

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

November 2020



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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,



The month of November draws us into a season of remembrance that begins with a moment to remember those dear to us who we have loved and lost. Our 'Open to God' service, on the evening of Sunday 1st November at 5.30pm, is an opportunity for us to remember with thanks those we have known and loved who have died. It will be a moment to give thanks for all they have meant to us and a time to hear afresh of God's love and help and strength as we continue the journey of life without them. The service will include an opportunity for us to name aloud those we want to remember. I know that for some this is difficult and that there may be others who cannot attend the service but who might still wish for their loved one to be remembered in this way. Either way, if you would like me to read out the name of someone dear to you and on your behalf, please let me know and I will be pleased to do so.

The following week we have our annual Service of Remembrance (8th November at 10.30am). Each year I am delighted by the number of people who choose to attend this service to remember with thanks those who have given their lives in the service of their country. The current pandemic restrictions mean that we are not able to welcome so many into the church building this year, so we have decided instead to hold the service in the Recreation ground. It will be open air, with plenty of space for all and quite short. Beginning at 10.30 it will end at 11.00 am with two minutes of silence and the Act of Remembrance. I hope that the weather will be kind to us. However, I am sure that like me, you will understand how important it is that despite all that is going on at present, our community still has the opportunity to come together and remember those who gave so much in the cause of peace and peace-making.

Because peace-making is always costly. I remember hearing a former colleague preach a sermon in which he reminded us all that it is underlying negative attitudes that are at the root of all human conflict; negative attitudes towards others or about others and their ways. And so, he encouraged us to challenge those negative attitudes, especially when they occur in ourselves, to challenge that self-assertiveness and divisive, critical spirit that so easily divides people into 'them' and 'us'. That has stayed with me and comes back to me again each year at this season of remembrance. It can be costly, it can be hard and at times it might be difficult, but true peace starts in us, and in our determination to count others 'in' rather than counting them 'out'.

True peace starts when we break down those barriers between people - whether caused by race, creed or colour or by whatever difference we may think we have - and remember instead, as the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians, that now *'there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for [we] are all one in Christ Jesus'*.

It may sometimes be difficult to be a peacemaker. Christ has himself shown us that. But we must always be prepared at whatever the cost, to give peace a chance. Nothing less is worthy in our response to "Remembrance Sunday" - and nothing less is worthy of a child of God.

Yours in His service,



Services in November 2020

Sunday 1st November

ALL SAINTS DAY

9.00am HC [BCP]

1 John 3: 1 - 3; Matthew 5: 1 - 12

10.30am

1 John 3: 1 - 3; Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Holy Communion [CW]

5.30pm

Open to God: "A Time to Remember"

...those we have loved and lost. We have already commended them to God, but now we show our continued love as we remember with gratitude the gift of their lives to us...

Sunday 8th November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY [The Third Sunday before Advent]

9.00am HC [BCP]

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;
Matthew 25: 1-13

10.30am

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Due to the current Covid restrictions, this year our Service of Remembrance will be held on the Recreation Ground, Ardingly.

'God,' says the writer of Psalm 46: 1, 'is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.' May he guide our world into lasting peace.

Sunday 15th November

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am HC [BCP]

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11;
Matthew 25: 14-30

10.30am

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

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11;
Matthew 25: 14-30

Sunday 22nd November

CHRIST THE KING [The Sunday next before Advent]

9.00am HC [BCP]

Ephesians 1: 15 - 23; Matthew 25: 31 - 46

10.30am

Morning Praise

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Sunday 29th November ADVENT SUNDAY

9.00am
Morning Prayer (BCP)

1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9; Mark 13: 24 - 37

10.30am
Morning Praise

Mark 13: 24 - 37

NOTICES

ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY

is scheduled to meet on
Tuesday 10th November
at 7.45 in Hapstead Hall
Mr Robert Bonnett will give a talk
on the "History of Sussex Windmills"

Freighter due 1st November

The Waste Management Department at Mid Sussex District Council have advised that no bulky waste collection will be taking place on 1st November, as planned. There will be no more collections of this type until further notice.



Thank you!

Our thanks go to Steve Doerr, John Witherington, Phil Kelly and Alan Smith for doing such a sterling job in tidying up and replacing the panels in the fence at the back of St Peter's Centre! It looks really good!

Link to Hope Shoeboxes



If there is anyone who has not yet given me their shoeboxes, could I please have them by 2nd November? Please let me know if you need them collected. Many thanks! Sue Laker (892117)

Another THANK YOU!

I'm very grateful to Nigel Cheater and John Crutchley for continuing to operate the Zoom link to the morning services that are actually in church. I really appreciate all their efforts to find out what technology works best and the way John has included the Zoomers even in the Communion itself. Thank you.

(from Judith Rae)

Harvest & Christmas gifts for FSW

The FSW "Red Box" on the font at the back of church is there for any food items/donations that you would like to give in lieu of Harvest Donations this year.

In addition We usually have a 'Toy Sunday' in December when you are invited to bring gifts of toys and other gifts for children, gift cards, wrapping paper and sellotape, so that at Christmas they can be given to families within our Deanery who are supported by Caroline Steer and FSW. This year you are invited to donate gifts of this kind into the Red Box on the font at the back of church instead of bringing them on a specific Sunday. The box will remain there until 6th December.

Need a helping hand?

Serving the community in simple ways

If you have a problem or need a lift somewhere there are people willing to help



AT YOUR SERVICE

Call 892442 or 892307

A community project managed by St Peter's Church

The Post Office Shop has a new telephone number: 01444 891174

WARDENS WORDS

Finance Update

Having shared last year's figures at the APCM, the PCC thought it would be helpful to give an update on how we are managing our finances in the light of COVID-19.



Firstly, I would like to thank all those who have continued to give during this year. This has helped us significantly, but things remain very tight for us as a church. Like for like income has seen a reduction in collections, envelope giving, Centre Hire, etc meaning that our income is approximately £8000 less than it was at the same time last year (the end of September).

At the same time, our outgoings have not reduced. Despite careful control over expenditure, we still have our bills to pay and are committed to paying as much of our Parish Contribution as we possibly can. This ultimately means that we could see a sizeable shortfall at the end of this year, which will mean using more of our very limited reserves in order to balance the books.

Without additional income, the PCC will need to make some very difficult decisions as we begin to budget for next year.

If you feel able to help in any way, I will be happy to speak to you (in confidence) about this. Please also pray for an easing of the financial challenges that we are facing over the coming months.

Nigel Cheater, Churchwarden

A positive of lockdown:

A young mum in Heathfield has commented that the usual Sunday morning rush to dress and breakfast her family and travel 20 minutes to church left her feeling anything but "holy". She got far more out of settling down on the sofa with the family in their pyjamas to join in services online! *(taken from Faith in Sussex)*

A Remembrance Day Poem



*In the years of the war
Brave men left to fight
For the lives of others
For the human right.*

*They all left their families
And marched through the door
To act for their country,
To be in the war.*



*They fought for then
And they fought for us now.
Most of them died,
Though it's a wonder how.*

*Because they did all for the benefit
Of our country today.
So on November 11th
Our remembrance we pay.*



(author unknown)

NEWS FROM MISSIONARY FRIENDS

B & A normally work in South East Asia. Here is their latest news:

"In more ways than one, many people in this world seem to be on the same boat. Many of us live in uncertainty. So much of what we used to consider normal is not as normal anymore. So many of our plans are on hold. So many activities have to be cancelled. It is not easy, but one thing is for sure, God is faithful. We will see and celebrate the goodness of God even in our most difficult situation.

This is a lesson we are learning as we wait for life to get back to normal. We have been in Europe since April, expecting to stay here only till June or August, hoping that we could go back to Southeast Asia before our permit to stay expired. Yet it was not meant to be. We are still here with no clear view of when we can go back. We try our best to be productive, joyful and useful even in this seemingly remote village where we are, but with some anxieties about possibly waiting here till winter. Yet our loving Father has His wonderful ways of encouraging us and drawing us to Himself. We can taste and see that the Lord is good!

After some delay, our children are now back in South East Asia and have resumed their schooling there. They have finished the obligatory 2-week quarantine at a designated hotel and are back to school again. We are so thankful that they can go to school again (they have face-to-face lessons already) and have more structured days and can be with their friends. This will be our son's last year of school. Our daughter has got three more years to go. Please pray that they'll be able to catch up with their lessons, and for protection as we most likely won't see them until next summer.

As for us, we continue our online meetings with our team-mates. Four new team members had to postpone their arrival due to the pandemic, as the country closed its borders and is not issuing any new visas. This has been hard for them, especially for those who had resigned from their jobs just before their move to SE Asia, only to be told that borders were closed.

At the time of writing, most of the big cities in the country where we are right now have a growing number of Covid-19 cases. Yet we feel safe because we live in the countryside, but need to be extra careful

because we live with our 81-year old parents. We are thankful that we can serve them in practical ways, doing their shopping, taking them to their appointments, doing some cooking and running other errands for them.

Thank you again for coming alongside us in prayer. These are difficult times for many of us but God's truth remains the same in good times and in bad. May we all know the comforting presence of our Father, the liberating love of the Son and the empowering fellowship of the Spirit.

Blessings from our family to yours"



Looking after wildlife during the winter with a Bug Hotel

Creating a Bug Hotel in a flowerpot is one way in which we can help minibeasts such as ladybirds and bumblebees, who right now will be looking for a place to hibernate during the winter. Here is how you can do this:

You will need a medium sized flower pot and small amounts of a variety of natural materials such as pine cones, twigs, moss, stones, straw, Autumn leaves and bits of dead wood.

Gather your materials and fill your plant pot with them. Find a quiet corner of the garden where you can place the Bug Hotel, and lay the pot on its side. Make sure some of the material is poking out of the pot onto the ground, so that little creatures can climb inside.

It's not recommended to place a bug hotel too near a vegetable garden!



10th October 2020 was World Hospice & Palliative Care Day.

ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

Due to coronavirus restrictions on meeting together, fundraising for many charities and hospices has dropped off in a big way. However, some people have found ingenious ways to continue fundraising. Here is how some 3 supporters are raising money for St Catherine's Hospice:



After recently paddling on a home made raft from Devizes to Chelsea, this trio of hospice supporters are setting sail again! Following a challenge from radio presenter Sam Pinkham, live on the Chris Evan's Breakfast Show, to tackle crossing the Solent next, Charles Reynolds and his friends Kit Burgess, and Jamie Pratt, three self-proclaimed 'muppets', have been getting their homemade raft ready for this ambitious challenge, and aim to set off on Thursday 15 October.

Charles said, *"We don't underestimate this challenge. It was really hard to paddle our homemade raft against the light breezes on the river Thames. Now we're going to try and battle the waves and the wind and cross from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight. It's going to be much more challenging - some say impossible - but we're optimistic and excited to give it our best go!"*

The only thing that's made us accept such a tough, and slightly ridiculous challenge, is that it's for such an amazing cause in memory of my father, Rob, who died in May this year after a short battle with cancer.

Everyone should have access to a hospice and its care when needed, but funding is short for these vital services. So off we go again to raise more money for St Catherine's!

Donations can be made, and Christmas cards bought, on the hospice website: www.stch.org.uk

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## **St PETER and St JAMES HOSPICE ...**

... has also been significantly impacted by the Covid 19 crisis and is appealing for support – now more than ever. They need to raise £8000 per day to cover vital services, both at the hospice and throughout the community. They have charity shops in Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Lewes, Lindfield and Uckfield. And in addition to coffee mornings and cake bakes, some people have been very imaginative with their fundraising ideas:

One family began making face masks out of a late relative's old shirts and selling them – they raised over £5,000.



Two ladies knitted colourful dolls and animals and sold paintings, each raising £500 for the hospice.



And 16 runners participated in the virtual London Marathon, raising nearly £20,000 between them.

You can find more information and donate on the hospice website: [www.stpjhospice.org](http://www.stpjhospice.org)

## FSW update

Dear Friends,



I write this just after the Harvest Festival for many churches. We have been humbled by the generosity of many parishes who have continued to collect for us (both food and monetary donations).

It has been a challenging month with the return to school bringing positives and negatives for our families. There is relief that children are able to restart their education and socialise again, but the effect of lockdown has meant that some families are struggling hugely with their mental health and their finances. We are also getting new referrals regularly as teachers and other professionals recognise a need for support that has developed over the last six months.

We are trying hard to replace lost income and have a number of virtual events happening between now and Christmas (*Photographic competition details are on the next page*).

The recent abseil at Peacehaven Cliffs was a great success with over £13,000 being raised, so thank you to everybody who supported that event.

We are very conscious of all the prayer, practical and financial support being given so please know that we are extremely grateful to you all for your continued support of our work.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



*Remembrance Poppies in Ardingly 2018*  
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# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

in aid of **FSW**

**£3 per entry**

Join our photography competition  
We'd love to see your photos depicting 'hope'

2 categories: up to 14 years & 15 years and over

Entries will be judged by FSW Bishop's  
Champion Caroline Nicholls DL

Post your entry by 23 November via FSW social media, by email  
to [melissa@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:melissa@familysupportwork.org.uk) or send to  
Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton, BN1 6AA



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



Aren't we fortunate to live in such beautiful surroundings? As the children make their way to school, they are enjoying scrunching on the early Autumn leaves. The lovely colours in the countryside are there for us to enjoy and, in our harvest service, Reverend Crutchley reminded



us of all that we have. Life is precious and we have lots to be thankful for. All of our classes were able to participate in the service, thanks to the 'magic' that is Zoom! Our generous families made donations of food that have been given to the local Family Support Work charity, supporting vulnerable families in Sussex.

We are also collecting for the Shoe Box Appeal, which we have done for a number of years. The Christian Charity called Link to Hope is dedicated to rebuilding lives and communities in Eastern Europe by supporting education and social care projects in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria. Each year the charity runs a campaign called The Family Shoebox Appeal, where people are invited to fill a shoebox with items for a whole family. The shoeboxes of gifts are sent out to families who need it most; to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas. Buying presents is just not a priority. Some of our families are participating again this year, looking to share the joy of Christmas with families who may not be as fortunate as we are.



We encourage all our pupils to participate fully in the life of the school. This includes taking on leadership opportunities which are key to the smooth running of the school. We have appointed Eco-councillors, Faith ambassadors, School councillors and Sports crew, and look forward to seeing them take on these roles and have their say in decisions this year.

It seems remarkable that, already, we are heading towards the half term break! Although we are still in the midst of the COVID pandemic, our school is continuing to deliver a caring and loving learning environment.

*Kathy James*



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE ....

I walked past a burnt out building with a broken sign saying "Fireworks". How right they were.



**5<sup>th</sup> November ....**

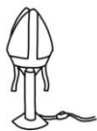
*"Have you decided which item of furniture you are going to hide under tonight?"*

## MITRES

USES DURING A PANDEMIC



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LAMPSHADE



POPCORN  
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BASKET



GLOVE



PIPING BAG



MEASURING  
DEVICE



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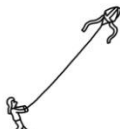
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PUPPET



BELLOWS



RAINBOW

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## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### CONGRATULATIONS TO PHIL!

On 26<sup>th</sup> September Phil Payne did it! His challenge was to run the "double Everest". Everest would be  $8,848\text{m} \times 2 = 17,696\text{ m}$ . By running up and down Cob Lane 153 times Phil did MORE than a 'double Everest' by covering an additional 52m! (Cob Lane is  $58\text{m} \times 153 \times 2$  [up and down] = **17,748m**) It was an amazing feat of endurance which beats the current world record! He covered 108.8kms of running distance, which amounts to over two and a half marathons!





Phil is now a world record holder! All evidence of the run has been assembled and submitted to the Guinness Book of Records.  
**WELL DONE PHIL!**

**A WARM WELCOME** to Kamlesh Kim Patel and his family, running the shop in the old Post Office:



### **A message from the Patel family:**

"Greetings to the people of Ardingly village. We are the Patel family who have acquired the village shop post office and it has been a pleasure to meet quite a few of you and the reception we have got has been overwhelming. It is with sadness that we could not hold on to the post office, but we intend to make some changes to help partly which the post office did, things like still stocking stamps, we'll arrange for couriers like Hermes, collect plus, UPS, DHL etc where you will be able to send your returns and also you may want to pick up from the shop etc. We also intend to increase the stock levels of all products in store to give you a better and bigger range. We are looking for support from everyone in the village and any ideas or products you want us to stock, please let us know. We are also hoping to start free grocery deliveries in the near future, once we get to know the area in detail. This will help a lot of people who cannot make it to the shop.

We would like to thank Graham and Phil for giving us the opportunity and we will make sure to continue the good service they have been providing for years.

Finally, thank you to all of you for accepting us, and remember your support is very important to us. Thank you, The Patel family "

**Welcome**, too, to Dandylion Bespoke Styling, who have moved into the old Antiques shop in the High Street!



### **Ardingly Post Office - Branch Temporary Closure**

*I have been sent the following from the Post Office, and am encouraged by the word "temporary"! (Sue)*

"We are writing to inform you that, regrettably, following the resignation of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use, the above branch will be closing temporarily on Saturday 26 September 2020 at 18:00. I would like to assure you that we are working hard to keep any period of closure to a minimum and we are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to reinstate a Post Office service to the local community. In exploring this, it is important that any future service is sustainable for the person operating the service, and for Post Office Limited."

# Parish Register

The funeral of Norman Ralph Trudel of Lodgelands, Ardingly, who died on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 aged 71 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## PRAYER

O God of truth and justice,

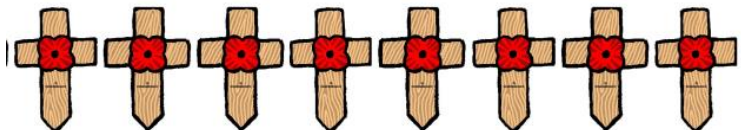
We pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and for the service men and women  
who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to You;

For all those who are in danger this day;

For civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror.

Bless the peacemakers and peacekeepers,  
who seek to keep this world secure and free.

And as we honour the past,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever. **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 (415317). 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. Cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Church, Ardingly.

**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 NOVEMBER 2020



*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46 v 1)*

- 1 Give thanks for the church family and all who encourage us
- 2 John and Sally and the Crutchley family
- 3 Chris Sutton - his interim ministry in Nuthurst & Mannings Heath
- 4 The presidential elections in America
- 5 Bonfire night: pray for fun, safety and the emergency services
- 6 Missionaries unable to return to the mission field due to Covid 19
- 7 University students, under Covid 19 restrictions
- 8 Praise God for all his blessings. Pray for our services today
- 9 The coronavirus situation at home and abroad
- 10 Kim and his family, running the shop in the old Post Office
- 11 All in the military. Those suffering the effects of war.
- 12 The Prime Minister and government: Brexit arrangements
- 13 The foodbanks and all who use them
- 14 The Link to Hope shoeboxes, being transported this month
- 15 Remembrance Sunday. Pray for services today & for world peace
- 16 Our local hospitals and all who work in the NHS
- 17 Nigel, Sally and Jean, looking after St Peter's finances
- 18 CPAS, supporting parishes & clergy with training and resources
- 19 Charities struggling to raise funds in the current pandemic
- 20 Praise God for the seasons and the pleasures of Autumn
- 21 Our village schools; their staff, pupils and governors
- 22 May lives be changed & renewed through our worship today
- 23 General Synod, meeting 'remotely' this week
- 24 Those who have been bereaved recently and those who are ill
- 25 Old Jeshwang, under the new management of Chernobyl
- 26 All who have been made redundant or have financial hardship
- 27 Pray for farmers as winter approaches
- 28 Local Hospices and Care Homes. Joan and Sylvia.
- 29 **Advent Sunday** May God's light shine where there is darkness
- 30 Praise God for his constant presence and care through another month

**The deadline for the December/January magazine  
is noon on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**