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March 2021



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SUNDAY SERVICES **(on zoom during lockdown)**

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 4pm for private prayer**

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,



The great English mystic Julian of Norwich wrote in her Revelations of Divine Love that: *we are so preciousely loved by God that we cannot even comprehend it. No created being can ever know how much and how sweetly and tenderly God loves them.* This is quite a thought whilst also for very many people, quite a hard thing to accept. But the fact is, as the Bible tells us, God is love and God wants us to know that love of His and to experience it for ourselves. After all, that's exactly what He shows us in the death of His Son on the cross. It is the paradox of the cross of Christ that the motivation that lay behind Jesus' suffering and endurance of the horrors of the cross was love, that tender sweet love that God has for each one of us.

Put most simply the love of God speaks of love that is directed outwards and towards others and not inwards and towards ourselves. It speaks of a love that's utterly unselfish, that gives all, whilst expecting nothing in return. And it is this that we witness at the cross: the miracle of grace by which God made it possible for all of us to enter His kingdom. The cross of Jesus Christ is the means by which God broke through our self-sufficiency with a demonstration of His all-sufficient love. Through Jesus, the one who was mocked and insulted, spat upon, flogged, and finally killed we were given a declaration of the love of God in the past as well as a reminder of that love of God that is continuing and an assurance of the love of God that reaches towards all of us with a kindness and compassion that is itself motivated by deep and everlasting love.

But we are also given a challenge. The cross of Christ is a challenge to all of us to love as God has loved. God has taught us to love by sending His Son (1 John 4: 19), but we have also been 'taught by God to love each other' (1 Thessalonians 4:9) something that Jesus elevated to a commandment (John 13: 34 – 35).

Over the weeks of our Lenten pilgrimage, I think that we all need to get a grasp on the nature of God's love for us: a love that is

constant, compassionate, kind, and responsive. We need to look towards the cross and try to understand the extent of God's love for us, however we may see ourselves and however unlovable we may think ourselves to be. We need to be reminded by the cross of Christ just how sweetly and tenderly God loves each one of us, not because of us but because of who He is and then we need to pray for the strength and maturity to rise to the challenge to live our life in a way that is motivated by love that is just like that love of God.

Yours in His service,



NOTICES

New home:

David and Emma Johnson have moved to:
24 Brushwood Road
Horsham RH12 4PE

Tel. 01403 903044.



THANK YOU

A huge 'Thank you' for all the cards, phone calls and practical help I have received following my 2 recent eye operations. How good it is to live in a community which puts love into action in such a wonderful way - I don't know how I would have coped without you all!

Sue Laker

Services in March 2021

Lent is an invitation and an opportunity to immerse ourselves in prayer

Sunday 7th March

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

The Third Sunday of Lent

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13 - 22

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Sunday 14th March

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

Morning Praise

MOTHERING SUNDAY (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Ruth 4: 9 - 17; John 19: 25 - 27

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Sunday 21st March

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

Morning Praise

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

Hebrews 5: 5 - 10; John 12: 20 - 33

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Sunday 28th March

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

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

PALM SUNDAY

Philippians 2: 5 - 11; Mark 11: 1 - 11

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Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal

A Big Thank You to

St Peter's Church Ardingly

for helping us to deliver Christmas Shoeboxes to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe.
Every box contained a smile from you to them.



20,768 Shoeboxes!

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LENTEN EXPLORATIONS 2021

You are warmly invited to join in this year's
Lenten Explorations,
a series of 5 weekly sessions via Zoom

led by

Phil Kelly and John Witherington,

based on

Stephen Croft's ***Exploring God's Mercy***.

The sessions will be on Wednesdays at 3.00 p.m.
beginning on 24 February.

3.00 - 3.25 Part 1 For the whole church together

A short break to leave this meeting and click a new link for:

3.30 - 4.10 Part 2 For Home Groups to explore and share
together the themes raised in Part 1, guided by
further readings and questions

'*Exploring God's Mercy*' is structured around 5 images found in Psalm 107.
In Part 1, after the welcome, opening prayers and a hymn or song, a short
passage from Psalm 107 is read. A reflection is given and/or a short film or
sound clip is played.

In Part 2, stories based on the Gospels allow for further exploration of God's
mercy through the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, allowing
plenty of time for discussion and the group's own prayer needs.

*Zoom invitations will be sent centrally for Part 1 and by the Home Group
hosts for Part 2. If you are not a member of a home group and would like
to join in Part 2, please contact Phil or John and we will guide you to a
group (892540 or 892277).*

So Remember this Lent:

HANDS - Open your hands in prayer to receive what God the faithful Father
longs to give you

FACE - Turn your face towards Jesus the loving Son to reflect his glory

SPACE - Make space for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform you.

CMS – News from Heather Johnstone

A big thank you to my friends and supporters, for your encouragement, financial support, and love throughout 2020. The year was challenging in a way that none of us could have anticipated or expected. Our lives have been turned upside down and placed on hold. I am in a state of limbo as I am still in South Africa, longing to be able to return to Tanzania and my friends and colleagues at the Diocese of Mara, and the Rehema Project, but many people have suffered loss and great hardship and my heart goes out to them.



During Advent last year I was on home leave in the UK and a link church invited me to share what Christmas is like in Tanzania. Where I live in rural Tanzania there are no carols playing on an endless loop in every store, no decorated trees, no exchanges of gifts—Christmas in Tanzania is simply a religious festival. 'Mkeshwa wa Krismasi' is the Christmas Eve service starting at 8pm and running until 2am on December 25. This is followed by another service at 7am on Christmas Day. After worshipping and celebrating the birth of Jesus, people tend to go house to house to share food and sodas with those less fortunate than themselves as a way of making Christmas special.

Now I would like to introduce you to some young people I know from Tanzania whose names are Hope, Joy and Love – or Tumaini, Joy and Pendo. I'd like to share with you a small vignette of their lives.

Tumaini (Hope)

Tumaini is the baby son of Sweet Beth. Sister to Maggie and Nasifa. Sweet Beth's husband has another wife and family in Bunda – about an hour away, and is very absent from their lives. Sweet Beth/Mama Tumaini works so hard. She works for Rehema and also walks door to door selling vegetables and other small items. Determined to make a better future for her children Mama Tumaini has scrimped and saved and bought a plot of land in a nearby village.



Every month she buys a few bricks or a piece of sheet metal to one day build a home for herself and her children.

Joy

Joy is the young woman pictured here with her baby sister Jane. Joy is relatively privileged in that both her parents are alive and present in her life. Both her mum and dad are HIV positive. Both struggle to earn an income but they have a small home, and Joy was educated up to Form 4. She was sponsored through Rehema to attend a vocational sewing school to learn a life skill. At the end of the course, she was given a sewing machine, fabric and equipment enabling her to start a small business. Although her life is not necessarily easy, she has many reasons to be joyful.



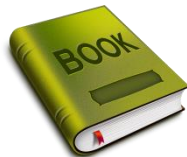
Pendo (Love)



This sweet girl is an orphan. She and her sister Amina have been taken in by their grandmother Priska for whom life is very difficult. Priska lives in the impoverished village of Nyambeshi and is a subsistence farmer. She is a widow. She is fortunate as she has a small house, but she is also the carer of two other children, a disabled granddaughter who has been abandoned by her

mother, and is mother to young unemployed women who live at home. She has many mouths to feed and limited resources to do so but remains cheerful and always greets me with the words 'Bwana Asifiwe' which means Praise the Lord. A friend of mine donates 40kg of cornflour to the family every month. Pendo doesn't have much of a childhood as there are many chores to do in the large and busy household, and the children need to do their share. There is not much time for leisure. When I go to visit them, I like to spend time playing with her and some of the other young children. Just a silly little game of 'high 5' results in peals of laughter and such joy. Also, a camera or a phone is such an icebreaker and posing for selfies can melt all inhibitions. Please pray for these children and their families.

SAMARA'S AID – NEW BOOK BY DR. A



Samara writes: I am absolutely thrilled to announce that Dr A and I have signed a contract with Hodder and Stoughton, to publish his book, *Up From The Ashes*, at Easter. I am even more excited about this book being published than I was about my own being published last year!

It was clear to me soon after 'meeting' Dr A in 2015, that his story is one the world needs to hear, and it has been my great privilege to work with him in putting his life story into writing. We tell the story of a penniless Syrian boy, raised in a Christian family, who dreamed of becoming a doctor. But dream was all he could do unless he excelled in every subject at school, as his father couldn't afford to send him to university. He worked hard, achieving his dream of first gaining a scholarship to medical school, and then becoming a successful doctor.

As many of you already know, when millions of Syrians were queueing to leave Syria by any means possible, many meeting their death on the way, he turned down a lucrative contract to relocate his family to a safer country. Instead, he kept his family in the middle of one of the most complex and devastating war zones of our time, as he felt called to stay and serve his people.

Our goal was not to write a book about the Syrian war, but rather to tell the very challenging, humbling yet truly inspiring story, of a faithful man, who has literally offered his life as a living sacrifice to God, knowing how easy it would be for him, or someone he loves, to lose their life in such a dangerous place. We wanted to show the beauty of the Syrian community during his childhood, and the many challenges he has faced in life - difficulties which have made him stronger rather than holding him back.

Up From The Ashes by Dr A with Samara Levy, can be pre ordered from all the usual booksellers, both secular and Christian, but I am also offering a special price for anyone who would like to buy five or more copies directly from us. The proceeds will all be channelled back into supporting this ministry to the Syrian people. Please let Sue Laker know if you would like to order a copy (892117)

True story from the Samara's Aid Farming Project team in Syria:

"Today we had some amazing news! Our wheat has been in need of fertiliser, but the problem is that there is very little fertiliser available to buy in Syria for a reasonable price. We have been talking about these challenges for weeks. Yet all farmers growing wheat need it. In our large wheat fields, some areas were not sowed perfectly, as the tractor didn't turn correctly, meaning that double the amount of seed was sowed on some of the turns. Those wheat seeds are not growing as well as the rest as they are competing with each other because of the larger number of seeds planted. Those plants are looking a little yellow compared with the others.



Our team had managed to source just one ton of fertiliser, yet two and a half tons were needed. It was impossible to source any more fertiliser anywhere in the country for an acceptable price, so in the end they just had to accept that it would be put on the areas that were more yellow and leave the rest. Yet the farmer kept applying the fertiliser and it kept

on coming. He should have needed to refill, but it kept going and was not only spread over the yellower areas, but the entire area we wanted to fertilise, with just a dribble to spare at the end! The farmer had measured it out carefully into the machine for spraying at the correct rate. When Dr A asked him how this could have happened, the farmer (not a Christian) replied. 'I believe Jesus multiplied it. This is the only way it could have happened.' So please join us in thanking God for his generous distribution of the fertiliser today. God is good!"

TEARFUND NEWS

The **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** has declared itself **free from Ebola** for the first time in nearly three years. An outbreak in the east of the country killed 2,280 people. A separate outbreak in the western province of Équateur saw 55 deaths.

Tackling Ebola in the DRC has been far from easy. Attacks by armed groups have jeopardised the response to the outbreak. Meanwhile, coronavirus has put extra pressure on medical services and added to a climate of fear.

Tearfund works alongside churches and faith leaders who are very influential in the DRC. As part of their efforts to tackle Ebola, they have helped pastors share vital advice on washing hands, seeking medical help at the first sign of symptoms, and issuing guidelines on how to handle dead bodies.

Together with their church partners, they also set up triage units, toilets, incinerators and water supplies at health centres where Ebola was most prevalent.



A **vicious drought across Zimbabwe** and other parts of Southern Africa left many people desperate and at risk of disease from drinking dirty water. Over the past year, Zimbabwe has experienced its lowest rainfall since 1981. The ongoing climate crisis has meant less rainfall year by year.

By the end of 2020, the World Food Programme projects that 6 million Zimbabweans will be in urgent need of food aid. The figure is expected to peak at 8 million during the months of March-April 2021, when farmers will have exhausted their previous harvests. The severe drought, chronic underfunding in agriculture, and governance issues have decimated Zimbabwe's agriculture.

Tearfund's local partners are helping people become more self-reliant. They are providing training in new farming techniques which are proven to increase yields, better retain soil moisture and improve the health of the soil. It means farmers can cope better with droughts and changing rainfall patterns.



Tearfund partners are also supporting communities to set up self-help groups, which help people to start small businesses.

"Poverty is not God's plan. We long to see all people reach their God-given potential. In the stories above, we see God's church bringing that hope, bringing change, bringing good news to those who live in poverty. " (Andrew Horton, Tearfund Online News & Film Editor.)

Photos by Tearfund.

FSW February 2021 update

Dear Friends,

The last month has been very difficult for our families, who are finding this lockdown much harder than last year as the pressure from schools is higher and the weather not conducive to lots of outdoor activities. Our practitioners have been working incredibly hard to give families as much support as they can, and the real-life contact (as opposed to anything which is delivered remotely) is really helping them. With the vaccine rollout achieving such great success, we are able to give parents a sense of hope that this situation may come to an end before the summer.



Whilst we are still unable to carry out any face-to-face events, and have no indication of when these might resume, we remain incredibly grateful to all those who are supporting us in other ways. The generosity of our supporters continues to hearten and motivate us all, and we are very grateful for your ongoing support both financially, practically and in prayer.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that Palm Sunday was, in medieval times, called "Yew Sunday" and even "Branch Sunday" ?

Because of the challenges in recreating Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on a donkey, with crowds waving palm branches and strewing them along the way, (palms don't grow easily in our climate), churches in some areas gathered sprigs of native yew and used these instead of palms. So the Sunday before Easter became known as "Yew Sunday". In Russia and some European countries it was called "Willow Sunday", as Willow was the most readily available tree there.



Another old folk name for the day, "Hosanna Sunday", comes from the cry of the people as they welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem.

Pre-school News

We had a great half term back at Pre-school, and feel very fortunate to be able to carry on as normal at this time.



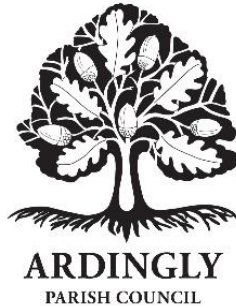
The children have been learning about the changing seasons, exploring Winter, and were very excited on the few days that we had snow. We've been looking for the first signs of Spring, finally seeing some activity from the bulbs we planted in Autumn! We have also enjoyed learning about love and our feelings, and how to manage them.

Next half term we are going to be thinking about our families and how all families are different, and will be continuing to learn about the seasons, hopefully updating the playground for Spring and growing some more plants.



St Peter's Pre-School and Toddler Group
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Charity Number 1022794 registered in England & Wales
Tel: 07969 890907
<http://www.st-peters-preschool-ardingly.org/>





Ardingly Parish Council

The Parish Council has continued to meet online in 2021, with access being available to any interested parties via the Clerk to the Parish Council.

The dates of the monthly meetings have changed - rather than the Council meeting on the first Tuesday evening of each month, meetings are now held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Since the beginning of 2021, the Finance Committee has concentrated on preparing a budget for the next financial year. Members of the committee were ably assisted and advised by the Responsible Finance Officer, Richard Wheatley. This draft budget has now been approved by the full Council.

A number of other issues have been considered by the Council, including potential refurbishment of the village pavilion. This is an ongoing project for the Council and will be the subject of future meetings as the work progresses.

Funny Foods

(or is it the English language again ...?)

There are no cottages in cottage pie

Spotted Dick doesn't contain any spots

There are no dogs in hotdogs

There's no ham in a hamburger

There are no fingers in fish fingers



Strawberries contain no straw!

No shepherds in shepherd's pie

No fingers in ladies fingers

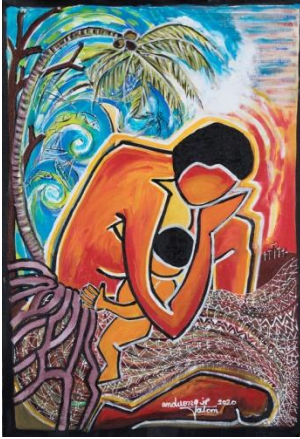
No fingers in Cadbury chocolate fingers.

There are no rats in ratatouille

No knickers in a knickerbocker glory

No toads in toad in the hole





World Day of Prayer

5th March 2021

The Day of Prayer this year will be different from any we have ever known. All over the world, people will be worshipping on the day as usual but in unusual ways. Some in churches, some outside and some on zoom. We are united in prayer, even in the midst of a pandemic.

Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared this year's service. Women, men and children of all ages, everywhere, are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity, like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa, and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 39 hours later

The Vanuatu women invite us to focus on the Bible story in Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus tells a story about the kingdom of heaven using the image of a house and the land on which the house is built. Choosing the land on which to build a house is an important decision for people in Vanuatu. The combination of considering the terrain and the climate is crucial in a tropical archipelago of over 80 islands, located in the South Pacific Ocean and prone to earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and rising sea levels. There are 7 active volcanoes scattered throughout the islands.

On April 6th 2020 Vanuatu was hit by Cyclone Harold, which had made its way across the Pacific destroying many islands in its wake.

There will be a World Day of Prayer service at 1900 hours on Friday 5th March at **St Barnabas' church**, Worth Rd, Pound Hill, Crawley, RH10 7DY led by Rev Sarah Upchurch (our former Curate).

Other local services have been postponed until later in the year.

The painting above is entitled "Cyclone Pam II, 13th of March 2015" and is by Vanuatu artist Juliette Pita. She never imagined making money from her art, but she believed God had plans for her. She gives all the money she earns to anyone who needs help.



"Ships don't sink because of the water around them.
They sink because of the water that gets into them.
Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and
weigh you down." (unknown source)

St Peter's C.E. Primary

As I write this, it is half term and everyone, staff and pupils alike, is having a well-earned break. Although for many pupils, the school buildings are closed, school is still open! Working online is different for us all but we have continued to provide live lessons every day for pupils at home, giving them the chance, too, to see their friends virtually.



Because our pupils have been expected to use computer screens so much during lockdown, we decided to give everyone a screen-free day in February! A set of tasks (48!) was suggested, none of which meant logging on to the computer. Instead, children were encouraged to read, get outside, tell a story, draw.... the list went on. There were different themes and each task fitted into one of the themes, giving the children plenty of choice.

One of our pupils, Dylan Humphries, in Swallow Class, has been inspiring us all with his commitment. To help keep focused and to overcome the boredom of lockdown after completing his learning, Dylan set himself the challenge of completing a 2km run around the village every day. Along with wanting to improve his fitness and wellbeing, he also aimed to raise funds for the heroes that benefit from NHS Charities Together. Dylan has kept going, sometimes running in fancy dress and always ready with a smile and a wave. He has raised over £1500 - what an incredible achievement. Congratulations and well done, Dylan.



We are waiting, not quite with bated breath, for the Prime Minister's announcement this weekend. It seems likely that primary schools will reopen in the near future, possibly as early as March 8th. Whatever the decision, we will continue to share learning, teaching and caring across our whole school community.

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

Great truths about life that little children have learned : (author unknown!)

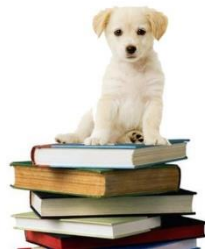


- * No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- * When your mum is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.



- * If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- * Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- * You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- * Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.

- * Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a peppermint.
- * Never hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time.
- * School lunches stick to the wall.
- * You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- * The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandma's lap.



A man is recovering from surgery and the nurse asks him how he is feeling.

"I'm O.K. but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say?" asked the nurse.

"OOPS!"



AROUND THE VILLAGE

Ardingly Connected Together

We've been busy in the Ardingly Connected Together (ACT) team! So many kind people have donated books, DVDs and jigsaws that we have been able to set up the Hapstead Hub. This is in the lobby at the rear of Hapstead Hall (near the oak tree and car park) and is a centre for good quality books, DVDs and jigsaws to borrow. We opened the hub for the first time on Tuesday 16 February and, so far, it has proved very popular.

We plan to open the hub two days every week, Tuesdays and Fridays, between 8am and 4pm. It operates on a trust basis, with people able to borrow and return as they want. Opening during the pandemic means that we have been very conscious of having COVID secure facilities and opening just two days helps us with this. The range of books is enormous, including fiction, non fiction and children's books. As for the DVDs, movie nights at home will never be a problem as the choice is huge! (Incidentally, if you don't have a DVD player, please contact us as we have one to loan out.)

Alongside the hub, we have continued to distribute food boxes. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us in this venture. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our food donation boxes are still operating outside the old Post Office and Fellows Bakery and there are also boxes inside both places for cash donations. Cash donations may also be given

to Kathy James, Fiona Rocks, Deb Ruse or Jim Sloane. A huge thank

you is also due to Ardingly College staff and students. They have been raising money to help us and giving great support to the village in this way.



Please remember that if you, or anyone you know, need help and support in any area, we are ready and willing to do whatever we can. Please just contact Kathy James on 07703 295081 / 01444 891047.

**Make sure you test
positive for Faith, keep
a safe distance from
Doubt, Isolate from
Fear, & quarantine
from Unbelief!**

Parish Register

The funeral of Bernard John Puzey of Ardings Close, Ardingly who died on 7th January 2021 aged 82 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Monday 25th January 2021.

The funeral of Richard Murray McLeod (Dick) of Monks Meadow, Ardingly who died on 21st January 2021 aged 77 years, was held at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Monday 8th February 2021.

PRAYER

Lord,

*Thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the
darkness.*

For the hope of spring, filled with new promise and life.

For summer time, full of warmth and colour.

And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.

You are always with us.

Amen.



**DO NOT BE AFRAID OF TOMORROW –
GOD IS ALREADY THERE.**

SPRING WORDSEARCH

X N U S L S G O R F E M P Y B
Q Q D A S G O H E G D E H K L
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Find the following words in the Wordsearch above.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Bees
Blossom
Daffodils
Lambs
Frogs

Nests
Blackthorn
Forsythia
Primroses
Bluebells

Buds
Catkins
Birdsong
Sunshine
Hedgehogs

PRAYER DIARY MARCH 2021

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures for ever"" (Psalm 136 v 1)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Chris Sutton, ministering in Nuthurst and Mannings Heath
- 3 The coronavirus situation, in this country and worldwide
- 4 Missionary friends currently unable to return to the mission field
- 5 World Day of Prayer. Praise God that he hears & answers prayer
- 6 The NHS and all who work in the healing professions
- 7** All bishops, clergy and everyone leading worship today
- 8 Jamie Savage & St Peter's Primary : pupils, staff and governors
- 9 Praise God for friends and family and pray for them
- 10 Children's Society, NSPCC & other organisations supporting children
- 11 Give thanks and pray for the Ardingly Connected Together team
- 12 Old Jeshwang, its staff and directors
- 13 Off the Fence & Open House. The homeless & all who help them
- 14 Mother's Day.** Pray for all mothers everywhere
- 15 Village businesses. The effects of lockdown on all businesses
- 16 The PCC meeting today. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom
- 17 All who are grieving. MacMillan & Marie Curie nurses
- 18 Michael Denman and all who are housebound
- 19 Pray for peace wherever there is conflict, especially in Myanmar
- 20 Children with special needs and those who care for them
- 21** Our services today and the witness of the church
- 22 Boris Johnson and all in positions of authority
- 23 Praise God for the joys and diversity of creation
- 24 Caroline Steer, Deb Ruse and their work with FSW
- 25 Refugees. All who are displaced & have fled from trouble
- 26 Church finances
- 27 Our local hospices and Care Homes. Sandy, Joan & Sylvia
- 28 Palm Sunday.** Pray for all church services today
- 29 All who are anxious or carrying heavy burdens
- 30 All who work in TV, radio and the media
- 31 Praise God for the blessings of the past month

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