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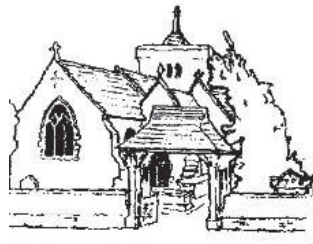


EASTER

He is Risen!

HALLELUJAH!





St Peter's Church, Ardingly

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SUNDAY SERVICES

**All services are suspended during the coronavirus outbreak
and the church is closed**

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I would like to be writing about the joy that is at the heart of the message of Easter and inviting you all to join us in church to celebrate that joy again this year. Because that's what I normally get to do at this time of year. But like everyone else in this village, like everyone else across the nation and indeed, like everyone else across the world, I am distracted at present by the urgency and the immediate sense of anxiety that surrounds us in the developing coronavirus outbreak.



'Life put on hold' screams the headline of the newspaper that is lying on my desk. And that's just a small part of the unrelenting stream of bad news that flows like a flood telling me amongst other things that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have now issued advice that public worship should be suspended until further notice. Funerals, weddings and baptisms can still be held, but no other public services for now, so no public services at all this Easter. Apparently, I shouldn't visit the pub or a restaurant either, nor the theatre or any other large social gathering whilst many of my friends are soon to be encouraged to enter into a long period of self-isolation. It presents great challenges to us all and I share in the anxiety.

The Prime Minister is quite correct when he observes that most of us have never known anything like this before. Who would ever have thought that finding a pack of loo rolls on a supermarket shelf could bring such joy! But much more seriously, I am very concerned for my own elderly mother-in-law who like so many older folks are far more vulnerable than I am in the face of this virus. And I am very concerned too about those who don't have family or friends to support them at this troubling time and for those who are already wrestling with serious illness and who must read the hourly bulletins and updates with a growing sense of fear. Just as I am very concerned about the effects that 'self-isolation' will have on those for whom loneliness is already a serious and urgent crisis in itself.

The challenges are great but as in other great disasters whilst we will doubtless see some of the worst of human nature, we also have the chance to show the very best of human nature where we all work together as a community to support each other.

As a church family we already have our 'At your Service' project that is available to anyone in the village who needs a hand; if you have a problem there are people willing to help. All you have to do is call 892442 or 892307. We also have our Pastoral Care team that is available to anyone who is lonely, struggling or housebound. Even if we cannot visit because of isolation restrictions we will still try to find other ways to bring help and support and comfort to any who need us. Contact details are in this magazine. I know how good so many in our village are already in looking out for others, and in caring for others, but let me urge everyone at this time to keep a watchful eye for their neighbours and if they need help and you can't help them yourself, then please call me [892332] or 'At your Service' or our Pastoral Care team and we will do all that we can to assist. Whilst that flood of restrictions may have halted all public services in the church you may also rest assured that we will still be praying fervently for this village, for our country and for the world; day by day and week by week, even hour by hour.

Because that is what we are called to do. To pray and to serve remembering always that whilst the challenges we are all facing are indeed great, God is far greater. Psalm 91 calls on us to trust ever more deeply in God, and in that way not to: ... *fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.* It is a call to look beyond the immediate and to the bigger picture.

Which actually leads me back to where I would much rather be and to that message of Easter joy. Jesus waits for us all at the empty tomb. It is there that the miracle begins and it is there that all of the darkness and despair of life and its challenges, threats and dangers are brought into the glorious light of the Lord's presence. In a flood of bad news, I suggest that that is very welcome 'good news' indeed.

So, this Easter and despite the crisis why not let the Son rise in your life! Why not cry aloud from the depths of your heart: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With my prayers for your safety and good health and my very best wishes for a blessed and Holy Easter.



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.

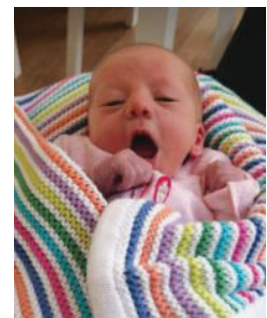
Under his leadership Kathy James and Sue Laker are co-ordinating a small team at St Peter's who are available to offer pastoral care to anyone who is lonely, bereaved, struggling, housebound or unwell.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the team if you would like someone to contact you, or if you know someone who would like to be contacted. Details are as follows:-

Rev. John Crutchley 892332 crutchley631@btinternet.com
Kathy James 891047. Email kathrynjames7@sky.com
Sue Laker 892117. Email emails4sue@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

A big 'congratulations' to Jonny and Beth Burgess, whose baby daughter Clementine Peace was born on 26th February.



St Peter's is currently closed for public worship

Due to restrictions caused by the outbreak of the coronavirus [COVID-19] and so as to protect those who are the most vulnerable, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is to be suspended until further notice. Accordingly, St Peter's Church is currently **CLOSED** for all public worship or private prayer.



Whilst the restrictions remain in place, we will be posting a 'Thought for the Day' each Sunday and across the Easter weekend on the church website which can be found at <https://www.ardinglychurch.org.uk/> together with some suggested prayers and links to other resources that may offer spiritual guidance, sustenance and nurture. We are exploring how we may be able to 'stream' a service and more details concerning this will be posted on the website in due course. And throughout the week the Rector, together with others in our leadership team, will be praying each day for our village, country and the world. So, please email any prayer requests you may have to the Rector at: crutchley631@btinternet.com

Whilst the restrictions are in place the following resources may also be of assistance to you:

The BBC's Daily Service and Sunday Worship programmes.

Each day the Church of England offers daily prayers online at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Or if you prefer just a single prayer for the day, this can be accessed at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>

And all Church of England services of Daily Prayer are available in both contemporary and traditional forms and for all times of day as **a prayer app** – just search 'Daily Prayer' and download for free in either Apple or Google Play.

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NOTICE BOARD

There will be no **Meeting Point coffee mornings** until further notice but we are all only a phone call away from each other. Please do phone for a chat if you would like to. In the meantime take great care. Belinda 892368.



Angels & Urchins are also suspended until further notice.

Children's Society Boxes

As we said last month, it is time for the annual collection of the boxes you have in your homes. However we will leave this until later in the year due to the current advice re staying in and not meeting up with people. Thanks again for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

Jean and Tony Jeffery

Need a helping hand?

Serving the community in simple ways

If you have a problem there are people willing to help



AT YOUR SERVICE

Call 892442 or 892307

A community project managed by St Peter's Church

MISSION FOCUS on MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)

This is not a mission that St Peter's actively supports, but 2020 is MAF's 75th anniversary year so here is a little information about the organisation and the work that it does.

In 1945, after the devastation of World War II, a handful of Christian men saw the potential for using light aircraft for peace and so the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship began. Each day they make roughly 150 flights, carrying more than 400 passengers and MAF is the world's largest humanitarian airline. From the jungle-covered mountains of Papua New Guinea to the snowy plains of Mongolia, MAF pilots fly in challenging countries and climates. They work in 26 countries around the world with a fleet of 131 light aircraft, serving a million people through partnerships with more than 2,000 organisations.

Sometimes they fly in fresh supplies of fruit, vegetables and eggs to missionaries living in remote areas. Other times they might airlift someone to hospital or transport some blood which needs urgent analysis.

Within a few hours of hurricane Dorian sweeping across the Bahamas, leaving devastation in its wake, MAF had executed a disaster response plan that delivered life-saving aid where it was needed most.

In South Sudan, because of political insecurity and the poor state of the roads, the only safe way to transport sick patients is by plane. So in April 2019, 22 MAF flights enabled patients from 12 remote communities to attend a week-long clinic at Juba Teaching Hospital.

Similarly, two MAF planes were used to transport medical staff to Atauro Island (Timor-Leste), where bad roads and treacherous mountain terrain make it very difficult for people to access medical help, causing late diagnoses and treatment very often.

And throughout the Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo MAF offered evacuation flights, delivered blood samples and transported medical teams working to combat the deadly disease.

The first handful of MAF supporters may have thought there would be no need for these aircraft when 2020 finally dawned, but it seems clear that MAF will remain in great demand for the foreseeable future.

MAF would be delighted to receive new and used postcards. A supporter who is a postcard collector himself sells them online and the proceeds go to MAF. Last year alone, he raised just over £18,000 which makes such a difference ! Contact Allyson.edwards@maf-uk.org for the address to send to.



MAF plane taking off in Papua New Guinea. Photo used with permission

NEWS FROM SAMARA'S AID

Outreach/Food & Basics Centre

Recently our team invited a poor widow and her five children for dinner at our new outreach centre in Syria. We had more than one aim - to give them a nutritious hot meal, and to get to know the family and build a relationship with them, to better understand their needs.

This widowed mother struggles even just to buy food for her children and herself. They don't manage to eat bread every day, and they are rarely able to afford to drink tea. They depend on other charities and the support of relatives and friends just to be able to eat. But recently, many charities there stopped providing support for people in need. She is struggling to provide a proper meal each day for her five children.

When our team asked them what they would most like to eat for dinner, they replied that they would like to eat fassouli bil lahmou (beans with meat). It's a long time since they last ate this dish. Our team invited them to come and make dinner together. They came and ate a beautiful meal together, talking about their challenges and their hopes, then tidied up afterwards together too. One of the children had to stay behind to do some school work, so a big portion of the food was taken home for her. They deliberately cooked more food than they needed so the extra food could be given to a lady left raising her orphaned nieces and nephews who we have been working with too.

It's going to take a while for us to establish the food and basics bank properly, running to the level that we are aiming for, but as a starting point this is one of the families that we will aim to support through our food bank, which we will need to replenish as we go along.

When our team called the aunt caring for her orphaned nieces and nephews to ask if she would like some of the extra food, she was thrilled and immediately said "Please put it in bags for us!"

We are still in the early stages of this work at the outreach centre. It is still a skeleton service as we build it up, and because of the complex environment it is in, it will take months to establish all

the services we are hoping for. But after first feeling so emotional when I heard this family's story, I also feel a real sense that we are doing something very real and important with these families. They know that someone cares about them enough to reach out and show them kindness. This is what love looks like.

After just a few weeks of working there, people in the community are seeing what our team are doing, and they are already being offered some small resources locally to support these people. Maybe just a bag of flour or some sugar. People in the local community want very much to support others but they don't always have the infrastructure through which to do it. Or perhaps they only have a little bit to give, and they don't have the organisation through which they can contribute. But we hope this will provide an opportunity and a platform from which other people in the community can share a little of what they have.

Grace Hospital/Coronavirus in Syria

We are watching a global crisis unfold, with fear and uncertainty gripping many across the world. The Syrian government has not yet confirmed any cases of the coronavirus, but the one thing we are sure of is that their healthcare system is completely unprepared to deal with this health crisis, on any level, which is sweeping across the world.

My heart goes out to the Syrian people who will be infected by the disease in a matter of time, but who will not find an ICU bed or mechanical ventilator available for them when their life depends on it, and who do not have the money to pay for their medical care and may die as a result. We know how desperately Grace Hospital



is needed there, and we are praying for this vision to be realised in record time. In the meantime we have also been providing information on design and planning for infection control which will hope will be used to design and implement new facilities in Syria to help in this crisis.

Samara Levy

Digging the new hospital's foundations

St Peter's C.E. Primary School



What a strange day, at the end of a strange week! Pupils at St Peter's school said goodbye to the staff on Friday, not knowing when they would see them next. Fortunately, the school has prepared them well to cope with this break. Each child took home their own resource pack, books to read and the promise of daily questions and tasks from their teachers, via the school's website, to keep them busy!

Prior to all of this, the children had visited the rainforest brought to Ardingly! Being able to actually experience all of the sounds, smells, textures etc in the classroom is an experience they won't forget. Alongside such exciting adventures, the school assemblies focused on the theme of courage. It is a quality the children and staff will call on time and time again as we deal with what corona virus brings.

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Ardingly Support During Corona Virus Outbreak

Although we are living in uncertain times, as ever, the village community is coming forward with help and support for anyone in need. This is a brief summary of what we are aware of at the present moment - there will be more!

Ardingly Support Group:

If you need help with collecting medicine, picking up shopping, posting mail or just want a friendly chat, we are here to help. Just phone one of the following people who will do their very best to help. We have a lovely team of volunteers to provide this support for free for the village.

Lucie Aldridge 07855 104931

Kat Horsley 07879 883294

Kathy James 07703 295081

Francesca Keynton 07801 553991

Lisa Remnant 07789 125533

Esther Roseman. 07984 312043

Deb Ruse. 07714 433122

Sally West. 07766 388337

A number of businesses in the village are offering support:

Ardingly Inn & Ardingly Cafe - will deliver hot meals to your home

Fellows bakery - offering home delivery of bread etc

Post Office - Phil and Graham will deliver

There are lots of websites offering a variety of enjoyable things to occupy our time too, for instance:

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/list-of-online-resources-for-anyone-who-is-isolated-at-home>

It is also worth mentioning that many supermarkets (including Iceland, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Marks & Spencer) are now offering shopping times solely for elderly and vulnerable people. Please check with the stores for specific times and days.

LOCKDOWN

L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N is a time to ..

L-isten to God's voice and reflect.

O-bey His word and His teachings

C-all on Jesus' name and be calmed

K-now that He is in control

D-well in His presence. Do not panic

O-ffer a prayer for everyone's safety

W-ait and be patient. This too shall pass over

N-urture our personal relationship with Him and others.

May God bless us all.

(sent by a friend in Yorkshire)

WARDENS' WORDS

These are precarious times. We are being asked to minimise the social interaction which is our basic human instinct. In one of his many communications with parishes (so swiftly have things been developing), Bishop Martin reminds Christians to "keep in view our fundamental calling to know, love and follow Jesus. These weeks of Lent", he goes on to say, "are taking us into a particular kind of wilderness. We are being asked to deepen our commitment to being a pilgrim people who walk by faith. The God who liberates us from the fear of death walks with us. The light of Jesus Christ ... is our guide and our encouragement."

The Diocesan website (www.chichester.angican.org) and the Church of England website (www.churchofengland.org) continue to post all the latest instructions and advice. Both sites will also be publishing details of resources we can use during the suspension of public worship. The Sunday readings and a reflection on them will be available on our own website. The PCC has met and will ensure that, in the event of key people being ill or absent in isolation, others will know what to do to maintain the running of St Peter's. Any urgent communication with church members will be done by email where possible or otherwise by phone. Some notices will also be posted on the website, so keep an eye out. Do please let us know if there's any way we can help.

Finally, we are conscious that those who normally give via the collection plate each Sunday will now not be able to do so. Can we urge you, therefore, to continue to give. We still have bills for insurance, utilities, cleaning and graveyard maintenance to pay. Why not use this opportunity to give a regular amount through the Parish Giving Scheme; you can find out about this from Nigel (892769) or from Anne Kelly (892540). And if you have an envelope to contribute, please contact Nigel to arrange delivery.

Nigel and John, Churchwardens

Dear Friends,

During Lent we have been encouraging individuals and churches to think about how they could take FSW up, rather than give something up. All support in this way is hugely welcome, and we thank everybody who is participating.



During half term we ran a number of extra activities to keep our families active. Despite the terrible weather we ran additional sessions in Bognor, Haywards Heath, Coldean, Rustington and Pulborough, which were greatly enjoyed by participants.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Nikki Kerr,
Director of Fundraising and Marketing

FSW and Covid-19

Families supported by FSW locally may be very vulnerable at this time. We will endeavour to provide continued assistance through our food bank, but are likely to need an increasing supply whilst our donations received may decrease.

If you are able to help with gifts of food, hygiene or cleaning products please could you bring them to my house or call me and we can arrange to pick them up (892108).

In addition, any donations of books, colouring books, crayons, puzzles or board games, etc that we could distribute to families to help towards keeping the children entertained whilst off school, would be very much appreciated.

With many thanks, Caroline FSW
Caroline@familysupportwork.org.uk



Ardingly Parish Council

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

The Parish Council is closely monitoring the advice from Central Government on COVID-19. Central Government has informed the nation that it intends to hold daily press conferences to ensure that up to date information/advice on Covid-19 is communicated and the Parish Council strongly suggests that Parishioners follow these broadcasts for the most up to date information.

Ardingly Parish Council does appreciate the need for local action within the Parish to support those most vulnerable and encourages people to help and support each other. "Keeping an eye on each other" in practical ways can be of great benefit. APC would encourage residents to talk to neighbours and see what practical support we can offer each other. The Parish Council would also like people to consider those members of the population that are vulnerable and avoid "bulk" or "panic" buying of foods and medicines as this can lead to those people being left without key items.

There has also recently been a residents Facebook support group created "Ardingly Support during the Corona Virus" where residents in need of support due to self-isolation can request support from the wider community. APC is aware that members of our Community do not access platforms such as Facebook or indeed the internet and would like to stress that this makes talking to our neighbours even more vital so that information can be communicated to those most vulnerable and appropriate support be provided if possible. Also, St Peter's Church runs the "at your service" scheme where residents who need support can approach the church. Although this is not a specific Covid-19 scheme it may be of use to Ardingly's more vulnerable residents at this time.

SA25; Development of the Red Car Park on the Showground

Ardingly Parish Council recently wrote to the MSDC Scrutiny Committee responsible for agreeing the sites allocated as part of the DPD. The letter gave detailed reasoning around why the Parish Council feel that "The size of SA25 is too large" (a copy of this letter can be viewed on the Parish Council Website or a paper copy can be obtained from the Clerk). The Parish Council's letter was referenced by MSDC Planning Officers at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on the 11th of March and in particular attention was drawn to the need for a reduction of the size of SA25 to support the identities of the two historical settlements that make up Ardingly. The Scrutiny Committee agreed to the suggested revision made by the Planning Officers at MSDC. The revision now means that a second proposal has been suggested which reduces the size of the site – limiting development to the eastern section (from the historic hedgerow/tree line) and retaining the western section as open space. This has been assessed as not major. The yield for this size site is 70 dwellings.

Commonwealth Day 9th March 2020

The Parish Council held an event to celebrate Commonwealth Day 2020 on the 9th March at Hapstead Hall.



The Event was opened by Ex Parish Council Chairman Ken Monk and the Commonwealth flag was raised outside Hapstead Hall. Children from Ardingly College presented their work on Commonwealth Day to all those who attended, which was very positively received and Rev John Critchley gave praise. The Parish Council would like to thank all those involved for the successful morning.

Forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council: -

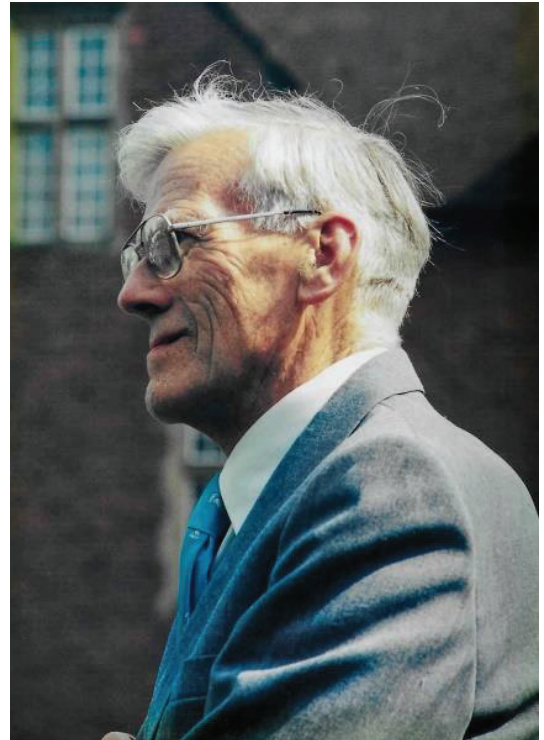
In light of recent communications from the Government the Parish Council has taken the decision to cancel all non-essential meetings until further notice. This will include the Clerk's Surgery. The Parish Council/Clerk can still be contacted as follows;

Email: ardinglypc@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 01444 226 209

David Harris

It is with great sadness that we record the death of David Harris a few days before his 93rd birthday. He was, like Barnabas, *"a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith."* He was a member of the St Peter's congregation for nearly seventy years and became a lifelong friend and encourager to very many over the years. With his wife Jean, they became a couple deeply appreciated for their pastoral concern, visiting, ministering and praying with Ardingly villagers within and outside the church family alike. They were generous in their hospitality and in their giving of little love gifts to so many -usually from their abundant garden which they loved so much or Jean's wide range of home-made produce.



David came to teach at Ardingly College in 1951 and was for his 36-year service there Head of Science, showing great enthusiasm and inventiveness in his teaching and making much of the Physics demonstration equipment himself. It was at his insistence that the refurbished science block displayed on the outside of the building: *"The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein."* (Ps.111:2). It is still there today.

David's career at the College was marked by his Christian witness: his loving parental care of all his pupils, especially those in Gibbs House where he was Housemaster for 15 years. He often spoke at Christian Union and in Chapel; indeed on his last day he was given the honour of preaching on Commemoration Day. He was a pioneer of the staff prayer group which continued during his time and for 25 years beyond.

In the church family, David honoured God in so many ways, as occasional organist, pastoral visitor, intercessor, Sunday school teacher and as an unwavering member of the Prayer Group. In failing health, even in the filthiest of weather, and when every movement in and out of the car or walking brought pain and discomfort, he would still make his way to prayers or Home Group.

After he moved to residential care at Compton House, his service continued, reintroducing mealtime grace, playing the piano for services, creating a bible study group and ceaseless prayer for others.

They and we shall certainly miss his contributions but most of all we shall miss his sense of humour and prayerful encouragement. David knew the power of the Holy Spirit, working in his life. So many of us were privileged to witness the fruit of the Spirit in abundance: his love for others, his joy and sense of peace in all circumstances; his patience with his pupils (and colleagues!), his kindness and goodness to all; his faithfulness as a friend; his humility and self-control. No one can remember David as ever having raised his voice or spoken ill of anyone. We shall miss him deeply as a dear, dear friend and one who inspired us all to live life as God intended, in close relationship with Him enduring to the end.

John Witherington

Richard David Harris, born 12th February 1927, died peacefully at Compton House, 7th February 2020. He leaves two sons, Paul and Andrew, a daughter, Rachel, and eight grandchildren



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.
Plans to prosper you and not to harm you.
Plans to give you hope and a future.

(Jeremiah 29v11)



AROUND THE VILLAGE

Waste Freighter

Mid Sussex District Council have not yet finalised dates for mobile waste collections from March onwards so there will be no freighter in the car park in April 2020. Once dates have been finalised, they will be published on their website at <https://www.mid-sussex.gov.uk/waste-recycling/mobile-waste-pick-up-sites/>



Thank you to all the Ardingly Supporters

Many kind people have offered to collect shopping or run errands for those who are self-isolating at the moment. Thank you! A big thank you, too, to the Café, the Inn, the Post Office, Fellows and the College for the help that they have all offered. It really is very much appreciated!

Thank you to the Brownies

"Thank you to the Brownies for the hyacinth plants left on the doorsteps of the elderly. It was especially cheering during this period of coronavirus news. Many thanks", Wendy Bearchell
I'm sure many of us echo Wendy's sentiments wholeheartedly.



TEARFUND NEWS – Plague of Locusts in East Africa

East Africa is facing plagues of locusts – the worst in decades, destroying vital food supplies and sources of income. Tearfund staff and partners in the region are calling on us to pray for it to not get any worse.



Ethiopia and Somalia are in the midst of the biggest invasion of the insects in 25 years – and the worst in Kenya and Uganda for 70 years. They have also now reached parts of South Sudan, where millions of people are already suffering from severe food shortages. The nation is also facing conflict and political instability.

The UN's Food and Agricultural Organisation is calling the swarms 'unprecedented' and 'devastating', and has made a plea for international help. It's believed the locusts have come across the Red Sea from Yemen and Oman. Towards the end of 2019, heavy rainfall created ideal conditions for the insects to breed.

Across Ethiopia, Tearfund works with hundreds of self-help groups in rural areas whose members are mainly farmers. They grow maize, coffee, haricot beans and pigeon peas for eating and selling at the market. But these crops are being eaten by the locusts, leaving people with little food and jeopardising their income. Please pray.

Recycling Update

It seems there are many places which want your **second hand books!** As well as Nymans and Charity Shops, Standen House, near East Grinstead, would love you to give them your used books.

The Stand Up pub in Lindfield can also take a wider range of recycling than previously thought, and can accept the following: **Empty Crisp packets, Sweet wrappers, biscuit wrappers, snack packets, peanut & popcorn packets, plastic pet food pouches (eg. Whiskas) & baby food pouches with caps.** There is a green bin in the alley beside the pub to put all these in.

Used Water Filter Cartridges can be put in the bin inside Sainsbury's

Parish Register

The funeral of David Harris, formerly of Munnion Road, Ardingly, who died on 7th February 2020 aged 92 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Friday 28th February 2020.

An Easter Prayer



Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured more pain, more shame, more sorrow, more grief than we can possibly fathom. We praise you for your resurrection on Easter Sunday and your glorious victory over death. Help us remember why you gave your life. Because of love. Because of mercy. We desperately need them both. Amen.

A message to all at St Peter's from Milan in Nepal:

*Greetings in Jesus precious name. We all are thinking what will happen next and what will be the news regarding Covid19 Virus? When and how it will end? There is much fear and uncertainty raising in the World around us. But what Jesus said to His disciples gives us some peace. So we pray that His peace may reign in you always. **"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."** (John 14:27 NKJV).*

Quote from the Bible Society:

"I asked Constance how we could pray for her and she told me she wanted her faith to grow as well as her vegetables".

BIBLE FUN

Q. Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

A. *Adam, because he was the first in the human race.*

Q. Who was known as a mathematician in the Bible?

A. *Moses – he wrote the book of Numbers*

Q. What did Adam say on 24th December?

A. *It's Christmas, Eve!*

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. *Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.*

Q. When was the first tennis match in the Bible?

A. *When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.*

Q. How did Noah see inside the ark?

A. *He used floodlights.*

Q. What was Boaz like before he got married?

A. *Ruth-less.*

Corona Humour:

My husband purchased a world map.... gave me a dart and said "throw this and wherever it lands I'm taking you for a holiday when this pandemic is over". Turns out we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.



Ha ha ha ha ha !

PRAYER DIARY APRIL 2020



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified... for the Lord your God goes with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31.6)

- 1 John and Sally and their family
- 2 Chris Sutton and his ministry in Nuthurst and Mannings Heath
- 3 All in the NHS. The Coronavirus outbreak
- 4 Farmers and others affected by recent floods
- 5 Palm Sunday.** Praise God that He is Sovereign and Almighty
- 6 Ardingly Showground and all our village businesses
- 7 The swarms of locusts wreaking havoc in East Africa
- 8 Family relationships and those with children at home this month
- 9 Praise God for forgiveness. Pray for those who are bitter
- 10 Give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross
- 11 Pray for all those with little hope or faith
- 12 He is Risen!** Praise God for Jesus' victory over death
- 13 All who have lost jobs recently or are struggling financially
- 14 The government and all in positions of authority in the UK
- 15 All bishops, clergy and church workers
- 16 The Royal Family and their work
- 17 Syria and the work of Samara's Aid (Medical Centre & hospital)
- 18 The RNLi and coastguards
- 19** May Jesus' risen presence be very real in these difficult days
- 20 Our village schools, their staff, pupils and governors
- 21 Refugees, especially in Greece, Turkey, Lebanon. The Rohingya
- 22 All who are lonely, housebound or self-isolating
- 23 All carers and our local Care Homes. Molly, Joan and Sylvia
- 24 Those who are suffering from an addiction or abuse
- 25 Give thanks for modern comforts: pray for those who lack them
- 26** St Peter's PCC and plans for the future
- 27 Our Parish Council and all the decisions they have to make
- 28 All who are suffering, facing death or grieving. The Samaritans
- 29 Praise God for creation, new life and the joys of Spring
- 30 Give thanks for God's love and constant presence through a difficult month

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