Oak Inn. According to the MSDC website the former pub will become 2 residential dwellings and redevelopment of the public house car park will provide a terrace of 3 new houses (1x2 bed and 2x3 bed dwellings) with 2 associated vehicular access points from Street Lane, car parking and hard and soft landscaping.



Work also seems to have begun around the old garage block in Street Lane (formerly garages). Conversion of the building into a 2-bed dwelling was approved in 2017.



Just down the lane, hedge-laying, hedge restoration and coppicing have been taking place as part of a conservation plan. We are advised that we should not be alarmed!

LEARNING ENGLISH ISN'T EASY!

Here are some 'howlers' collected over the years at a big language school in Brighton:

"I came to England by hoovercraft"

"Yesterday I did my housework on the beach" (*homework*)

"I'd like a 40 hours refreshments course please" (*refresher*)

"Thank you for the peppers you sent me this morning" (*papers*)

"I am a neat and tidy parson"

"Can I study for 3 moths?"

"I cannot control the hitting in my room"

"My landlady is a very good cooker"

In an essay: "His heart was in his mouse. His mouse was very dry"

"We were stolen in Madrid"

"I am Pedro and this is my engagement, Marie"

"There are little persons who speak English in my town"

"I enclose 40 ponds"

"There is not enough space in the wardrobe for 2 girls"

"Air Male" written on an envelope!

"Occupation: Hotel Kipper"

Parish Register

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

Many of you will have heard that David Harris died very recently. There will be a service of celebration and thanksgiving for his life at 2pm at St Peter's Church on Friday 28th February.

***Loving God,
Thank you that you remain constant with us through all the
changing scenes of life. Help us to trust you in times of joy
and in sorrow. Be our shepherd in the darkness and in the
light, so that we might be living beacons of hope for others.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.***

Flower Rota

13th March: Jean Jeffrey (foliage decorations)

27th March: Belinda (foliage decorations)

Meeting Point Rota

9th March: Adele, Diana, Sandy

23rd March: Jill, Alison, Deb

Brass Cleaning Rota

14th March: Barbara & Mick Lucas



***"Look back with praise
Look forward with hope
Look upward with confidence"***
(Gareth Higgs)

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:** Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, Ardingly RH17 6AN (892117) Please submit items for inclusion by noon on the Saturday before the penultimate Sunday in the month. Email to: 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 MARCH 2020

"The Lord is near to all who call on Him; to all who call on Him in truth" (Psalm 145 v 18)



- 1 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"
- 2 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 3 Chris Sutton, ministering in Nuthurst and Mannings Heath
- 4 Pray for peace wherever there is conflict or war
- 5 All affected by the corona virus and those caring for the sick
- 6 World Day of Prayer today: services in Lindfield & Wivelsfield
- 7 All young people and the pressures of social media
- 8 **Today's services and Messy Church this afternoon ???**
- 9 Our local care homes & staff. Molly, Joan and Sylvia
- 10 Australia, Turkey & other countries affected by natural disasters
- 11 The government & all MP's involved in post-Brexit negotiations
- 12 OMF: Bambi & Andreas in S.Asia, children at boarding school
- 13 The NHS and all who work in the healing professions
- 14 The effects of climate change; local & global willingness to act
- 15 Our bishops & clergy and all those who lead worship
- 16 Pray for all in our village who do not know the love of Jesus
- 17 Our local hospices, the terminally ill and those who are grieving
- 18 Church Army & the Salvation Army, helping those in need
- 19 Today's Mother's Day service at St Peter's Primary School
- 20 Encouragement and hope for all who are depressed or struggling
- 21 Those who keep the church and Centre clean and beautiful
- 22 Mothering Sunday: pray for all mothers around the world
- 23 Christians in Nepal and the work of the Aanandit church
- 24 Pray for tolerance in this country and on the margins of society
- 25 Our emergency services and their hard working staff
- 26 Pray for all foster children and those who care for them
- 27 Praise God for His creation and the delights of Spring
- 28 PCC meeting today; pray for God's guidance and wisdom
- 29 Praise God for his love and faithfulness to each one of us

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