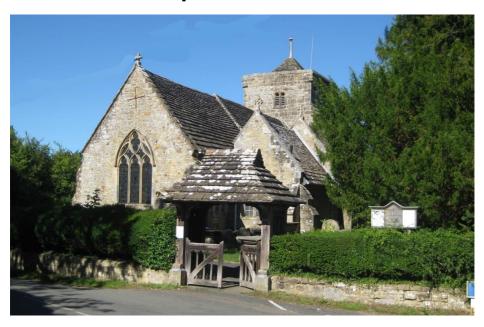
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion 10.30 am Morning Worship – our main service – see Services page

The church is also open on Sundays and on Thursdays from 10am to 6pm for private prayer

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As the Summer draws to a close and as a new school year and term begin, the stress that has been such a part of so many of our lives this year seems to continue. You may well have been caught up in the exam result fiasco with all the stress that that has caused in the lives and for the future of so many young people. The economic effects of the pandemic are just beginning to be felt in the announcements of cuts, closures, losses, and redundancies. Will there be a second wave of the COVID-19 virus in the Autumn and Winter? Add to all of this the stress that parents and children (and teachers!) must feel as our schools re-open for all and as we all adjust to the 'new normal' of facemasks, social distance and restricted activities and all in all, levels of stress must be at a new national high.

In thinking about stress, I have found myself drawn to the Apostle Paul who it always seems to me knew as much about it as any of us, and perhaps even more. I am thinking especially of what he says in his letter to the Philippians, a letter that was written at a time when Paul was in prison for his faith and on trial for his life, but how does he react to such stress and how does he tell us to react? In Philippians 4.4 he says: Rejoice in the Lord (v4): Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (v4). Under the present pressure of prison and living with the future fear of execution, Paul speaks of rejoicing himself as he encourages us to do likewise. Whatever may be our present pressures and whatever future fears we may have, Paul says to us: 'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!' In other words, by faith look to the Lord Jesus and rejoice in what you can have in a relationship with him.

The experts say that for most of us one of our greatest sources of stress is the fear of losing out: the fear that we are losing out on something or that we will lose out on something. But Paul reminds us that there's one thing - or rather one person, one relationship - with blessings that outweighs every loss we could mention. Paul had basically lost everything and yet in Philippians 3.8 he says:

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. (3.8-9) Paul knew that the Lord Jesus had died to put him right with God. He knew because of Jesus' coming and death and rising from the dead that God was present and active. He knew that God had forgiven him, and that God really did love him and so he knew that his life was in God's hands.

It was this reassurance of the closeness and care of God that carried Paul through what were some of the darkest and worst moments of his life. This is something that has always been hugely encouraging for me in my own times of stress and something that I find hugely encouraging now in these times of great national stress and anxiety. 'Hold on' says Paul, hold on to the love of God in the Lord Jesus Christ and rejoice in all that we have in Him; in the One who is ultimately in control of everything.

Because that is another of the most stressful things in our lives; the feeling of being at the mercy of things and people that are beyond our control. Some of our present stress may well be under our control but in the current crisis some is not. The point is that even if we have no control over a stressful situation we need to hold on and remember that the Lord has total control over everything! And he knows exactly what he's doing with our lives right now and exactly where he's taking them.

All this saw Paul through his darkest days and even led him to rejoice! So, in whatever stresses you may be facing right now, let me urge you to give the supernatural response to that stress a try: just let go, let God in Christ, and rejoice in him always!

With my prayers and best wishes

Services for September 2020

Sunday 6th September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP] Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20

10.30am

Morning Praise Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Sunday 13th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP] Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW] Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Sunday 20th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Philippian 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16

Morning Prayer

10.30am Morning Praise Matthew 20: 1 - 16

Sunday 27th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Philippians 2: 1-13: Matthew 21: 23-32

Morning Prayer

10.30am Morning Praise Matthew 21: 23 - 32

NOTICES

Meeting Point

At the moment it isn't possible under the special Covid-Secure regulations to meet as we used to, for coffee and cake, but Belinda is looking at the possibility of a temporary alternative to coffee mornings so as to enable people to come together – possibly for Knit & Natter / Craft & Chat or something similar. Watch this space!

Children's Society Boxes

Could those who have not yet handed their box to me please bring them to church on a Sunday? If that's difficult please let me know and we will arrange to collect them from you. Many thanks.



Jean Jeffery (01444 415317)

ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY

is scheduled to meet on Tuesday 8th September at 7.45 in Hapstead Hall Mr Geoffrey Mead will give a talk on "Sussex Literary Landscape"

The **Historic Churches Ride and Stride**, which was scheduled to take place on 12th September, has sadly now been cancelled by the Diocese due to the Coronavirus situation.

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2020



Once again we will be supporting the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal this Autumn. The annual Family Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992 and has delivered smiles to thousands of people in Eastern Europe over the years. In fact, Link to Hope have sent over 900,000 shoeboxes to hundreds of different locations! This year boxes will

be sent to Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine

FAMILY SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are asked to fill a Shoebox either for a family or an older person. The Family Shoeboxes of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.



A shoebox for a family means that everyone receives a gift. There is a list of items that we are asked to put in – something suitable for all family members - and includes items such as small family games, shower gel/shampoo, stationary items, gifts for mum and dad and sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc.

ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Due to the number of elderly people that are now being left alone while their families work away from home, shoeboxes are also needed for older folk. The contents are similar but the children's games and education materials are replaced with things like a wind up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc.

Sue Laker will be co-ordinating the Shoe boxes for St Peter's this year so if you can help, please contact her (892117) for information or a form (which needs to be attached to your shoebox). Boxes need to be ready by the end of October. **Thank you!**



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

When I last wrote, it was our hope that at least some of the Imara scholars, the 10 who were due to take national exams this year, would be back in school. Sadly, in her last address to the Ugandan nation, the minister for education announced that she did not think the time was right for any of the nation's school children and college students to return to their schools and colleges. School classrooms are crowded. Over 100 children in a class is quite usual. Many children, including all the Imara scholars, board, and dormitories are crowded with bunk beds, sometimes 3 tiers high, being the norm.

Uganda does not have huge numbers of confirmed cases of Covid-19 but the number is growing daily, especially at the borders with Kenya and DRC. There is, however, great concern for the nation's children. Lockdown has led to increased poverty for families already living on the breadline. They are struggling to feed the children adequately, violence in the home and abuse, especially of girls, is



widespread. There is the fear that when the schools open again, many children will not return to school.

As a charity we are trying to help the children to continue their education at home as far as we can. Our local team has run off study sheets; we have provided the children with pens, pencils and exercise books, radios to enable them to access schools' broadcasts and solar lamps so they can study in the evenings. They do not have electricity at home. Our college students have smartphones for any elearning their colleges provide.



We provided radios for all the visually impaired children in the top 2 classes of Ngetta Primary School. This school takes in a large number of children who are blind or partially sighted. We recognise that learning at home poses extra challenges for

these children. Four of the Imara scholars attend this school and are blind or partially sighted.

Our local team members, Kevin and Moses, have met up with most of the Imara children and have encouraged them to try to keep up with their studies. It will not be easy. Girls will be expected to do most of the household chores while at home and it is easy to lose the habit of studying without the structure and discipline of school. There will need to be regular contact and encouragement from the team.

As well as helping the children with their education, we have tried to

meet other needs. Each of the Imara families has been provided with a sack of beans and one of posho (maize meal), sanitary pads for the girls who have been struggling to cope with bits of cloth, and soap.



We ask you please to remember these children, for whom education can bring such hope for the future, in your prayers.

Belinda MacLean

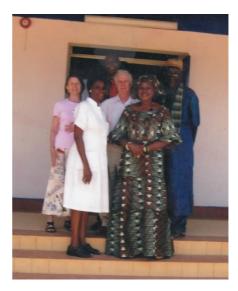
ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION HEALTH CENTRE - THE GAMBIA

August 2020 Update

Dear All,

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Abdoulie Sowe, our Health Centre administrator, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. He died peacefully at home on Saturday 8th August and was just recovering from one of his 'Malaria type' fevers.

It was Abdoulie who, as a community leader some 30 years ago, first made contact with Lynn Wilson, MD of an air freight company serving The Gambia,



Abdoulie is on the right

to initiate the idea of a maternity clinic with some 'clean' facilities for his village of Old Jeshwang. Abdoulie worked tirelessly with John and Margaret Dale to make his vision a reality and I know that John would have been in accord with these reflections.

Abdoulie was a gentleman of integrity, drive and commitment, without whom the Old Jeshwang Health Centre project would never have been initiated or completed. Having just left a career as a financial controller in the Gambian aviation authority he was well placed to take on this project. His political contacts and Gambian methods of getting things done never ceased to surprise me. As a trusted and loyal friend I could always rely on his wise counsel.

Abdoulie was in his late 80's and with his unstinting commitment to the success of the Health Centre, had handed over all the day to day management of OJHC to Cherno, his assistant administrator of the past 3 years, in whom Abdoulie had complete confidence to meet this anticipated situation.

Abdoulie had made a point of Cherno accompanying him to all key meetings involving both Health Authority managers and political groups.

Abdoulie – a Muslim of great faith and a strong believer of how our faiths should work together for the common good - was always full of gratitude to the fellowship of St. Peter's for their commitment to sustaining this project and especially for the many close working relationships which were to evolve during their visits.

His legacy will be the on-going healthcare for the community of Old Jeshwang but he will be greatly missed by all who had the blessing of knowing him.

Steve

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This sign has been placed in Street Lane, between Fairfield Close and just North of the turning into Holmans.

CHILDREN WITH A PARENT IN PRISON

Children often suffer more than we could imagine when a parent goes into prison and the excerpt below from the prison fellowship's briefing concerning the plight of such children and their families makes stark reading.



We do not know exactly how many children are affected by parental



imprisonment in England and Wales each year, as no one collects any data either at court or when a parent arrives in custody. However, it is estimated that **approximately 300,000 children are impacted each year**, including upwards of 17,000 who lose their mother – most likely their primary carer – to imprisonment.

Some facts:-

- Children of imprisoned parents receive no support from the state.
- 95% of children whose mother is imprisoned will have to move out of their home, and only 9% will be cared for by their fathers.
- Those who take on children's care are neither assessed for suitability nor do they receive financial help or any other form of support, despite the fact that there is a significant cost to caring for an additional child or children, and not only financial.
- As the children are emotionally and physically distressed due to the separation from their parents the children often need 'intensive parenting' which carers struggle to do when their role as carers for children in need is not recognised officially.

These carers – family members who have taken on these children – may need to give up work in order to care for the children, and if in receipt of benefits, are not classed as 'carers' and are therefore pressured to make themselves available for work in order to continue receiving benefits without which they would lose their housing and their income.

According to research, children whose primary carers are imprisoned often have to change home, carer and school in addition to losing their parent. Their entire life is disrupted and yet the children are not identified as children in need, and no service is allocating extra funding for them. Many move to areas where there is no school place available for them and because they do not fall within a group which is given priority eg 'looked after children', they spend time out of education.

However, there is a way that we can help and bring some joy into these children's lives. Prison Fellowship run an initiative called Angel tree, which involves sending presents at Christmas from the detained parent to their child. This has been running for some years for those in Lewes prison (many local people have given most generously to this) and we hope to run this again this year when it is needed more than ever to reinforce family ties that have been under such pressure due to the corona virus.

More on Angel Tree next month! Watch this space!

Adele Collins



A well known photographer's model Said posing for 'stills' was a doddle. But movies she hated, And bitterly stated, "I don't glide or stride, I just waddle"!

St Peter's Primary C.E. School

As I write this, we are still in the midst of the summer holidays and, fortunately, the weather has been kind (mostly!). Our pupils have continued to be busy, spending time playing, gardening, swimming, climbing trees - adventures too many to recount!



At the same time, our staff and governors have been busy too. The pandemic is still having an impact on all areas of our lives and school is no exception. Throughout the children's holiday period, work has continued on assessing and minimising the risks associated with everyone returning to school in September. The plan for returning to school and the full risk assessment has to be ready for review by the governing body later in August. Rest assured, no stone is being left unturned!

Starting a new school is a very exciting time, whether that is preschool, primary or secondary school. For many of our current pupils, this new term is also going to feel strange because of the length of time in lockdown. All the staff are well aware of potential anxiety and not just from our new joiners! We will be continuing, as ever, with our caring and loving environment.

Our year 6 pupils from last year are heading off to pastures new and we wish them well and all the success they richly deserve. We look forward to welcoming in the new cohort into Reception and promise to take good care of them as they learn and grow.



HOPE

"Write a poem", somebody said.
"Who cares now?" said the voice in my head.
Family and friends, all stressed Trying hard to do their best.

Whole world changing, day by day.
Will we ever find our way?
No-one knows, but people care.
No time now to stand and stare.

Ring our friend to chat awhile. Lift the tension, raise a smile. Hold our faith close to our hearts. Even though we are now apart.

Trust that good times will return. Lessons that the world will learn. Saviour Lord, amidst all alarms Hold us in your loving arms.

Written by Dorothy Brown, grandparent of a pupil at St Peter's Primary.





Ardingly Parish Council

The Parish Council is continuing to meet remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic and is operating a business as usual approach.

Residents can attend remote meetings of the Parish Council as they normally would face to face meetings and the details of these meetings are published on the village website (www.ardingly.org) as part of the meeting agenda.

Alternatively, the details of these remote meetings can also be obtained directly from the Clerk.

The Parish Council can be contacted as normal via the Clerk as follows:

Email: ardinglypc@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 01444 226 209

ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL JOB VACANCY

Responsible Finance Officer – Part Time

Ardingly Parish Council is looking to appoint a Responsible Financial Officer working from home 5 hours a week. This includes attending evening meetings as and when required. The Salary scale offered is within SCP 19 – SCP 28, £12.89 - £16.31 per hour, dependent on experience.

The ideal applicant will have experience of finance and accounting, will have the ability to deliver work in a timely manner, with an understanding of the background behind it, together with good communication skills.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in the role, please get in touch!

For details of the application process please email clerk@ardingly.org

Closing date for applications – 12noon, Friday 4^{th} September 2020. Interviews will take place w/c 7^{th} September 2020

SA25 OPEN EVENT - HAPSTEAD HALL - 12th SEPTEMBER 2020

The Parish Council will be hosting a socially distanced open event in Hapstead Hall on the 12th September between 10am and 2pm to share all the relevant documents and answer all of your questions regarding the proposed housing development on the South of England Showground.

For those unable to attend the Open Event there will be an online presentation and Q & A session on 15^{th} September, 6pm-7pm

A Jesus Nut

During the Vietnam War, with many helicopters in action, the nut which holds the rotor-blades in place gained the nickname "the Jesus nut".

There are no accounts of this nut ever failing. In recent years the term has become more generically applied throughout engineering (and many other occupations, from rock climbing to skyrise window cleaning!) to include any single component whose failure would cause catastrophic failure of the entire system.

It's time to check that our Jesus nut is on tight.

(from CMS Prayerlines)

FSW NEWS

With the summer holidays in full swing you might think that things are slowing down a little for us here, but it's not the case. As we can't hold any group activities like we would normally do in the summer, our practitioners have been very busy supporting individual families with ideas for outings and activities – we've even been providing picnics for them to take with them! A lot of our families are also very anxious about their children returning to school in September after such a long time at home, so we are working hard to allay



those fears and encourage them to think positively.

We are delighted that some of our furloughed staff have returned to work this month, although still on a part-time basis. This give us the opportunity to start recommencing some of the activities that we had to put on hold over the last few months.

In particular, we are very excited to let you know that our charity abseil at Peacehaven Cliffs is able to go ahead on September 19^{th} . Anybody can take part from age 10 and above (maximum weight limit 16 stone) and all that we ask is that participants commit to raise a minimum of £100 sponsorship each.

Thank you all for your continued support of our work.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

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The most often repeated command in the Bible is the command "Do not be afraid"! Apparently it occurs 365 times - once for each day of the year!

Pre-School News

Preschool is closed for the Summer holidays, but we are looking forward to returning at the beginning of September.

We are run by a fantastic committee, made up of parents of children who attend the preschool, and this holiday they have turned their efforts to improving our outdoor space. The Wendy House has had a coat of paint,



plants have been added to the window boxes and the pots have been refreshed with new plants to allow zoning of the playground when preschool is in session. The advice on staying safe and healthy in preschools is to encourage as much outdoor play as possible, and we feel ready to make the most of the opportunities that our outdoor area has to offer. Every aspect of learning which we cover indoors can be covered outdoors, and for some children this is a preferable way to learn; children who can feel overwhelmed inside often find it easier to relax outside.

All three and four year old children are entitled to up to 15 hours a week free childcare, please do get in touch if you would like to know more.



Rebecca Barton-Jones 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/



AROUND THE VILLAGE

ALL CHANGE AT THE POST OFFICE



It's very sad news for the village that after 18 years running Ardingly Post Office Grahame and Phil are probably leaving us very soon. Grahame plans to move down to the coast and Phil wants a bit more time to himself and to concentrate on his "Mr Hedge" business. A buyer has been

found. It is hoped that the Post Office business will continue once the new owners take over the premises. Grahame and Phil have done a splendid job for the village and will be a very hard act to follow. We will miss them!

Phil still plans to attempt a world record run in September. It will be on 26th September, from 6.00am that day till 6.00am on 27th and he has to run up and down Cob Lane 125 times in 24 hours. We wish you all the very best, Phil!

Where does our water come from?



Photo by Ben Sansom 2020

During the recent heatwave the demand for water rose so much that some villages at the end of the line were left without.

Most of us live within easy walking distance of Ardingly Reservoir, but our water actually travels on quite a journey to get from the

Reservoir to our taps. David Port explains how:

in pumping it all the way back to Ardingly.

Ardingly reservoir is a river regulating impounding reservoir that maintains flow in the river Ouse during dry periods. Water level in the reservoir is currently [22nd August 2020] at 50%. Water is abstracted just above the tidal reach weirs at Barcombe, treated at the 60Mld (million litres per day) Barcombe water treatment works and pumped to the 50Ml Horsted Keynes underground service reservoir. From there it is pumped North to East Grinstead and Crowborough, and gravitates to Holywell for pumping on to Grovelands underground service reservoir just North of Highbrook. From there it is pumped to Selsfield reservoir and tower and then flows by gravity to Ardingly. A great deal of energy is used not only in its treatment but also

The small 5Mld Shellbrook water treatment works below the reservoir takes a direct raw water supply from the reservoir and after treatment pumps it to the Cuckfield service reservoir. On the river Ouse, South of the Shellbrook water treatment works and just before the confluence with the Shell Brook, is a raw water pumping station that has the capacity to pump large volumes from the river into the reservoir at times of spate flow.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR US ...

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your flat for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great plan, and a week later, the woman came to dinner. His mother called the next day to see how things had gone.

"I was totally humiliated," he moaned. "She insisted on washing the dishes."

"What's wrong with that?" asked his mother.

"We hadn't even started eating.."

Which is the least interesting beast in the entire animal kingdom? (answer at the bottom of the page)

A kindergarten teacher handed out a colouring page to her class. On it was a picture of a duck holding an umbrella.

The teacher told her class to colour the duck in yellow and the umbrella green. Little Johnny, the class rebel, coloured the duck in a bright fire-engine red.

After seeing this, the teacher asked him, "Johnny, how many times have you seen a red duck?"



Little Johnny replied, "The same number of times I've seen a duck holding an umbrella."









Answer to riddle: The boar

Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register this month.

Go, and know that the Lord goes with you;
Let Him lead you each day into the quiet place of your heart
Where He will speak with you;
Know that He loves you and watches over you —
That He listens to you in gentle understanding;
That He is with you always,
Wherever you are and however you may feel;
And may the blessing of God —
Father, Son and Holy Spirit —
Be yours forever.

(believed to have been written by the late Joan Lewis)



PRAYER DIARY SEPTEMBER 2020

"God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble (Ps. 46 v 1)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Chris Sutton his family, work and ministry
- 3 The RNLI and all coastguards
- 4 IMARA the children in lockdown, Belinda and her team
- 5 The coronavirus situation and related medical research
- **6** All church services today and those who lead them
- 7 Schools re-opening this month, especially St Peter's Primary
- 8 The political situation & food shortages in Yemen, South Sudan and Syria
- 9 The effects of extreme weather on farmers and nature
- 10 The Angels and Urchins team, the Mums and babies
- 11 Our government, Prime Minister and all in authority
- 12 Restoring & rebuilding in Beirut, following the portside explosion
- 13 Our church service today; the Christian community in Ardingly
- 14 Pre-School, facing competition from another on the Showground
- 15 The Parish Council. Plans for the showground development
- 16 Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses. Our local hospices
- 17 TEARFUND, improving health and hygiene in poor areas
- 18 All who are lonely, housebound or grieving
- 19 Businesses & individuals struggling from the effects of Covid 19 $\,$
- **20** Praise God for peace and forgiveness & our freedom to worship
- 21 Students preparing to go to university or college this month
- 22 The NHS and its staff; the Princess Royal Hospital
- 23 The migrant situation and all refugees around the world
- 24 Christians Against Poverty, helping people in debt
- 25 Foster parents and the children that they care for
- 26 Ardingly Post Office. Phil attempting his record run today
- 27 Praise God for His love and care for each one of us
- 28 Prison Fellowship; all who live or work in prisons
- 29 All who are sick or suffering in any way
- 30 Heather Johnstone and the work of the Rehema project
- 31 Praise God for His grace & sustaining presence through another month

The deadline for the October magazine (hopefully printed) will be noon on 19th September 2020