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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 summer is for many of us a moment to pause. It's a moment to take a break. A time perhaps to live the actual moment and to remember as the Bible teaches us that:



"there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" [Ecclesiastes 3:1]. Words that remind me that it is God who has appointed the times and seasons, the events of our lives, the happy and the sad, easy and difficult. So, words that on the one hand can bring us worry but words that ought on the other hand to bring us hope. Because they are words that remind us that God is in control. So, we need to make the best of everything that is happening right now.

Of course, sometimes you may wonder about that. It's easy to doubt that God has it all together when you maybe look at what is going on in the world around or where your own life has descended into what may feel so much like chaos. Sometimes it can look to us as though God isn't doing all that well at all. But, however things may appear, I still believe that the truth is that God has always got everything under control and that God always has a purpose in everything that he does even if we sometimes have a tough time understanding what that purpose is. As the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Christians in first century Rome: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" [Romans 8: 28].

The secret is I think, to discover, accept and appreciate God's perfect timing and to remember too, that we live in a world of change. The evidence of change is all around us. Spring becomes summer. Summer will give way to the autumn and

then autumn in its turn will give way to the winter. But in all of that change we can still hold on to the knowledge that God is in control and that actually change can be very good indeed. After all, change helps us to learn and to adapt and to grow inside.

And change can stretch us and challenge us by causing us to grow through the trials and tribulations of life. Change can also keep us from getting bored. Are you the same person that you were ten years ago, or five years ago, or even one year ago?

The one constant of course, is the one who is in control of everything. God does not change. And that means that we can count on him always to be with us and to do the right thing: "*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end"* [Ecclesiastes 3:11]. God has set everything for its time so take the time to enjoy yourself. Make the best of each event and of each season of change. Enjoy your family and your home, your health, and your holidays. Enjoy coming to church. After all, God has made everything beautiful in his time and even the painful things are set in place by God. Sometimes all we can see is the middle of God's work and not the end but he knows the beginning from the end and he has each of us just where he wants us.

So, take some time this summer to enjoy the moment. And hold on in trust in every moment to God who is in control. Hold on to the one who loves us and who promises that where we trust in him, he will provide for all of our needs.

With my prayers.

Services in July 2021

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Sunday 4 th July	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am Holy Communion [BCP]	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13
10.30am Morning Praise	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13
6.30pm Open to God A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day	
Sunday 11 th July	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am Holy Communion [BCP]	Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 35, 14-29
10.30am Holy Communion [CW]	Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 35, 14-29
Sunday 18 th July	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 18th July 9.00am	Ephesians 2: 11 - 22;
9.00am	Ephesians 2: 11 - 22; Mark 6: 30 - 34, 53 - 56 Ephesians 2: 11 - 22;
9.00am Holy Communion [BCP]	Ephesians 2: 11 - 22; Mark 6: 30 - 34, 53 - 56
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Services in August 2021

Sunday 1 st August	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am Holy Communion [BCP]	Ephesians 4: 1 - 16; John 6: 24 - 35
10.30am Morning Praise	Ephesians 4: 1 - 16; John 6: 24 - 35
6.30pm A quiet and re Open to God	eflective service for the end of the day
Sunday 8 th August	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am	Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2; John 6: 35, 41 – 51
Holy Communion [BCP]	John 6, 55, 41 – 51
10.30am	Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2; John 6: 35, 41 – 51
Holy Communion [CW]	John 6: 33, 41 – 31
Sunday 15 th August	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
9.00am Holy Communion [BCP]	Ephesians 5: 15 - 20; John 6: 51 - 58
10.30am Morning Praise	Ephesians 5: 15 - 20; John 6: 51 - 58

Sunday 22 nd August	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am Holy Communion [BCP]	Ephesians 6: 10 - 20; John 6: 56 - 69
10.30am Holy Communion [CW] with prayer for healing and wh	Ephesians 6: 10 - 20; John 6: 56 - 69 Noleness
Sunday 29 th August	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am	James 1: 17 - 27; Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 - 23
Holy Communion [BCP]	Mark 7. 1 - 0, 14 - 15, 21 - 25
10.30am	James 1: 17 - 27;
	Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 - 23

THANK YOU

At this time of year a big "Thank you" must be said to all those who contribute to, sort and deliver the magazine on a monthly basis. Thank you, too, to Ardingly College who print the magazine for us



each month and to Ann Phillipson who very kindly proof reads the copy. Without you all it wouldn't happen! Thank you so much.

I hope you will have a good break during the summer, before preparation for the September magazine begins again in August. If you'd like to contribute anything please send it to me by noon on Friday 20th August (emails4sue@gmail.com). This will give me time to fit everything into the space available, ready for proof reading and printing.

Many thanks! Sue Laker

NOTICEBOARD for July/August

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 5th and 29th July in Hapstead Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. 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.



We are hoping to have a Cream Tea during the summer but need to wait until Covid restrictions permit. I will contact everyone if we are able to go ahead. Belinda (01444 892368)

AOJA BBQ UPDATE

Having had to postone our June BBQ we are still looking for a new date at the end of August / early September. More later. Steve Doerr

FUND-RAISING TEA PARTY

Jill O'Mant is planning to host a fund-raising tea party in August supporting the work of Breast Cancer Now charity:

The date is not yet confirmed, but I will advise details nearer the time via the church newsletter. I do hope you will be able to support me in raising funds for research and reaching out to anyone in need. More details can be found on www.breastcancernow.org Thank you in advance! Jill O'Mant

Please email me with any queries: jomant55@gmail.com

Children's Society boxes

Just to let you know, the total raised this year is £544.82. Thank you to all those who have so generously kept the boxes in your homes and collected for this worthy cause. Jean and Tony Jeffery

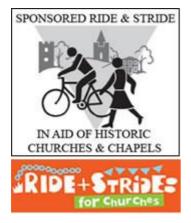
Plant Sale

A big thank you to everyone who supported the sale of plants that I had grown. We raised over £180 for church funds!

Jean Jeffery



Sussex Historic Churches Trust



Sponsored Ride and Stride 11th September 2021

This annual event enables us to help in raising money to preserve the historic places of worship across Sussex.

Plans still have to be finalised, but usually St Peter's is open all day to enable riders and walkers to visit the church while participating. Sponsor forms and lists of places open will be available soon for walkers and riders

who wish to participate in this annual event.

For information and forms please contact me on 01444 415317.

Jean Jeffery

Angels & Urchins

For babies, pre-school children and their carers Thursday mornings in school term time 0900-1100 at St Peter's Church Centre (front door) Booking is currently through Eventbrite Last pre-summer session is on 22nd July Start date for the new term: 9th September

CHURCH CENTRE SUMMER CLEAN

I am planning a working party to give the Church Centre a summer clean during the week of 9th August. I would much appreciate as many pairs of hands as possible to help! It will involve lots of dusting, cleaning and perhaps a bit of painting. Thank you! JILL VEASEY



"Let Go and Let God"

As children bring their broken toys, with tears for us to mend, I brought my broken dreams to God, because He was my friend. But then, instead of leaving Him in peace to work alone, I hung around and tried to help, with ways that were my own. At last, I snatched them back and cried, "How can you be so slow?" "My child," He said, "what could I do? You never did let go."

(author unknown)

News from Missionary Friends

A & B are still in Europe waiting for visas to return to South East Asia. They write:



The visa process has been very slow as the country continues to be careful because of Covid19 variants coming from outside. Still, we are hoping to go back this summer but trust in the Lord to open and close doors as He sees fit.

We are no longer on Home Assignment but are doing field-related work, teaching online and holding virtual meetings with current and incoming teammates, covering orientation, training and planning. It's a challenge as we are all in different time zones! But we praise God that we can make use of available technology for such meetings and we thank Him that we can get to know each other a bit more through these online sessions.

In the coming year we want to see national or local believers having a burden to share God's love with their local people group. We foreigners are limited in what we can do and where we can be. There are many committed national believers but very few are willing to live and serve the majority religion especially in the heartland, perhaps out of fear and lack of security (physical and financial).

In July one of us will be helping to facilitate online training in our host country's language. This will be the first time this kind of training has been done online.

We are expecting our children to come to Europe this summer. We decided that, all things considered, it would be best to stay here for the children's summer vacation, get our son settled here after finishing high school, and have our daughter spend her summer break outside the boarding home. It wasn't an easy decision to make and we still don't know if her host country will let her in before school starts. Please pray that she can go back at the beginning of August. These will be major transitions for both children.

NEWS FROM NEPAL

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Nepal. We sincerely hope that you are well by His grace. You are in our prayers and thoughts. We would like to ask you to pray for Nepal as the situation is as bad as India but Nepal doesn't get the international media



attention. We are in a 2nd wave which is more brutal than the first one and also another lockdown.

As a family, we all are well, but one of my relatives, who is also the pastor in another church, got severe Covid and is in hospital. Please pray for him. His name is Gyan, in his 50s. Our girls are attending online classes from home and most of the time they are around, which is a challenge for us (to entertain them etc).

Church services and other fellowship are online and via zoom. We are making some plans to help needy people as Covid and lockdown makes their situation desperate.

The health system in Nepal is facing a great challenge. Everyday thousands test positive and a few dozen are dying. Hospital beds are full and the shortage of oxygen has cost many lives already. Most of the doctors and nurses got infected and they are overworked. We thank God for them. Nepal has suspended all domestic and International flights too. Over a million people are out of work now. In humans term we don't see much solution but we trust and believe that our God is all Powerful and He can defeat this virus, we pray.

Despite all this negative news we still have some good news - our niece had a little daughter last month. Also we could purchase a new house and we were going to move next month but this lockdown caused that to be delayed. We are ready to move though. You can guess how stressful it is to move house. But in this lockdown we must do some packing. It is time to give away our old stuff.

We also thank God for 7 people who were baptised in the last week before the lockdown started.

Once again we beg your prayers for us/Nepal.

God bless, Milan and Shusma

A British man leaves £100,000 in his will to train pastors in China

Many charities and churches depend on legacies for a large part of their income. Here is a true story from the Bible Society.

"Ian wrote the final chapter in his life before he passed away recently. After taking care of his friends, he left around $\pm 100,000$ in his will to train pastors in China.

China faces an acute shortage of pastors, with an estimated one trained leader for every 6,700 Christians. It's estimated that about one million people come to faith every year in China, and the scarcity of leadership means that many Christians have little or no guidance or pastoral care.

Ian's gift covered the short-term training costs in biblical studies for 90 preachers, sponsored 3 guest lecturers in the seminary and sponsored 3 research students' overseas study. One seminary teacher can impact 100 students, and each student that becomes a pastor can provide pastoral care and Bible teaching to an average of 800 believers. So even though Ian has gone to glory, the impact of his generosity will be felt in China for many generations to come."

News from St Peter's C.E. Primary School

It's really exciting being back at school now with so much going on! Across the school, all the children have been learning about 'Marvellous Me', studying the human body. This has been covered many areas of the curriculum, including art. The children have been able to paint their own self portraits and produce sculpture, all of which will be exhibited in our very own art exhibition at the beginning of July.



Developing skills is never boring when the children are given the



opportunity to do this via practising circus skills! At the beginning of June, we had a visit from Matt, of Splats Circus, who spent the day at school, demonstrating to every class such skills as juggling, balancing and plate spinning. All the children had the opportunity to try out these skills - perhaps it would be best not to practise plate spinning at home though...!

We are very fortunate to have such a lovely location as Wakehurst Place close at hand and the school often takes advantage of its proximity and visits are arranged. This term, Cuckoo class were able

to go along and extend their knowledge about plants. Their guide, Jojo, led them through the gardens, giving them lots of interesting facts and then helping them plant seeds. The children spent a lovely morning learning about bees, pollination, trees, flowers - and rounded off the morning with a picnic lunch.



Our last grounds day was almost 2 years ago, thanks to COVID, and the allotment next to the school and the areas inside the school grounds are definitely in need of a facelift! If there are any keen (or even not-so-keen!) gardeners out there who have an hour to spare on the morning of 3rd July, we are planning a grounds day to get everything looking spick and span again. Please contact the school office for more details.

With our Festival of Sports day (when our pupils get the opportunity to try out a range of different sports) and School Sports day on the horizon, as well as Y5/6 school visit to Lodgehill, we have lots still to do before the end of term. More busy days ahead!

Kathy James



"Times they are a changing."

We Hope !

Ardingly Evening Village WI has played a central role in village life since 1924, bringing together women from all walks of life and ages, creating friendships and community.

We are aiming to meet face to face on August 19^{th} at 7.30 in Hapstead Hall.

Our speaker will be Louise Peskett who will talk about some of the "History Women of Brighton" and Sussex, who have shaped our times.

We would like to invite you to join us for this talk about these "Inspirational Women".

We are a light-hearted, friendly group of ladies.

Tea /Coffee and biscuits will be served after the speaker.

Preschool news!

The children of Preschool are busy enjoying this final half term before the long summer holidays. The older children are looking forward to their next adventures, some of the children have been with us for almost 3 years and we will be sad to see them go and we wish them much happiness in their future schooling.

All the children have enjoyed the sunnier weather and have been making the most of being outside, we are enjoying seeing the seeds we planted back in March turn into flowering plants and looking after them. We're also loving playing football, racing around the playground on bikes and taking turns on the obstacle course.

We were finally able to have local photographer, Alex Rickard in to take updated photos for our website and there are some lovely pictures of the children enjoying themselves in the gallery. Please do take a look!



We have a few spaces available for September, so do get in touch if you would like to find out more or arrange a visit.



St Peter's Pre-School and Toddler Group St Peter's Church Centre, Street Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UN Charity Number 1022794 registered in England & Wales Tel: 07969 890907 http://www.st-peters-preschool-ardingly.org/



Ardingly Parish Council

The Parish Council has continued to meet virtually, using Microsoft Teams. Although this has some limitations, the council looked at the option of restarting face-to-face meetings and felt that it could not guarantee a COVID- secure environment. A decision will be made prior to the July meeting as to whether this will be a face-to-face or virtual meeting.

The issue of the potential housing development on part of the showground has remained on the agenda. Members of the council attended the hearing convened by the Planning Inspector and gave evidence to the inspector. The inspector carried out a site visit following the hearing and we await the outcome and inspector's decision.

The work on the pavilion continues and phase one, urgent repair work, will be underway in the near future. This is with a view to opening the pavilion as soon as possible and when COVID restrictions permit. It is anticipated that the more extensive refurbishment of the building will commence later this year. The Council has awarded a contract for village maintenance to a company based in the village. This is designed to ensure that general repair issues will be picked up and carried out and the day-to-day 'wear and tear' of the village will be addressed.



AROUND THE VILLAGE

Mind your heads!

On 7th June many people thought that this hot air balloon was going to land in the field behind Ardings Close – it was descending fast as it passed over the South of the village! It was low enough for us to see people waving at us and it did pass very close to the top of the ancient trees behind Ardings Close. However, the pilot managed to keep it in the air until it



finally found a suitable landing place in Highbrook.

South of England Show

Normally volunteers from St Peter's Church help to staff the Salvation Army tea van at the South of England Show, but this year that wasn't possible due to Covid restrictions. Instead, volunteers helped out in the 'Lost Persons' tent. Happily they were not very busy!

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY:

Little Johnny asks the teacher, "Mrs Roberts, can I be punished for something I haven't done?"



Mrs Roberts is shocked, "Of course not, Johnny, that would be very unfair."

Little Johnny is relieved. "Okay, Mrs Roberts, good to know. By the way, I didn't do my homework last night."



The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with very limited memory. Just 1 byte and everything crashed.



...l've moved with the times - I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone...

FSW News

The last month has been a hive of activity at FSW! With our staff and our families getting used to being able to meet again, we have been able to provide face-to-face support in our families' homes for the first



time in almost a year. This has been invaluable, particularly for complex cases where a phone call or Skype chat can't provide all the necessary support.

Our practitioner team now comprises 15 members of staff and covers 80% of Sussex. We are delighted to be operating in some totally new areas as well as being back in areas where we have not had a presence for some time.

We have also been very happy to organise events for our families. Families from Bognor, Crawley, Rustington and Worthing attended a fun day at Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation recently, which enabled them to meet together, get active and enjoy the glorious sunshine.

Our events calendar continues to be very busy and we are welcoming registrations for our Amberley-Arundel sponsored walk on Thursday 12 August. Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by email to fundraising@familysupp ortwork.org.uk or by calling the office on 01273 832963.



Thank you for your continued practical support and your prayers as our work grows even more vital.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

(Anyone wishing to donate tins or packets of food can leave these in church for Caroline to collect)

Parish Register

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

This world. Your creation -Rolled into a sphere, Packaged in sunshine, Gift-wrapped in love, Given to us. Thank you. (by John Birch)

Flower Rota

Friday 9th July – Pam and Angela Friday 23rd July – Jean Friday 6th August - Ann Friday 20th August – Pat and Sheila

Meeting Point Rota

5th July : Adele and Diana 19th July: Jill, Alison and Deb

Brass Cleaning Rota

3rd July: Pam Dennis and Geoff Chittenden 28th August: Barbara and Mick Lucas



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). It is also possible to donate on our website. 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 weekday afternoons and evenings in homes (subject to Covid restrictions)

ANGELS & URCHINS: Thursdays 9-11.00 during term time. Booking is currently via Eventbrite. Contact Jill Veasey 892442.

PRAYER DIARY July 2021

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us" (1 John 5 v 14)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Chris Sutton and his interim work in Nuthurst & Mannings Heath
- 3 Our Churchwardens and Lay Readers, Nigel, John and Phil
- 4 May our worship inspire and equip us to serve God better
- 5 Pray for lasting peace in the Middle East
- 6 The Coronavirus situation and distribution of vaccinations
- 7 Our Prime Minister & Government, facing difficult decisions daily
- 8 MSDC elections today. Pray for all candidates and the outcome
- 9 Our Parish Council and all who serve on it
- 10 Couples preparing to get married this summer
- 11 Pray that God's presence would be known as we worship today
- 12 The NHS and its staff, trying to clear backlogs
- 13 Migrants crossing the channel: their care and their future
- 14 Those suffering from long Covid and other long-term illnesses
- 15 Belinda MacLean and the children that IMARA sponsors
- 16 Milan and Shusma and the Anaandit Church in Nepal
- 17 Children who are leaving or changing schools this month
- **18** Praise God for Sundays and time to spend with God and those we love
- 19 The lifting of Covid restrictions, due today
- 20 Give thanks and pray for the green spaces we enjoy in Ardingly
- 21 Samara's Aid, supporting more and more widows and orphans
- 22 Praise God for sight and sound and music
- 23 All who run and use foodbanks
- 24 Counsellors and those suffering with poor mental health
- 25 Our services today and all who attend
- 26 Our Police Force, working in dangerous and difficult situations
- 27 Those who foster children and support them in crisis
- 28 Praise God for scientists & the technology we benefit from today
- 29 Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- 30 Businesses and individuals who have suffered from lockdowns
- 31 Praise God for prayers answered in the past month

The deadline for copy for the September magazine is Friday 20th August

PRAYER DIARY August 2021

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5 v 17-18)



- 1 Praise God for our Rector, church family and inspiring worship
- 2 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 3 Chris Sutton and his interim work in Nuthurst & Mannings Heath
- 4 The coronavirus situation at home and around the world
- 5 Safety and enjoyment for all those who are travelling this month
- 6 All who care for others, at home or in the Care Sector
- 7 The RNLI, Air Ambulance and other emergency services
- 8 May lives be transformed through our worship today
- 9 Refreshment for all teachers and lecturers on holiday this month
- 10 Children receiving O and A Level results/assessments this week
- 11 All around the world who have no food or home
- 12 The Queen and Royal Family
- 13 Belinda and the IMARA team. The students they sponsor
- 14 Summer camps & Adventure Centres the children & leaders
- ${\bf 15}$ May God's love and healing touch all in need today
- 16 All on the margins of society, both here and abroad
- 17 Tearfund, helping to change lives in practical ways
- 18 Give thanks for friends & family and pray for the lonely
- 19 Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith
- 20 All who do the flowers, clean and care for St Peter's
- 21 Street Pastors and the teams who patrol Beachy Head
- 22 May we grow in awareness of God's grace and mercy today
- 23 Charity and aid workers and all who volunteer
- 24 All who are housebound and those who support them
- 25 Ardingly Showground and plans for development there
- 26 Heather Johnston and the ladies of the Rehema Project, Tanzania
- 27 AOJA and its medical work in the Gambia
- 28 Our village schools and teachers, preparing for a new term
- 29 Our church services today and all who lead worship
- 30 Pray for new opportunities to share and live out God's love
- 31 Praise God for the blessings of the past month

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