

# *St. Peter's Ardingly*

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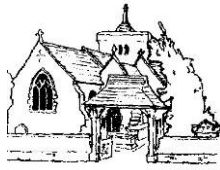


## *HARVEST*



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## **St Peter's Church, Ardingly**

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### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion**

**10.30 am Morning Worship – our main service – see Services page**

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

## RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

I really love the season of Autumn – at least, early Autumn. As I sit here writing this letter the sky is a beautiful blue, the air is clear and fresh, and the sun is shining. How could anyone fail to give thanks to God on such a wonderful day!



Of course, the truth is that all too often we fail to appreciate that which has become all too familiar to us. Certainly, it seems to me that it is true that the very consistency of God's blessings can sometimes dull our gratitude, and I don't mean just here in Ardingly. Take our food as an example. Whilst food seems hardly ever to be out of our news headlines, what with new ideas, recipes and diets, farming crises and ever more guidelines on what I, or is not, good for us to eat, it is nowadays also true that when most people think of food their thoughts are focussed not on its supply but on its quality and safety.

The truth is, I believe, that we can all too easily take so much for granted and simply expect, when what we actually need is to be constantly thankful to our gracious God, and to remember our utter dependence on him. In His words to the Israelites in the book of Exodus, God says: *"Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field"*. And then later he says: *"Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God"* [Exodus 23: 16, 19]. So, thanks and dependence are together the central themes of harvest thanksgiving; our thanks to God for all that he has done and given to us; our thanks for the land we have, with all its richness; and our thanks for those who work the land to produce our food. Transcending those thanks is the recognition of our utter dependence upon God.

Harvest time is a time of real joy. It is a time to remember that God who made us also provides for us and is concerned about us and doesn't forget us. At a time too when so many in this country and across the world seem to have turned their backs on God, harvest celebrations are a reminder that God is a loving God, a God of integrity, who said that he would provide for us and who never

turns his back on us - on any of us, no matter what. It is a wonderful reminder that God is at work in the world!

And we need that reminder. All of us. But maybe especially those whose lives and livelihoods are affected by the recent pandemic. I believe that harvest reminds us that no matter how discouraging the world may seem we can depend on God, and that we must depend on God for everything, knowing that he will meet our needs just as he provides for us in the harvest.

So, as we give thanks in our harvest celebrations let's be encouraged in our dependence upon God. Let's take nothing for granted but instead let's be joyful and shout our thanks to God. Together, let's offer a grateful response that springs from the life that God in his generosity has given us, and which he sustains forever.

Yours in His service

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', written in a cursive style.

## **Services in October 2020    "HARVEST"**

*Deuteronomy 24:19 (ESV)*

*"When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands."*

### **Sunday 4th October**

### **Harvest Celebration and Praise**

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 12: 16-30

**10.00am**

### **Open Air Harvest Celebration**

**Service for all ages outside the Norfolk Pavilion, South of England Showground**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

### **The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Philippians 4: 1 - 9; Matthew 22: 1 - 14

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

Matthew 22: 1 - 14

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

### **The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10;  
Matthew 22: 15-22

10.30am

Morning Praise

Matthew 22: 15 - 22

**Sunday 25th October**

**The Last Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8;  
Matthew 22: 34 – 46

10.30am

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

Matthew 22: 34 – 46



***HARVEST***

## **NOTICES**

It has been 6 months since the sudden lockdown in March, when so many things abruptly stopped and schools closed. Ardingly College kindly prints the parish magazine for St Peter's, so when the College closed, the magazine had to move online temporarily. Happily, the College is back now, so once again we are able to have hard copies of the magazine! I do hope that most of our readers have been able to find the magazine on our website over the past 6 months. We are very grateful to the College for their support.

Sue Laker

### **Meeting Point**

Due to the coronavirus situation and government guidance for those who are vulnerable we are unfortunately not going to be able to meet as hoped.

Belinda MacLean

### **Angels & Urchins**

Due to the ever-changing coronavirus situation we have unfortunately had to suspend Angels & Urchins until further notice.

Jill Veasey

### **Harvest**

There will not be a Harvest Supper this year but we have been invited, as in previous years, to hold our **Harvest Festival morning service** outdoors, at the Norfolk Pavilion on the Showground. This will be on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. For free entry you will need to have a special wristband, and these are available in advance from Sue Laker (892117).

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> October, in church, following the 10.30 service.

## Samara's Aid update - Farming Project

Recently our team brought in specialists to assist in getting the well on our new farm working. It is a deep well of 150 metres depth, and produced a strong flow of water even at this dry time of year at the end of summer. It is in a fertile area which is used for growing many foods already, but nothing has been grown on this land for a long time. We know that to gain the most from the food crops we plant, we need to be able to provide additional irrigation to ensure the best harvest possible.



Our team have been working with local agronomists for many months, and gaining advice from some other charities who deal with farming, and we have also been separately researching from the UK,

to ensure we use the best farming methods for specific food crops.

It is an exciting new project, but most importantly, it is an essential one for the provision of the foods needed by people in Syria.

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## Miracles do happen!

The team who are building the internal partition walls started work. However, the electricity supply has been intermittent and as the frames for the walls are being built from metal rather than wood, a special machine is needed to cut the metal to the right sizes. The team working there were struggling to know what to do and how to continue to do the work in a cost effective way. The frustrating thing was that Dr A had another machine that could be used for cutting the metal, using solar power, which broke some time ago.

Most spare parts have to be imported and that's a difficult process. When the machine broke, Dr A searched everywhere and called every supplier he could, to find the couple of spare parts needed to fix this machine.



Then, as Dr A and the rest of the team were feeling disheartened that the broken machine was sitting there unused when it would have solved their problems for getting this stage of the work done, the carpenter - who has been working every day in Dr A's workshop - went to Dr A with some objects he had found in the drill bag which had not been there before. He asked if they were the parts needed to fix the solar powered cutting machine .Dr A replied that it was impossible, as he had spent weeks searching for those parts, and couldn't find them anywhere in Syria. Equally they had been using the drill most days and there had been nothing in the drill bag the day before.

Only Dr A and the carpenter had been using this workshop. But as Dr A took the objects and looked at them, they looked extraordinarily like the parts he had been searching so hard for previously. Baffled, and out of curiosity, he decided to see whether they would fit the broken machine. He could barely believe it when they not only fitted the machine, but the machine chugged into life. Both he and the carpenter were amazed!

Our team are certain that God miraculously provided the impossible, right under their noses, because those parts themselves couldn't be found anywhere in the country!

Samara Levy

## Need a helping hand?

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Call 892442 or 892307

A community project managed by St Peter's Church

## NEPAL Update

Dear Friends, Hello again!

Though the world seems uncertain and unclear because of Covid19, we have our great Father who is in control.

Covid 19: The Situation in Nepal is not very encouraging. Strict lockdown has been extended to another week. Previously we had a 3 months lockdown that crippled all our business and tourism and made over a million people jobless. One TV station reported that thousands of people committed suicide. Women have also died from not getting treatment in hospital while giving birth. All the Churches are closed and religious festivals cancelled, as are temples.



Church/Charity: Our Aanandit Church has just celebrated its 18th Anniversary, very quietly. We are having church services in a small group at the church hall but we are regularly having fellowship through zoom and Facebook to reach out our church members. We just built a girls' hostel and a church building.

Aanandit Charity Center continues serving the community through the Children's Home, Girls' Hostel, Micro Business Support, Home for the Elderly and Vocational Training but sadly we couldn't start the Day Care yet, though parents are asking about it.

Nation: Nepal is still facing heavy monsoon rain, floods and landslides. People are missing and hundreds of people became homeless. We have been providing some relief help to the people who lost everything. In the Sindhupalchowk area 11 families received beds, bedding and bags for the school kids. We are also feeding people from time to time, giving them rice and lentils, oil etc. through the Aanandit Charity.

We send our special love to you and may God be with you always. Bye for now and may God bless you very richly.

## **FAMILY SUPPORT WORK: HARVEST FESTIVAL**

As you will be aware, Harvest Services with food collections are not taking place. Many of the school groups in our Deanery are not able to have collections due to Covid 19 restrictions. However, the Families that Caroline is supporting still need our contributions more than ever in these uncertain times. As St. Peter's FSW representative I am proposing to place a box at the back of Church during October for food collections or financial contributions in an envelope. I will collect these each Sunday in October and pass donations on to Caroline to assist with her vital work with Families in our Deanery.

Alternatively, anyone who wishes to make an independent donation can do so by following the link below:-

<https://www.familysupportwork.org/get-involved/donate/>

Thank you!

Deb Ruse St. Peter's FSW Representative



# IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!

## Angel Tree



Christmas is fast approaching and our local Prison Fellowship group are thinking about putting Angel Tree into action once again to serve those children with a parent detained in Lewes prison.

For those not familiar with this initiative, it is run by Prison Fellowship volunteers who raise money to purchase presents, then wrap and send to them to children who have a parent in prison. Each present is individually chosen to fit the child by asking the prisoner what they think would be suitable e.g. the child's interests and what they might currently be "into". It is sent "as from" the mum or dad (in Lewes' case, dad) with a message inside, handwritten from the parent, which helps to re-enforce the bond between the parent and child. Such messages are a really important part of the giving of the gift as they are treasured by the children who then know that their mum or dad have not forgotten them and truly care about them.

**Help is needed!** It can be contributed by the following:-

- Raising or giving donations of money
- Buying a present
- Wrapping a present

These kids have suffered more this year as family visits have either been ceased or severely limited and children have been discouraged from seeing their parent. They are vulnerable to exploitation, often stigmatised and carry untold emotional pain. The very least that can be done for them is to bring them a little joy this Christmas.

**IS ANYONE UP FOR IT?!** If so I would love to hear from you! We would appreciate all the support you can give no matter however small!

Adele Collins  
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## **TEARFUND in Beirut**

***Local partners respond to the tragic explosion in Beirut, Lebanon.***



Even before they could clear up the glass from the shattered windows in their own homes, Tearfund's partner staff took action to help those in need. They've been distributing hot meals to people who have been made homeless, as well as providing vouchers that will help vulnerable families buy any essential household items they need.

The churches and faith organisations Tearfund works with in Beirut have also been providing shelter to anyone who needs it. In the long term, Tearfund will be supporting local partners to help repair homes that have been damaged by the blast.

In disasters like these, spiritual support can be just as crucial as physical support. 'We are not only relief workers – we give emotional support and pray with those who want us to do so,' says Ramy, who leads one of Tearfund's partner organisations in Beirut.

# My Life is but a Weaving

By Florence M Alt



1. My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me;  
I cannot choose the colours -  
He worketh steadily.  
Sometimes He weaveth sorrow  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper,  
And I the under side.
2. Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why  
The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skillful hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.
3. My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me;  
I see the seams, the tangles,  
But He sees perfectly.  
He knows, He loves, He cares,  
Nothing this truth can dim;  
He gives His very best to those  
Who chose to walk with Him.

## Local Package Free shopping

*Cloughs in Lindfield offer a huge range of items without packaging. You simply need to take your own container and fill it. Here are just some of what they currently offer:*

Almonds, Cashews, Peanuts, Brazil nuts, walnuts and mixed nuts  
Apricots  
Banana chips  
Black beans, Kidney beans, Butter beans, split peas and chickpeas  
Branflakes, Muesli and rolled oats  
Brown short grain rice  
Cocoa powder  
Couscous  
Cranberries, apple juice  
Dates  
French lentils, red lentils & Green lentils  
Quinoa  
Raisins  
Rice, spaghetti and pasta  
Sunflower seeds, Pumpkin seeds and Omega seed mix  
Sugar



## Refillable Cleaning Products and Toiletries

Bio degradable bathroom cleaner  
Bio degradable sanitizer  
Bio degradable washing powder  
bio degradable washing up liquid  
Body wash and hand wash  
Conditioner  
Eco leaf fabric conditioner, laundry liquid and toilet cleaner  
Fabric softener  
Shampoo



## Refillable Herbs and Spices

Coriander	Marjoram	Rosemary
Cumin	Herb provencal	Smoked Paprika
Medium curry	Mixed herbs	Thyme
Garam masala	Mustard Seed (black)	Turmeric
Garlic powder	Oregano	Peppercorns
Ground ginger		



# St. Peter's C.E. Primary School

## Autumn term 2020



After the curious end to the last academic year, with COVID-related issues meaning that not all children were able to attend, it was a real joy to welcome all the pupils and staff back at the beginning of September. Of course, things are a little different but there was at least as much fun and excitement as always.

In spite of all the changes in place, such as one way systems inside and out and staggered drop off and pick up times, everyone has settled back well. We are particularly pleased to welcome our new pupils into reception class and it is a delight to see them skipping into school, wreathed in smiles. The first days of school are not always easy for their parents and this was recognised by FOSPS (Friends of St Peter's School). All new parents received a goody bag, to help them survive the first day without their little one!



Most people are finding that the enforced lockdown due to COVID has meant that they are developing their IT skills and we are no different at the school.



Our school assemblies, for example, are continuing via the Zoom platform. We won't be able to have our normal



Harvest festival in St Peter's Church but we hope to have a Harvest celebration via Zoom. We are also going to be joining in the Link to Hope shoe box collection to distribute Christmas gifts to families in

Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria. Watch out for more news about that very soon!

All in all, it's a very exciting start to another year at the school. We even had a 'shout out' on national radio, celebrating just how well pupils, parents and staff had begun the year! We look forward to another full year of growing and learning together.

Kathy James



## Singing in church



The Church of England and Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) have been awaiting updated guidance on singing in places of worship after findings of a Government-backed study were published.

The research project, known as 'PERFORM', recently published its findings on measuring 'aerosol production' from humans. It measured singing, speaking and breathing in a zero-background environment.

Researchers reported a steep rise in aerosol mass with increase in the loudness of the singing and speaking, rising by as much as a factor of 20-30. However, it was also found that singing does not produce substantially more aerosol than speaking at a similar volume.

The RSCM's Director, Hugh Morris said: "We welcome this news. Singing is of such importance in worship, and this is a really encouraging step towards its safe resumption.

"It is of course vital that all choirs and singing groups follow the relevant government advice, and so we look forward to receiving the latest guidance in this important area." The Church of England and RSCM both regularly update their advice following the publication of Government guidance.



## Pre-School News

We are back at Preschool and it's great to be here. We have welcomed a number of new starters and are so happy with the way they are settling in, especially as we were unable to follow our usual settling in process, where we invite them to come into the setting and mix with the other children, while being supported by their parents. They had a brief socially distanced visit to the playground, with no other children around, then it was time for their first day!

We also welcomed back other children that we were unable to see since we closed in March, and they have also come back so delighted to be able to play with their friends and explore the activities we have on offer.

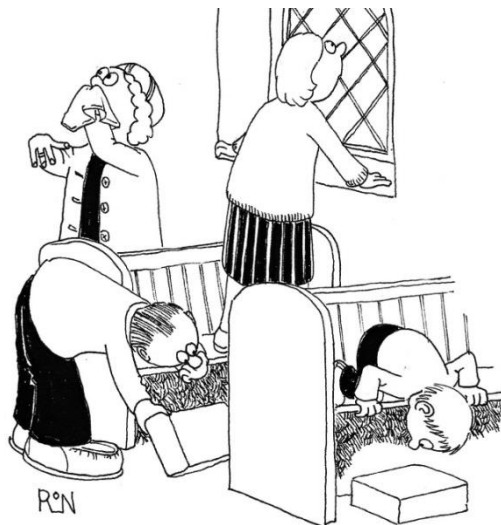
We are focusing on outdoor play and have moved everything we do to the fantastic outdoor space we have available. The children have been enjoying mark-making, playing with toy animals, building with duplo blocks, pretending to fix the wendy house using tools, among many other activities. As everyone has spent so much time apart, and we have new children, we are focusing on building relationships and learning the rules of preschool!



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  
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*They knew it was left over from the Harvest Festival, but not what it was, or where...*



Two former Ardingly ladies (Mike Veasey's daughters), Carol and Jane, have just spent 3 weeks cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats!



## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### HAPSTEAD WOOD

Some people were alarmed recently to see a 20 foot wide track being opened up off Cobb Lane. However, it seems that it's not as bad as it originally appeared and the proposal for the track through Hapstead Wood has been planned as part of a Countryside Stewardship Agreement in conjunction with Natural England and the Forestry Commission. It looks like it will actually be of benefit to the woodland because it will now be managed better than in the past!



### Update to the Post Office plans

Phil and Grahame are leaving us at the end of September. In a change of plan, the Post Office service, as it is now, will be ending but Phil says that the new owners will be keeping the shop going and probably expanding it a little. There is a plan to have a part time Post Office in the village but Phil is still waiting to hear if this will be possible.

Grahame says that the last day for the Post Office is likely to be 27<sup>th</sup> September, and his last day in the shop will be 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### Farewell to Dobby!

Another well-known person leaving the village this Autumn, after growing up and living here all his life, is Lindsay Dobson. Now that he is retired, Dobby is moving to the Isle of Wight where he hopes to have a quieter and slower pace of life. We will miss you, Dobby, and wish you all the very best!

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

A married couple enjoyed going out in their boat, but it was always the husband who was behind the wheel. He was concerned about what might happen in an emergency. So one day, out on the lake, he said to his wife, "Sweetheart, take the wheel... Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it." So she successfully steered the boat to shore and docked it. Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room. She sat down next to her husband, picked up the newspaper, and said, "Darling, go into the kitchen. Pretend I'm having a heart attack - cook dinner and wash the dishes."



**A** young man was very much in love with a beautiful girl. One day she told him that the next day was her birthday. He told her he would send her a bouquet of roses... one for each year of her life. That evening he called the local florist and ordered twenty-one roses with instructions that they be delivered first thing the next morning.



As the florist was preparing the order, he decided that since the young man was such a good customer, he would put an extra dozen roses in the bouquet.

The fellow never did find out what made the young girl so angry with him.

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A woman was bragging to her next-door neighbour about her son, a college student: "Our son is **so** brilliant, every time we get an email from him we have to go to 'dictionary.com'."

"You're lucky," the neighbour said. "Every time we get an email from our son in college, we have to go to the bank."

# Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register this month.

God our Creator,  
As we celebrate our plenty  
and give thanks for our food,  
We praise you for all you have done  
and for all you have given.  
For your love, which made the world,  
and for the fruits of the earth in their seasons.  
We pray for those who do not have a harvest  
and for those who labour  
and do not receive a just reward.  
May we all respect and cherish this planet  
and all who live on it. AMEN



## **General Information**

**BIBLE READING NOTES:** Regular reading helps us to grow as Christians. Bible Reading Fellowship notes are available from Margaret Dale (892252).

**CHURCH CENTRE:** Hire of Centre, crockery, cutlery and chairs: contact Carol Grossman 416707

**GIVING:** Special weekly or monthly envelopes or bankers' order forms are available from Jean Jeffery (440979). Anyone paying income tax or capital gains tax is encouraged to sign a Gift Aid declaration which would enable the church to claim tax (currently 25 %) on all their giving.

**MAGAZINE:** Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (if posted the cost is £12.50 per annum). **MAGAZINE EDITOR:** Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, Ardingly RH17 6AN (892117). Please submit items for inclusion by noon on the Saturday before the penultimate Sunday in the month. Email to: [emails4sue@gmail.com](mailto:emails4sue@gmail.com)

**TRANSPORT:** If you require transport to church or to Meeting Point, or if you could provide it for others, please contact Jill Veasey 892442 or Jonathan Summers 892307.

**HOME GROUPS** meet for bible study, prayer and fellowship on various nights of the week in homes.

**ANGELS & URCHINS:** Thursdays 9-11.00 during term time. Contact Jill Veasey 892442

# PRAYER DIARY OCTOBER 2020



*"Praise the Lord all you nations! His love for us is strong and his faithfulness is eternal" (Ps.117 v 1-2)*

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley, on holiday, and their family
- 2 Chris Sutton - his interim ministry in Nuthurst & Mannings Heath
- 3 The Prime Minister and government: Brexit negotiations
- 4** The Harvest Festival Service at the South of England Show
- 5 A solution to the refugees and migrants predicament
- 6 Healing & restoration in Beirut; TEARFUND's work there
- 7 The coronavirus situation, in the UK and around the world
- 8 Thank God for homes, for friends and families
- 9 Syria, suffering fuel shortages, power cuts and coronavirus
- 10 Justin Welby and our local bishops, Martin, Ruth and Will
- 11** Praise God for His grace & mercy and our freedom to worship
- 12 Safety in our Schools, Colleges and Universities; staff & pupils
- 13 Bambi & Andreas in Indonesia; their children at boarding school
- 14 All who suffer from poor mental health. Those who support them
- 15 The Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal this Autumn
- 16 All who have lost homes and loved ones in the fires in the USA
- 17 The NHS. All carers, district nurses and healthcare staff
- 18** Our services today and the APCM which will follow
- 19 Belinda MacLean and all that she does. The IMARA children
- 20 All who suffer for their Christian faith
- 21 Samara's Aid, caring for orphans & widows. The farming and medical projects
- 22 Church Army, training evangelists to serve in the UK
- 23 Those who suffer from addictions or abuse
- 24 Praise God for His creation and the beauty of Autumn
- 25** Bible Sunday. Give thanks for God's written word
- 26 New families in the village; conversion of the Oak and the Showground development
- 27 The police force and all who work in the Judiciary
- 28 Caroline Steer and her work with Diocesan Family Support
- 29 Those who are unwell, bereaved or suffering in any kind of way
- 30 Praise God for lives changed and a certain hope for the future

**The deadline for the November magazine  
will be noon on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020**