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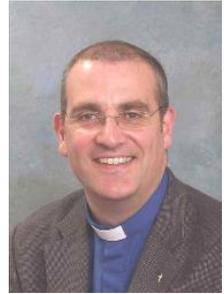
SUNDAY SERVICES

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

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This may sound strange, but when I listened to the prime minister's recent address to the nation, I found myself thinking about Moses. It's not that I see Mr Johnson as some sort of prophet – although for some reason my abiding image of an Old Testament prophet always seems to include an exuberant hairstyle! Furthermore, I'm quite certain that Mr Johnson and Moses would have a hugely different understanding of what 'the promised land' might be like. No, it was just that Boris was speaking of the gradual easing of the lockdown provisions and he cautioned that: "*It is coming down from the mountain that is often more dangerous.*" And that made me think. That made me think of Moses.



After all, when Moses came down from his forty day mountain top experience on Mount Sinai he was confronted by rebellion, by restlessness, by golden calf worship, (and this next part may worry the prime minister just a little bit more), by impatience and murmur about his leadership too. Then, as now it seems, leadership is never an enviable task. So, this is perhaps a particularly good moment for us all to recall those words of St Paul to Timothy where he urges us to pray for those in authority. Without any doubt, all of those in government, local and national, need our prayers, and especially at this time, because as Mr Johnson implied, coming down the 'lockdown' mountain is going to be quite a challenge.

Jesus would understand this too, I think. For Jesus, the Mount of Transfiguration – Tabor or Hermon, who knows? – was the place where he was revealed in self-producing, self-sustaining, and self-projecting light. It was a moment that was all about his heavenly or divine nature. He was seen in his glory. But it was only half the vision. Again, there was to be a risky descent and quite a journey before the vision was complete. I can never read the gospel accounts of the Transfiguration without thinking that as Jesus descended that mountain, as he came down after allowing that brief glimpse of who he always was and is, his eyes must in some way have settled upon a small hill of shame.

Away and far distant perhaps, but there, nonetheless. Golgotha or Calvary. The place where he would die for the sins of the world. The place where his glory would be fully and finally revealed. Again, coming down from the mountain top and continuing the journey was going to be fraught with danger.

Of course, our experience of being at the top of 'lockdown' mountain has been vastly different from that of either Moses on Mount Sinai or that of the disciples Peter, James and John who were present to witness Jesus' transfiguration. Theirs were moments of joy, whilst our recent experience has brought terrible loss of life, grief, ill-health and anxiety, fear for the future, damage to the economy and levels of mental ill-health that are unsurpassed in recent memory. But in one especially important respect at least, our mountain top experience is quite the same as theirs. And that is the experience of being in the presence of God. Moses spent forty days in the presence of God on Mount Sinai whilst on the Mount of Transfiguration, God turned up personally and in a bright cloud to affirm Jesus, saying: "*This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!*" Listen to him. In other words, be guided by him.

It's the same reassuring voice that had encouraged Moses to carry on after the whole golden calf episode, promising for the journey ahead that: "*My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*" It's the same reassuring voice that spoke in a '*in a low whisper*' to another prophet, to Elijah, encouraging him to continue after his mountain top experience. And it's the same voice that spoke Jesus' words to the disciples, promising that after his death, resurrection and ascension God the Father would send them the Holy Spirit, 'another friend' as the Spirit has been described, "*to help you and be with you forever.*"

It's the same voice that is speaking to us now. As we descend from our 'lockdown' we need to be praying both for our worldly guides and for ourselves that we will all be open to the power and presence of God, through the gift of His Holy Spirit, allowing him to guide us, to direct us and to keep us safe as we move forwards. We need to be praying and listening for that voice whether it is heard as a low whisper or as a shout of affirmation, and holding on to the final words of encouragement that Jesus spoke to his disciples:

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

With my love and prayers in Christ,



Freephone hymns, prayers and words of comfort

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a 24-hour free phone line for Christian worship and prayer, designed for those who have no or limited access to the internet.



"The Daily Hope service will allow people to hear hymns, prayers and words that offer comfort and hope, especially in this Easter season while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus." (Justin Welby)

People calling the 0800 number will hear a greeting from the Archbishop and can then choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on Covid-19.

Daily Hope is available on 0800 804 8044.



NOTICEBOARD

Hopefully it will not be long now before the church can open again and we can all worship together once more. When that time comes, if anyone would like to come to church but doesn't have a lift please do call the 'At Your Service' numbers and we will be very happy to arrange a lift for you: 892442 and 892307.



Angels & Urchins

We will not be meeting before the summer holidays but we hope to be able to start again in September. *Jill Veasey*

AOJA

Reluctantly we have had to postpone our Summer BBQ on the 27th June but we are hoping to reinstate it late August or early September, weather and Covid 19 permitting. *Steve Doerr*

TREVOR MARSHALL

Karen Marshall would like to thank you all for your love and support during Trevor's long illness.

Especial thanks goes to the wonderful team of drivers who made sure we always had a lift to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Surrey for his continuous chemotherapy and consultations. They really did go the extra thousands of miles for us!

Thank you also for your prayers which have upheld us through these difficult times (and continue to do so). We have felt God's love for us throughout and overcame so many seemingly impossible hurdles. Trevor remained courageous, positive and determined to the end. Sadly because of Covid-19 we were only allowed to have a small private cremation but it is our hope and intention to have a Service of Thanksgiving for his life at a later date.

Create a Frog or Toad Abode

Amphibians like cool places to shelter so during lockdown why not build a frog or toad abode? (You don't need a pond to do this)



- In a shady or semi-shady part of the garden dig a round hole about 12-15 inches deep and 20 inches wide, with a flat bottom.
- Fill the hole with an assortment of large stones/bricks/logs (stable enough that it won't collapse) to create a higgledy-piggledy maze for a frog or toad to hide in.
- Continue to build material up into a mound above ground level.
- Cover the mound with some of the excavated soil or turf, leaving lots of gaps around the edges and a clear, open, front entrance. You could add some twigs or small branches for camouflage.

Then simply keep an eye on it on warm damp evenings and you might have a resident!

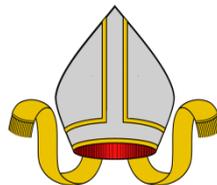
If you'd like to watch a video demonstration of this, go to the RSPB website <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Friday 22nd May: A few people have heard a Cuckoo calling from East of the wooded area behind Ardings Close! It's a sound which many of us probably haven't heard in Ardingly for many years! According to the BBC Cuckoo numbers have dropped by 70% in the last 25 years so it was particularly delightful to hear one.



Downing Street has announced the appointment of 2 new Bishops for our Diocese.

On 29th April, 10 Downing Street announced the names of the new bishops of Horsham and Lewes to serve as suffragan bishops in the Diocese of Chichester.



The Revd Ruth Bushyager, currently Vicar of St Paul's Dorking, in the Diocese of Guildford, will serve as **Bishop of Horsham**.

Ruth was ordained priest in 2006 and after serving in the Southwell & Nottingham and Oxford dioceses became Area Missioner for the Kensington area in the Diocese of London in 2010. She has served as the Vicar of St Paul's Dorking since 2014 and now also serves as Area Dean of Dorking. Ruth is married to Ron, a psychotherapist, and they have two young daughters.

"I am really looking forward to getting to know the churches, chaplaincies and schools of the diocese and seeing how I can help to encourage and serve their mission," said Ruth.

The Revd William Hazlewood, currently Vicar of the United Benefice of Dartmouth and Dittisham in the Diocese of Exeter will be the next **Bishop of Lewes**. **Will** has been a priest since 2002. He served his curacy in a parish in the centre of Bristol before moving to Buckinghamshire to the parish of Iver Heath on the outskirts of Slough. He moved to the Diocese of Exeter in 2011 to be Incumbent of Dartmouth and Dittisham, a market town and village in the South Hams. He became Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral in 2017.

His wife Sophie grew up in Sussex and is a Project Manager. They have two young children.

"I'm really looking forward to getting started," said Will, before adding: "My first task is to listen and get to know the clergy and people of the diocese so that I can discern how to support and encourage the local mission of the church in all aspects of its life."
(taken from the Chichester Diocese website)

News from our Missionary Friends

Many missionaries like our friends in South East Asia (we will call them A and B for security reasons) have flown back to their home countries during the Covid-19 pandemic because healthcare facilities in the countries where they work are not of a high standard. A and B are giving thanks that their visas were still valid, for the repatriation flight program which enabled them to get back to Europe, and also for the generous provision of a car to use during their stay. They have decided to use this time as an early home assignment (which would have been due next year). A will continue to teach online as much as possible and B will continue to keep in touch with her co-workers back in their country of service. There, about 100 cases of the Coronavirus had been reported when they flew home, and one of their co-workers and his son were showing symptoms.

A and B's children have had to stay at their boarding school in the Far East, so both parents and children will find it hard to be separated at a time when they would normally be on holiday as a family. The children are in very safe hands and will be well looked after, but the whole family would appreciate our prayers, as would the staff at the boarding school.

One positive side-effect of the lock-down which has been reported is that pastors have been able to spend quality time with their families, for which they are giving thanks!

Some of the scarecrows dotted around our village this month:





IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND – MAY 2020

Dear Supporters,

We hope you and your loved ones are keeping well and managing to cope with all the adjustments you have had to make to your lives in these difficult times.

We thought instead of a prayer letter this month, we would let you know a little of how COVID-19 is affecting Uganda and the children you help us to support and we have listed some prayer requests.

At the time of writing, there are relatively few cases of COVID-19 in Uganda and so far no deaths thought to be connected to the virus. Testing takes place at entry points into the country. Truck drivers from Kenya regularly cross Uganda with cargoes of food destined for the neighbouring countries of Rwanda, Tanzania, Burundi, DRC and South Sudan.

Testing at border points will not catch people at the incubation stage. Testing within communities is likely to be very limited.

The World Bank predicts that although sub-Saharan Africa so far has been hit relatively less by the virus from a health perspective, their projections suggest that it will be the region hit hardest by increased extreme poverty. 23 million of the people expected to be pushed into poverty are projected to be in sub-Saharan Africa.

Uganda reacted early and went into lockdown towards the end of March. The initial 3 weeks was extended to 5th May. The Imara children come from farming families. Their families live a hand to mouth existence and depend on selling their produce at market where they would also buy other necessities, but during lockdown the markets are closed. Few families have any savings to fall back on.

All the children and young people have been sent home from school. Parents have



been advised to support their children's education at home and lessons are broadcast on the radio. The majority of the parents and guardians of the Imara children are either illiterate or they do not speak English, the language used in schools. Very few are likely to own a radio. As several Imara students should take their O and A level exams later this year, it is an uncertain time for them.

If COVID-19 were to take a greater hold in sub Saharan Africa, it would be a disaster. There is already the danger that COVID-19 may disrupt programs set up to prevent and treat other very common causes of death such as malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS.

Like most sub-Saharan African countries, Uganda does not have the health care capacity to look after severely ill COVID-19 patients. It is unlikely to have many intensive care beds, specialist or intensive care nurses, ventilators or protective equipment etc.



Social distancing is almost an impossibility. Cities are overcrowded and in the rural areas where the Imara children live, many children sleep together in small huts on a single mattress or mat on the floor. Few families have cars, so travel, once it is permitted again, is on overcrowded buses and minibuses. How do you tell

village populations to keep washing their hands when water must be fetched from a communal bore hole some distance from their homes, or to use plenty of soap or sanitizer when they are struggling to feed their children? How do you tell them to keep their hands from their faces when they don't have knives and forks but eat all their food with their hands?

Please hold Uganda and especially the Imara children in your love and in your prayers.

Belinda MacLean



TRAVELLERS' TALES Continued/...

Jill and Mike Veasey tell us about the next leg of their 5 week holiday to Sri Lanka, Australia and New Zealand.

Monday 10th February began at 0645 for a walk before the 8.30 Sri Lankan style breakfast – boiled eggs in green sauce with rice noodles – and then a drive into Ella to catch the 9.23 train. We had reserved seats in the 1st Class carriage, which, joyfully, had air conditioning. The journey was about 5 ½ hours, through beautiful scenery. We passed many a tea plantation and forests, and lovely views of distant mountains. We stopped at several stations, some of which were beautifully decorated, and throughout the whole trip our cameras worked overtime. We even copied the locals and sat in the open doorways! This was a bit scary!



Ram, our driver, was waiting for us and took us to our Guest House and then on to a 'Cultural Show' with drummers and dancers. Very picturesque and NOISY!

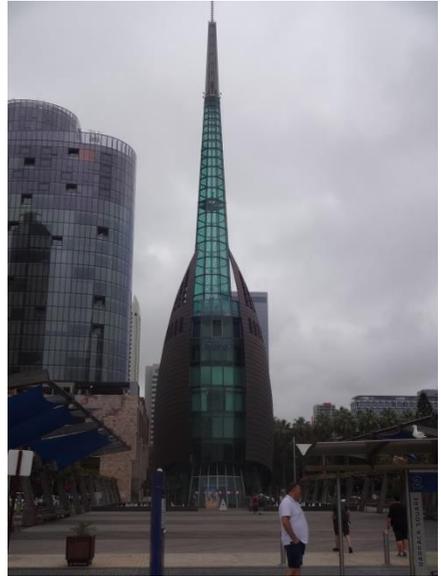
The next day we drove into town and to the local market, where there were lots of tempting bargains. It seems you could buy anything you wanted, from herbs and spices to leather handbags and cotton cloths. We then braved the traffic and visited the Temple, which was the one attacked by terrorists in recent years. It is where one of Buddha's teeth is kept, and the whole place is very ornate, especially the Holy of Holies, which contains the tooth in a golden casket. This is paraded during a festival on the back of an elephant – with a human bearer, of course. After leaving Kandy we drove back to Columbo and spent a quiet evening.

The next 2 days were filled with a City Tour, a couple of swims in the sea, catching up with emails and taking our host Sally out for a 'thank you' dinner. We then flew to Hong Kong and our flight was

very empty – a sign of the virus. We transited in the airport and flew on to Perth in South West Australia.

After the noise etc of Colombo, Perth was a lovely change. Our hotel was well placed and comfortable, with a rooftop pool! We managed to fill our days quite easily, and made good use of the free buses – 4 different routes – and the local trains.

We took a 3 day tour to the South and visited vineyards, a chocolate factory, a cheese factory and soap factory. The smell in the latter was so potent that I (Jill) had to retreat outside after 2 minutes and left Mike in there! The tour involved staying overnight at a lovely resort near the sea. We took trips on the train to places we liked the sound of, and found ferries to take us to the new development in Perth. We also took boat trips on the river, one from Fremantle to Perth, and another – an evening dinner cruise – which included some lively dancing. Yes, even by us!!



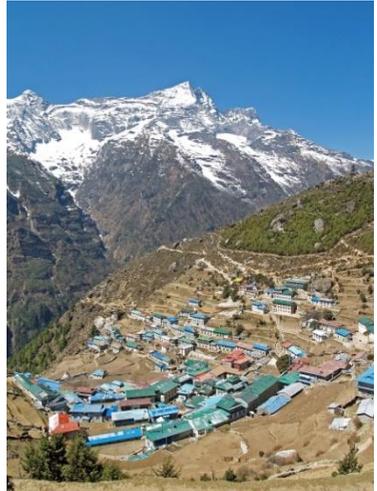
Our next stop was Sydney, where we were to meet up with Mike’s sister and husband. We stayed nearby in Manley, and woke to hear Kookaburras arguing in the tree outside our little apartment! We spent our days here walking to the Ferry, exploring Manley, visiting the old Quarantine Fort at the North Head, catching ferries to other places around the harbour and exploring in general. We spent a whole day in Sydney itself and had coffee in a really old Victorian Centre. We then explored “The Rocks”, Darling harbour and the highlight for me was the sung evensong in Sydney Cathedral!

All the time we spent in all these places the weather was HOT, so we looked forward to a slightly cooler time in New Zealand.

News from our friends in Nepal

The Anandit church in Nepal sends greetings to everyone at St Peter's. Everyone in Kathmandu has, like us, been in lockdown since the end of March and they say that life is getting harder and harder every day. This is what they have just sent us:

"Around a million people have lost their jobs and people are without food, especially people in the city area who were living on daily wages. We give praise to God that so far no deaths from Coronavirus have been recorded in Nepal.



Pastor's Family: *Though we are in lockdown we are having a very good time together as a family. Our girls are learning and enjoying from the world and about God. We are spending time praying and reading the Bible too. We are still working from home the best we can. Our children are learning from the Online Classes at home. They can say Psalm 23 and 121 by heart. We are also praying for our praying friends like you.*

Church: *Currently because of the Lockdown all the churches are closed but every believer's house is like a church. We are preaching every week from Social Media and making contact to our church members.*

Charity: *So far we have helped around 30 families, providing them with food, and also gave rice to a local feeding place for a day where around 500 people eat. Day Care is closed. Vocational Training is partly running. The Children's Home is going on and the Girls hostel Building is being built.*

Nation: *Nepal as a nation provides lots of labour to Countries like the Gulf, the Middle East, South Korea etc. but because of Covid19 many are losing their jobs so our country is losing revenue. Also the backbone of the economy is Tourism and that is closed.*

Thank you so much for your prayers and love. God bless"

FSW May update

Dear Friends,



It feels hardly any time since my last update to you, but already a month has gone by as we continue to operate under lockdown. The restrictions on movement and contact have of course affected our work over the last few weeks, but our practitioners have been finding new ways of supporting parents and using the food delivery slots as a time to catch up from a distance with their families and offer as much help as they can. With the impact of furlough or job losses starting to really hit home, the upcoming weeks will be crucial and we are doing our best to keep up with all developments so that we can give our families the most up to date advice.

Our wonderful supportive community has continued to be extremely generous. We have been able to keep our food bank stocked thanks to the generosity of a local building firm, but our immediate priority is to make sure that we can continue to pay the salaries of our practitioners so that they can keep doing their amazing work. With our big events programme cancelled we are now facing a challenge to bring in enough money.

Thank you to everybody who has contacted us by phone, email or post with words of encouragement, prayers and financial support. We are so very grateful to you all for your kindness during these unprecedented times.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing _____

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God” – Corrie Ten Boom.

Corrie Ten Boom and her family faced an unknown future as they were arrested for hiding Jews and sent to Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Corrie was the sole survivor of her family and her powerful story recorded in the book, The Hiding place; is one of courage, sacrifice and forgiveness.

(I have the dvd of The Hiding Place if anyone would like to borrow it – Sue, Tel. 892117)

St Peter's C. E. Primary School



As I write this, already we are more than 8 weeks into lockdown. St Peter's C.E. School building has been closed and the pupils have been at home. We have gone through the Easter holiday, VE Day and now head towards half term without children in the classrooms - but that doesn't mean they haven't been learning! Every day, staff make

available lessons, activities, questions and website links designed to challenge young minds and help them discover new and exciting things all the time.



So, what's been going on? It might be easier to say what HASN'T been happening! With a whole topic of "A Great Exhibition", this Victorian period along with VE Day has been the stimulus for a number of activities.

The latter included flags, painting, models, writing and some delicious-looking baking. The glorious weather has helped our budding gardeners too. We have beans and peas growing with some very ingenious home-made bird scarers. They should definitely help protect the produce!



Having lovely things to eat, whether home grown, baked or not, helps when our pupils want to study the digestive system. It can, of course, lead to some interesting conversations - *food goes down your oesophagus in a wave-like motion called peristalsis* is perhaps a bit strange for lunchtime discussions...

Healthy living and exercise of course is key and many of our pupils have been taking part in the 'Virtual' Sussex School Games activities as well as online classes such as Joe Wicks.

Our staff and pupils are definitely missing one another but are keeping in touch via Twitter, the school's website and various messaging opportunities such as videos from class teachers.

It seems likely that school will be reopening to a limited number of pupils (reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils alongside vulnerable pupils and those from key worker families) from June 1st. As you can imagine, the school team have been working hard to make sure that this reopening will be safe and secure for those returning. It will not be 'normal', whatever normal means! However, it will be the same loving, caring and supportive school with its strong Christian ethos, it will still be a great place to learn!

Kathy James



Flapjack the school dog

1st Ardingly Scout Group – Scouting during the Lockdown

Like nearly everything else in the country, Scouting came to a halt in March when we were informed that face to face scouting activities were to stop immediately. Leaders had been anticipating that some of our members might need to self-isolate and so were already preparing activity and badge idea booklets. These were quickly distributed to all our members to keep them occupied as we all started the lockdown. These booklets were enhanced by the Scout Association publishing 'The Great Indoors', a programme of ideas and activities to keep Scouts active.

With the lockdown lasting longer than anticipated, we have tried to keep our young members active and to let them know that they are still important to us. At Easter each of our members received a goodie bag of treats and activities which were distributed by the leaders during permitted exercise time and it took a few days for us to deliver them all! We have also taken part in the Scouts Hike to the Moon where our young members and their families tried to walk, run or ride part of the 240,000 miles to the Moon in aid of Children in Need.



One weekend we enjoyed Virtual Camp 2020 - a weekend of activities and den building or camping in our gardens. Using our own secure website, the scouts have cooked, created, and experimented alongside traditional scouting skills of pitching a tent, tying knots and packing survival kits as well as sleeping under the stars. Live streaming and videos allowed us to give instructions and demonstrations and even enjoy some campfire songs and a bedtime story. From the photos posted to our site, everyone seems to have had a great time.

We are looking forward to being able to hold meetings again soon, but in the meanwhile we will endeavour to keep our young members active, engaged and enjoying Scouting.



Stay Safe

The Leadership team of 1st Ardingly Scout Group

The UK Blessing

The UK Blessing is a sung blessing over the whole country and has now been listened to online by millions of people and also featured on Songs of Praise in May. The words are from Numbers 6 v 24:



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace."

The song was the idea of Tim Hughes, leader of the Gas Street Church in Birmingham, and over about 3 days he brought together 65 churches of all denominations across the UK to combine their voices on video on 3rd May to sing "The UK Blessing". Many different denominations took part in the recording, including the Coptic Orthodox Church, Catholic and Pentecostal churches, The Church of England and the Salvation Army.

Tim says "At this unique time of global crisis and uncertainty many people are in need of the message that **God loves us, God is with us and God is for us.**"

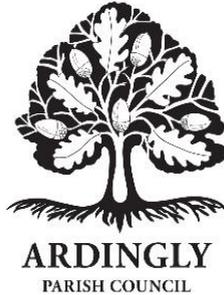
It has resonated in a deep way with millions of people across the world and there is now a "Kids Blessing", sung by children, and a "Global Blessing", sung by Christians from many different countries.

Tim Hughes received a "Daily Points of Light award" which recognises outstanding individual volunteers - people who are making a change in their community

In a personal letter to Tim, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said:
"At a time when our churches are closed, I am filled with admiration to hear how you have used the power of music to bring together Christians of all denominations from across our United Kingdom. Your sensational singing masterpiece 'The UK Blessing' is truly uplifting and has touched millions around the world with its message of hope and its beauty."

You can listen to the UK Blessing on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtil3mNj5U>



Ardingly Parish Council

Parish Council Update

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that there is now legislation that allows them to hold remote meetings. Parishioners will be able to attend these meetings virtually either using the internet or by dialing in using a telephone number.

These meetings will be advertised as per Pre Covid-19 on the notice boards, on the Village website (www.ardingly.org) and on the Village Facebook Page.

The Parish council would like to encourage all Parishioners, if they are able, to attend these remote meetings.

For the details of how to attend a specific remote meeting, please contact the Clerk as follows:

ardinglypc@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 01444 226 209

Update on SA25

SA25 Village Survey

As I am sure you are aware the Parish council has recently conducted a village wide survey in connection to the proposed
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development at the Red Carpark at the Showground (SA25)
The results of this survey are currently being collated and will be used by the Parish Council to inform their response to the 2nd MSDC Consultation ref SA25.

The Parish Council would like to pass on their appreciation to all those who responded to the survey, 363 responses were received in total and your voice will be heard!

Forthcoming Remote meetings of the Parish Council held on the Microsoft Teams Platform

Extraordinary Meeting – Tuesday, 26th May 2020 at 6pm
Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm

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### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Post Office, Fellows, the Ardingly Inn and Café and other businesses which have been doing home deliveries for us during the lockdown. We are very grateful!

## AROUND THE VILLAGE ...

On the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day the flags came out and the bunting went up:

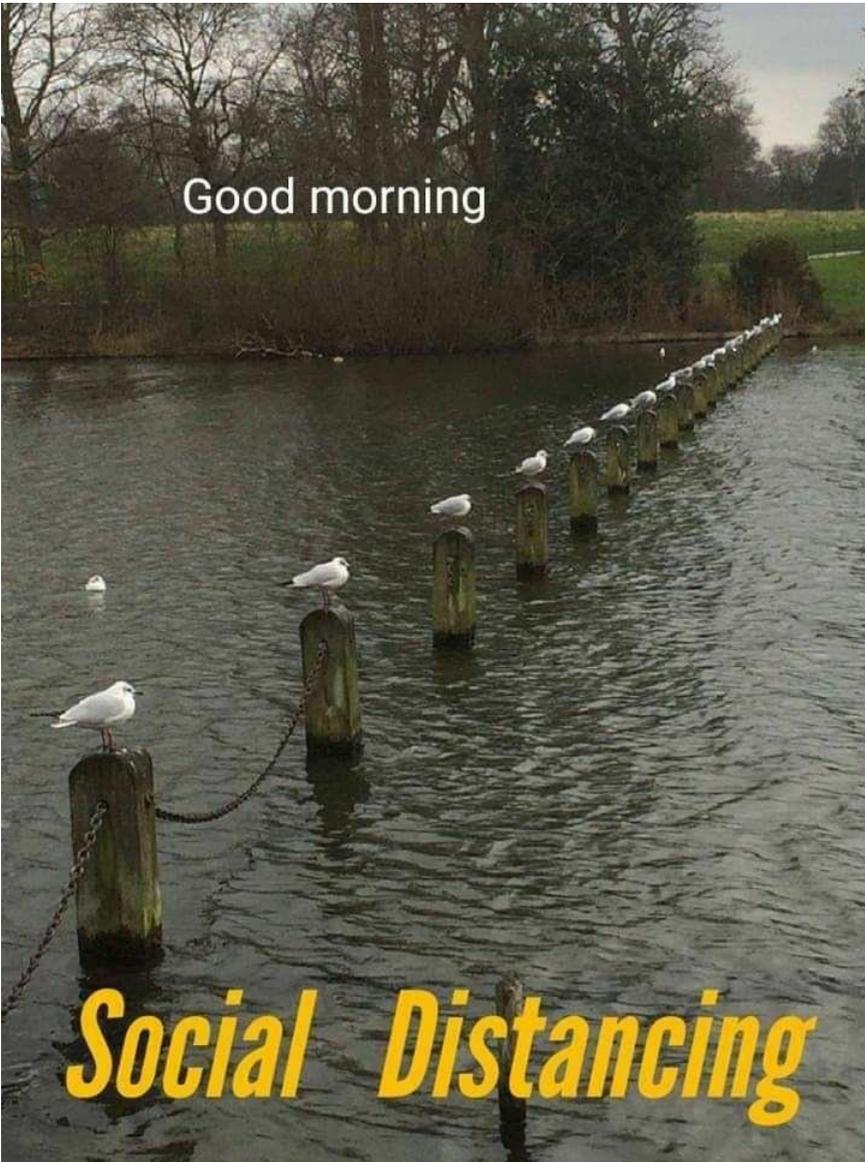


Others remembered the day and shared their photos. Somewhere in this photo is a very young Anne Ettridge!



Others had tea together – at a distance! This was the scene in Munnion Road:





Good morning

***Social Distancing***

## **NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ....**

### **OUR PETS DURING LOCKDOWN**

**DOGS:** Please don't walk me again. Watch Netflix. Read a book. But leave me alone ....*please...*

This quarantine has me realizing why my dog gets so excited about something moving outside. I think I just barked at a squirrel.



Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.

Day 33 of quarantine and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture."

**CATS:** 'Get a human' they said. 'Hardly ever home' they said.



Why are the annoying servants staying in my home all day now??

The human has been working from home the last few days. Every so often he lets me participate in his online meetings. All the other humans cheer when they see me. It's fun walking across in front of the screen.

Stay home. Practise social distancing. Clean yourself often. OH NO! We're becoming cats!

When my mother was called for jury service, she felt confident of her ability to answer the questions asked of prospective jurors. As a young lawyer, I had filled her in on what to expect.

Asked about the occupations of family members, Mum answered, "My son is a lawyer."

As a follow-up, she was asked if she had ever used the services of a lawyer.

"Only to mow my lawn."

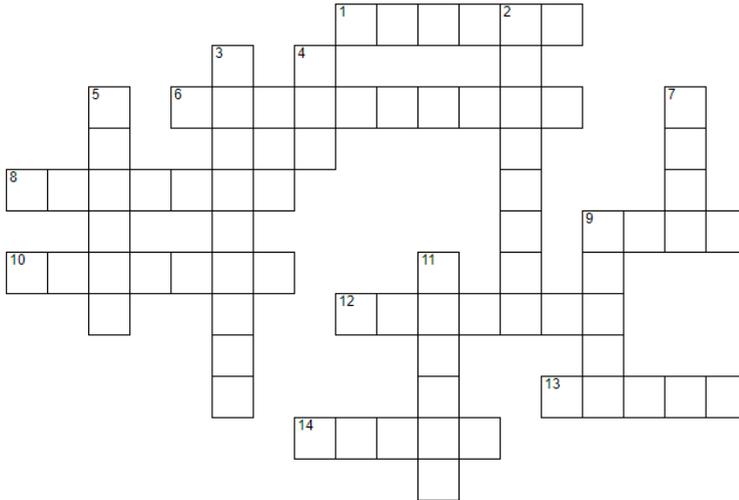
# Parish Register

The funeral of Amanda Jean "Mandy" Spencer of Holmans, Ardingly, who died on 11th April 2020 aged 64 years, was held at St Peter's (in the graveyard due to current restrictions) on Monday 27th April 2020.

*Help me, O God, to live this day  
Quietly, hopefully;  
To lean on your strength,  
Trustfully, restfully;  
To wait for the unfolding of your will  
Patiently, serenely;  
To meet other people  
Peacefully, joyfully;  
To face every task  
Confidently, courageously;  
In the name of Christ, our Lord, Amen (author unknown)*



# Quick Bible Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Had a multi-coloured garment
- 6 Last book in the Bible
- 8 This city's walls fell down
- 9 Jesus' mother
- 10 These affected Egypt ten times
- 12 First book in the Bible
- 13 Nearly sacrificed by Abraham
- 14 Jonah was swallowed by this

## DOWN

- 2 Men who spoke God's words in the Old Testament
- 3 Jesus was born here
- 4 Number of commandments
- 5 River mentioned in the Bible
- 7 Number of Gospels
- 9 Hidden in a basket
- 11 Visited the Shepherds

## PRAYER DIARY June 2020



*"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psalm 100 v 5)*

1. John and Sally Crutchley and their family
2. Chris Sutton and his ministry, work and family
3. All NHS staff, keyworkers and scientists fighting the coronavirus
4. Re-opening of St Peter's Primary School and new arrangements for staff and pupils
5. Victims of the recent cyclones & flooding in India and Bangladesh
6. All who live & work in Care Homes especially Summerlands and Compton House
7. All online TV and radio services being broadcast today
8. Our Prime Minister and all in positions of authority
9. Give thanks for the community spirit in Ardingly & all volunteers
10. Samara's Aid: medical projects, food aid & new farming project
11. All Bishops and clergy, especially Martin, Ruth and Will
12. Those who live and work at Priceholme and Turnpike Court
13. Businesses in difficulty; those facing redundancy or job loss
14. Those who have no Christian belief or hope
15. The police and all who respond to emergencies, on land & sea
16. Migrants crossing the Channel. Border Force & immigration staff
17. Alpha & other online Christian courses. Those who lead them
18. All who are vulnerable or live with a serious health problem
19. Young people seeking work or apprenticeships at this time
20. All refugees and aid agencies around the world
21. Praise God for the hope and new life He gives
22. Those who work to alleviate poverty & suffering. Tearfund
23. All who have lost a loved one recently; those who are grieving
24. The Post Office, Fellows, Showground & other village businesses
25. National Day of Prayer for the Police today
26. Belinda MacLean, the IMARA staff and the sponsored students
27. Praise God for family & friends. Pray for the lonely.
28. Praise God for forgiveness. Pray for those who are bitter or angry
29. Pray about post-lockdown arrangements and for safety
30. Give thanks for the positives and blessings of recent weeks

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