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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



For most of us HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has been a fixture of our lives. He was someone we became used to seeing alongside Her Majesty the Queen at great events, and State events, greeting important people as they visited Great Britain and together with the Queen, as her consort when she visited other heads of state all across the world. A man of wisdom, experience, someone who didn't suffer fools gladly, perhaps, but also, a man of wit and humour. I smiled when I read how Sir Nick Clegg, the former leader of the Liberal Democrat party had joked with Prince Philip at a state banquet for the King of Spain at Buckingham Palace that he had only been invited because of his high-flying Spanish wife. "I know the feeling!" the Duke told him.

In truth, he was so very much more than just the Queen's consort. He has been steadfastly at Her Majesty's side for over 70 years, as consort, but also as husband, confidante, 'rock' (to use the phrase that Her Majesty the Queen used herself when referring to him just a few years ago), her 'constant strength and stay' as she described him. Little wonder then that the Duke of York should say that his father's death had "left a huge void in [the Queen's] life." This and the other heartfelt comments from his children and grandchildren testify to Prince Philip's importance in each of their lives, as do the tributes from so many who have benefitted from his work with young people through the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme (my own sons included). As the patron of over 500 different organizations and with his close involvement with so much and so many in the various sections of our military, it's little wonder that he chose to 'retire' when he reached the age of 96 years!

So much has been written and said about the Duke since his death that it has almost become overwhelming. And from some of what has been revealed about him, I'm not too sure that he would have approved of all of this coverage. However, two comments in all of this have struck me particularly.

First, were the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury who captured so well, I think, the thoughts of so many of us when he observed that regardless of age or how predictable a death might be, nothing "can reach into the depth of sorrow that goes into bereavement....
...Loss is loss."

How true is that. It doesn't matter that the Duke had lived a full life and a long life, nor that his declining health and advancing years made his death inevitable, the loss of anyone whom we love deeply, whom we enjoy being with and whom we value so much, is always so terribly painful. I always think that in his words to the early Christians of Corinth, St. Paul acknowledges this, the pain and bitterness that is the 'sting' of death (1 Corinthians 15: 55). But Paul then goes on to say what the message of this season of Easter reminds us, namely, that Christ's resurrection signals the full and final victory over death ("...thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." - 1 Corinthians 15: 57). Yes, death stings. Yes, it hurts us now. But through Christ death is not the end. His resurrection is the foundation of all Christian hope.

Which is exactly what I hear in the second comment on the Duke that so struck me amongst all of the other words. For many, the words of his daughter-in-law the Countess of Wessex may have gone unnoticed, but that would be a shame. Because they were filled with encouragement and hope. Words to inspire anyone who has ever felt their life touched by the sting of death. Speaking of the moment of Prince Philip's death the Countess said that: "It was so gentle. It was just like somebody took him by the hand and off he went. Very, very peaceful."

What lovely words and what a lovely image. And through faith in Christ and by His grace we too can share that hope that death is not the end, that death has been defeated once and for all, and that He who defeated it for us on the cross will await us, when our time comes, ready to lead us by the hand.

With my prayers and best wishes,

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

Services in May 2021

Sunday 2nd May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Morning Prayer

1 John 4: 7 - 21; John 15: 1 – 8

10.30am

Morning Praise

1 John 4: 7 - 21; John 15: 1 – 8

Sunday 9th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Morning Prayer

1 John 5: 1 - 6; John 15: 9 – 17

10.30am

Morning Praise

1 John 5: 1 - 6; John 15: 9 - 17

Thursday 13th May

ASCENSION DAY

10.30am

(a zoom service)

On the 40th day after Easter Sunday, we commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven.

Sunday 16th May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

1 John 5: 9 - 13; John 17: 6 – 19

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

1 John 5: 9 - 13; John 17: 6 – 19

Sunday 23rd May**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

9.00am

Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

**Holy Communion [CW]
with prayer for healing
and wholeness****Sunday 30th May****TRINITY SUNDAY**

9.00am

Romans 8: 12 - 17; John 3: 1 - 17

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

Romans 8: 12 - 17; John 3: 1 - 17

Morning Praise**PASTORAL CARE in Ardingly**

The Rector, John Crutchley, heads up pastoral care at St Peter's Ardingly and is always available to talk to anyone who would like a pastoral visit or explore the Christian faith further.

Under his leadership Kathy James and Sue Laker co-ordinate a small team at St Peter's who are available to offer pastoral care to anyone who is lonely, struggling, housebound, unable to get to church, or has questions about the Christian faith. They will also be happy to visit anyone (subject to Covid regulations) who is unwell, who would like to receive Home Communion, or who has been bereaved and would like to chat to someone.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the team if you would like a visit, or if you know someone who would like to be visited. Contact details are as follows:-

Rev. John Crutchley 892332

Kathy James 891047

Sue Laker 892117

NOTICES

PLANTS

Jean Jeffery is growing plants again this year and is hoping to have them ready for sale by the end of May. All proceeds will go to St Peter's. They should be available to purchase outside St Peter's Centre after the 10.30 church services on 30th May.



PEOPLE ON THE MOVE:



Margaret Morley has moved. Her new address is:
18 Church Court
Church Road
Haywards Heath RH16 3UE
Tel. 01444 413011

Margaret would like to thank everyone who has prayed for her or sent her messages of best wishes and encouragement during the process of selling her house.

Angels & Urchins Have resumed!

For babies, pre-school children and their carers
Thursday mornings in school term
0900-1100 at St Peter's Church Centre (front door)
Places are limited, so please book as before, via Eventbrite

Jill Veasey



MEETING POINT

We are planning to restart Meeting Point on 17th May. The dates for May are 17th and 24th and after that fortnightly as usual. We will be in the large hall so as to be able to observe social distancing. Please arrive wearing a mask. Sanitiser is available in the hall. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Belinda 01444 892368

CMS News from Heather Johnstone

Dear friends,

It was 7pm, dark and unusually chilly for September. Most of the ladies had left at the end of their shift hours earlier, and as Mary (*not her real name*) and I locked up the Rehema workshop she turned and looked at me with tears in her eyes and said, "Promise me you will return to Tanzania". It was the evening before my departure to go on home leave. I replied, half laughing because of course I was returning, "Don't worry, six months will fly by".



Almost 18 months later I still have not been able to return to the lovely Mary, the project, and people I love so much. Initially I could not return because I was in lockdown in South Africa. Since October I have been able to travel but sadly my residence visa has still not been approved.

To complicate matters, according to the director general of WHO, the COVID-19 situation in Tanzania is "very concerning". There is currently a high-level risk of contracting the virus or the B.1.351 variant, and even if my visa were approved tomorrow, I would be reluctant to return without first getting the vaccine as I need to protect myself and my Tanzanian friends. Please pray that my residence visa will be processed swiftly, for the coronavirus situation in Tanzania and that I might get my vaccine soon.

Good news is that the Rehema Cafe and Crafts started trading again at the end of January – for the first time since March 2020. A few of our customers have returned and after doing a brief viability study it is opening two days a week – one preparation day and one customer service day. Unfortunately, the reality is that there are very few customers in town, so its opening must be limited in terms of the number of days and number of employees, and they are offering a reduced menu.

The ladies are a bit frustrated about opening just two days a week, but we must be practical, and our income must cover our costs.

'Mary' has found a new job and has resigned from the Rehema Project. I'm sad because she was our star performer but delighted because she (unsurprisingly) has made a new path for herself in times of adversity. She was a handful to manage at times, being very free-spirited and outspoken in a culture where women are often subservient. But she was also an absolute gem - kind-hearted, dependable, a motivator and a natural leader. She would try her hand at anything and probably succeed. A God-fearing Christian woman.

I would like to share her story with you. Mary left school when she finished her primary education. She was a victim of FGM (female genital mutilation) in her early teens and then her parents married her off to an old woman who paid the required dowry. Under a local Kurya tribal tradition called "house of women", a woman is permitted to marry a younger woman if she is widowed, or her husband chooses to leave her. This means she can keep the family home, which is jointly owned with the younger woman, despite a tribal law which dictates that only males can normally inherit property. The onus is then on the younger woman to give birth to male heirs on the older woman's behalf. A man was chosen to father the male heir and Mary was raped repeatedly. She gave birth to a daughter and ran away with the baby as she had failed in her duty as a wife.

A few years later, she married a man she loved, but although they had two boys together, he was not a faithful or a gentle man and he beat and cheated on Mary constantly. Ultimately, he infected Mary with the HIV virus. She escaped that marriage too. One night, after a severe beating, she ran away, preferring to fend for herself and her children and avoid the cheating, abuse and beatings that marriage offered. Mary is very entrepreneurial and managed to provide for herself and her young family better than her husband had. She recognised opportunities when they arose, squirrelled money away every month, saving for the future, for her children's education and to build a house. She did all of this on her own. Her husband died of Aids.

Heather Johnstone

Online shopping and raising funds for St Peter's Church

The last year has seen most of us use online shopping and many of us have used Amazon to get those important items delivered to our doors. As online shopping is likely to be important to us all for a while, why not take the opportunity to raise funds for St Peter's Church at the same time?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you shop on smile.amazon.co.uk Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) to the eligible charitable organisation of your choice.

How to join in with this fundraising:

Just go to smile.amazon.co.uk

Or use the link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1133803-0>

You will be prompted to start by picking the charity you wish to support. Please type in "St Peters Church Ardingly" and select the result (it will show the full title of *The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peter, Ardingly*).

Once selected you can shop as normal, and St Peter's Church will benefit from donations on eligible items. It's as simple as that!

Please do share this with friends and family. It will help raise valuable funds for the church and doesn't cost you anything!

Thank you.

Nigel and Jane Cheater

THANK YOU

Gina Paul would like to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who sent her good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts when she moved into her new home last month. Thank you!

Bin twinning



We've heard of Tap Twinning and Toilet Twinning. Now Tearfund have a Bin Twinning project. For a £45 donation, you can twin your bin with a community-led social enterprise that is collecting household rubbish and selling recycled waste. This will help to prevent disease, protect the environment and provide jobs.

Here are some statistics from Tearfund, the UN and World Bank:

- 2 billion people don't have their rubbish collected so waste ends up in waterways and drains, causing flooding that spreads disease and wreaks havoc on the lives of the world's poorest people
- In developing countries, one person dies every 30 seconds from diseases caused by plastic pollution and rubbish
- In low-income countries, more than 90% of waste is mismanaged. This causes up to a million deaths each year and living amongst mismanaged waste doubles the chance of getting a diarrhoea-related disease
- At least a third of the world's waste is subject to open dumping or burning. Open burning releases smoke and toxins estimated to cause 270,000 deaths globally each year
- It's estimated that between 8 and 12.7 million tonnes of plastic could be entering the oceans every year.

(taken from www.Bintwinning.org)

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION



HEALTH CENTRE, THE GAMBIA - April 2021 Update

Dear All,

Our modern Health Centre (OJHC), where we fund key staff, refurbishment and development, continues to provide affordable healthcare to the community of Old Jeshwang, a sprawling urban village of about 25,000 people. Although unable to support it financially the Gambian Health Authority accepts our facility as an integral part of its health care system and increasingly uses our Centre to extend its 'Health in the Community' programmes. The Health Authority also now includes our Centre in their inspection programmes.

It has been a challenging 12 months with covid restrictions limiting our normal UK activities and visits to The Gambia, all overlaid with the loss of Abdoulie which demanded the appointment of a new administrator along with the restructuring of the OJ management committee.

Although it has taken some time to settle down Cherno, Abdoulie's assistant administrator, has risen to the occasion invigorating a new management committee, whose first job was to confirm his appointment as administrator. This is a new era! The following are the new committee members including some who many of you will recognise from the early days now returning to give added strength:

- Honourable Sheriff Sarr as chairman, a former Old Jeshwang councillor and the owner of Sarr Construction

- Sohna Amie Jobe as vice-chairman and one of the original initiators of the project
- Ajie Warrage Nyang as treasurer
- Musa Cessay, chief Alkalo of old Jeshwang as adviser
- Junkungba Dukureh, the current councillor for Old Jeshwang as Public Relations Officer.
- Malang Jannah as health adviser, a current regional medical officer
- Basiru Njie, auditor of Kanifing municipal council, as our auditor
- Bakery Jaiteh as secretary
- Lang Suwareh as adviser.

A reassuring message in a recent e-mail from Chernobyl:

'They all appreciated the consolidation of the principle that the health centre is managed by the community for the community of Old Jeshwang. The village really appreciates and honours the charity that you guys are giving to the community of Old Jeshwang and The Gambia at large, because the health facility benefits the entire Nation. This godly gesture is saving a lot of lives and gives a service for humanity that the entire Nation cannot thank you enough.'

Seemingly one of the greatest impacts of Covid in the Gambia has been economic. The lack of any tourist income has affected many families including Musa our taxi driver. His four children benefit from our sponsored education programme but in addition, for the last 6 months, a group of sponsors was able to support him with some furlough payments although these are due to end in May. Musa sends his heartfelt thanks to all.

The expanding work of the Path Lab and Dentist continues to increase OJHC's financial independence apart from encouraging new patients to use our other basic health care services.

The refurbishment of the outside toilets is now complete and includes a staff shower block. Our clean facilities continue to be remarked upon by both new patients and visitors. We look forward to returning to OJHC 'soon' to initiate the next phase of renewal.

Hopefully we can all meet up again at **this year's BBQ provisionally set for Saturday 19th June.**

We continue to feel blessed as Christians being able to support a mainly Muslim community at such a difficult time.

With our thanks to all at St. Peter's.

Steve (stephendoerr@gmail.com)

Ardingly Connected Together

It was a busy time over Easter weekend for the Ardingly Connected Together team. We are continuing to support families in the village and delivered food boxes on Maundy Thursday. Thank you to all you generous people who are continuing to give donations (both non-perishables and cash) to support us. Plawhatch Farm Shop has joined with Fellows bakery, The Old Post Office and Ardingly College in supporting us too - we are very grateful for the care that people continue to demonstrate for our whole village community.



On Good Friday, we were able to deliver daffodils and hot cross buns to the single, elderly people in the village to let them know that they are a valued part of our village community.



Again, we were overwhelmed by the kindness shown to us - when we explained to

Waitrose why we needed quite so many bunches of daffodils (!!), they kindly donated the flowers. The buns and flowers were accompanied by Easter cards drawn by the children from St Peter's School, which were much appreciated by the people receiving them!

The weather on Easter Sunday defied the forecast and we had glorious sunshine for the Village Easter Egg Hunt. This helped make the event a real success. It was so good to see lots of families out hunting down the 300+ Easter eggs, stamping their maps and collecting prizes!

We are now working on what to do next - any ideas always welcome! In the meantime, we are continuing delivering food boxes, running the hub and helping anyone in need of support. Please do contact us if you, or someone you know would welcome some help.

Kathy James (01444 891047)



Ardingly Parish Council

The Parish Council has spent considerable time over the past months considering the proposed housing development on the **South of England Showground**. At its meeting in April, the Council again spoke about this matter following the circulation of a 'community newsletter' by the promoters, Charterhouse. We await a date to make an oral submission to the independent inspector who will consider whether this development will be able to proceed.

Also at the April meeting, the Council debated what work should proceed with the **village pavilion**. It was agreed that the plans drawn up approximately six years ago were not appropriate because, largely, of the considerable cost that would be incurred. Instead, it is intended to draw up a different schedule, allowing for the reopening and refurbishment of the pavilion. This will allow the village asset that is the pavilion to be used and enjoyed by residents.

We continue to seek an alternative route for **post office services** in the village, which we know is a concern to many people. We are also planning for the Annual Parish Meeting which will take place at the beginning of May. Details will be made available through the normal routes nearer the time.

Fond memories of Una Tester

14th May 1936 – 29th March 2021

Born in Torcross, Devon, Una was the youngest of five children. She had a very happy childhood, loved her family and the seaside in Devon. Her elder sister, Margaret, married Roy Tester's elder brother from Ardingly in 1948. Roy went for holidays to Torcross, starting annually, then monthly, until finally marrying Una in 1963. Roy and Una moved to College Road in 1966 where daughters Claire and Judith were born - Una's pride and joy.



Una loved her beautiful garden, where she was able to pick a bloom every week of the year. She was also a very good cook and won prizes at the Horticultural Show for her blooms and cakes. She made an excellent chocolate cake - a particular favourite (perhaps enjoyed by many of us in the village!?)

Outward going, Una belonged to the Evening WI for 30 years. She did the church brass cleaning for nearly 40 years. Una was presented with the Royal British Legion badge for collecting on Poppy Day for 35 years. She had many friends, some from primary school and some new from the postcard club.

Her family grew when Claire and Judith married, later giving Roy and Una six beautiful grandchildren - all greatly loved.

Lynn and I moved in opposite to Roy and Una in 1985. They were the very best of neighbours and more like grandparents to our four children, helping out in any way they could, often on the spur of the moment. Una baby-sat for me for 10 years whilst I did my tap-dancing with Tanzen in Hapstead Hall. On our returning from our family holidays we would be greeted by flowers, a card and, yes, a chocolate cake on the kitchen counter!

Written with sadness at our loss, but also much gratitude for having known her.

Pat Wilson

Thy Kingdom Come 13th-23rd May 2021

As in previous years, we are again invited to take part in "Thy Kingdom Come" this May. It is a global prayer movement in which the Archbishop of Canterbury invited people around the world to join. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. The wave of prayer runs for 11 days between the Christian festivals of Ascension and Pentecost. This year Thy Kingdom Come will take place between May 13th - May 23rd 2021.



Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, says: "We all need the encouragement of the basic promises of the Christian faith to help us live the life God gives us to the full. The COVID-19 pandemic has hit every area of our lives: where we can go, whom we can see, how we can worship. In the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come is a gift to refresh our faith, especially if we felt isolated from our community or our Church during this difficult time."

100,000 Prayer Journals are being given away (or can be downloaded online). These can be used as a reminder and an encouragement of why and how following Jesus makes a difference. Each day there are a few things to read, a prayer to offer and then an invitation for us to make our own reflections on what it means to follow in the way of Christ.

In these days of hopeful waiting and praying between Ascension and Pentecost, may we all be renewed by the Spirit; made new in Christ.

(taken from the website Thy Kingdom Come)

St Peter's C.E. Primary School

As I write this, we are coming to the end of the Easter holiday time. School has been quiet for two weeks while staff have a well-earned break and our pupils have spent time enjoying being at home and doubtless consuming Easter eggs!



On the last day of the Spring term, the children were delighted to receive an Easter bag from St Peter's Church. The bag had some games, puzzles, craft ideas with colouring materials....oh, and an Easter egg, just in case there weren't enough at home already!

Fortunately, there have been things to do during the holidays even when the contents of the Easter bags are exhausted. FOSPS (Friends of St Peter's School) have set the pupils an April Challenge!

All pupils are invited to take part in the Challenge - a chance to have fun, get active and raise funds towards the refurbishment of the school library. During the month of April, children in key stage one (5 - 7yrs of age) are challenged to travel 10 kilometres and children in key stage two (7 - 11yrs of age) are challenged to travel 20 kilometres. They can walk, run, cycle or scoot - the choice is theirs and, fortunately, the distance does not have to be done in one go! This could be a lot of fun for everyone. Should you wish to support the children in raising funds, please use this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/april-challenge>

Everyone will be coming back to school next week. It seems strange to think that this will be the final term in this academic year. Hopefully, we will all be able to enjoy being back with friends, learning and growing.



Kathy James

Count your Cowslips!

Cowslips used to be one of our best-known spring flowers, appearing in fields, woodlands and hedgerows in April and May. However, loss of habitat and changes in agricultural practices have led to a serious decline and now fields coloured bright yellow with its nodding heads are a rare sight.



There are male and female Cowslips. The female has a single stem in the centre (stigma) and the male has 5 stems (stamen). In healthy cowslip populations, there are equal numbers of both types of flower. However, this 50:50 ratio becomes imbalanced when the cowslip population declines. Consequently, knowing the ratios in our area helps us understand more about the quality of our grasslands.

We are all being encouraged to take part in a survey run by the website Plantlife for the University of Tartu in Estonia and the Estonian Fund for Nature. This will help them to develop a pan-European understanding of the health of our grasslands. All we have to do is to count all the male and female Cowslips we see, record the numbers (separately) and send the information to Plantlife.

More information can be found on the website www.plantlife.org.uk.

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who donated money for lilies and other flowers at Easter in memory of loved ones. We were also remembering those who lost their lives as a result of the pandemic. It was lovely to be back in church for the Easter services and to be able to decorate the church with so many flowers. Thank you. Belinda MacLean





AROUND THE VILLAGE



The Post Box is back

College Road has a Post Box once again! It is mounted on a post just below the turning to Lodgelands. Our thanks must go to Parish Councillor Kathy James for successfully following the matter up with the Post Office!

THANK YOU to the ACTS group and Primary School children for the surprise gifts to some 'single and senior' members of the community, of hot cross buns and daffodils on Good Friday, accompanied by delightful cards created by the Primary School children! They were a very enjoyable and very thoughtful treat!

HRH Prince Philip

The death of HRH Prince Philip was very sad news last month. As a mark of remembrance Lynn Wilson tolled one of the bells 99 times in the church tower on the evening of 9th April.



NOT TOO SERIOUSLY.....

WHY TEACHERS DRINK!

(Taken from the Fletching parish magazine and reproduced with permission)

Here are some exam questions and some amusing answers given:

Q: Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

A: *Around Hadrian's garden*

Q: Steve is driving his car. He is traveling at 60feet/second and the speed limit is 40 mph. Is Steve speeding?

A: *He could find out by checking his speedometer.*

Q: Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

A: *Learning to speak Latin.*

Q: Joanna works in an office. Her computer is a stand-alone system. What is a stand-alone computer system?

A: *It doesn't come with a chair.*

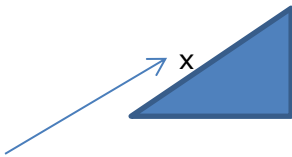
Q: Hard and Soft Water. Briefly explain what hard water is.

A: *Ice*

Q: Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?

A: *You might walk into it.*

Q: Maths Question: The base is 4 cms. The side is 3 cms. Find x in the diagram below:



A: *Here it is*



Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register as this magazine goes to print.

Pentecost Prayer

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

Flower Rota

Friday 14th May: Pam and Angela

Friday 28th May: Jean



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. Please make cheques out to *St Peter's Church, Ardingly*.

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TRANSPORT: If you require transport to church, or if you could provide it for others, please contact Jill Veasey on 892442 or Jonathan Summers on 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. Booking is currently via Eventbrite. Contact Jill Veasey 892442.

PRAYER DIARY MAY 2021



"The Lord is near to all who call on him"
(Psalm 145 v 18)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and family
- 2 Pray God's blessing on our worship today and all who lead it
- 3 Chris Sutton and his ministry in Nuthurst & Mannings Heath
- 4 The Queen and the Royal Family
- 5 The coronavirus situation, in the UK and abroad
- 6 Election Day. Pray for all candidates and for safety
- 7 The situation in Northern Ireland. Pray for peace and healing
- 8 Climate change and our care for the environment
- 9 Praise God for our freedom to worship. Pray for St Peter's
- 10 Jamie Savage. St Peter's Primary School staff and pupils
- 11 Old Jeshwang – its directors, staff and patients
- 12 All who are suffering or grieving today
- 13 Ascension Day. Praise God for his salvation plan
- 14 Refugees and migrants, in this country and around the world
- 15 Heather Johnstone, needing a visa and a vaccine
- 16 Our worship today. All Bishops and clergy
- 17 Boris Johnson and all in authority who shape policy
- 18 Charities & Hospices in need of funds as a result of lockdown
- 19 Yemen, Syria and other countries with great needs
- 20 Angels & Urchins. For safety and fun for all who help & attend
- 21 Our District and Parish Councils
- 22 Church finances, especially St Peter's
- 23 Pentecost Sunday. "Come down O love divine"
- 24 Pray for countries where there is conflict, oppression or famine
- 25 Pray for all who suffer from abuse or addiction
- 26 Our NHS and emergency services
- 27 Samara's Aid: pray for a healthy wheat crop and the new Medical Centre
- 28 All who have suffered due to Covid, especially young people
- 29 Belinda MacLean and the students sponsored by IMARA
- 30 Our worship today. Praise God and pray for his kingdom to grow
- 31 Give thanks for all the blessings of the past month

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