

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

September 2021



Need a helping hand?

Serving the community in simple ways
If you have a problem there are people willing to help



AT YOUR SERVICE

Call 892442 or 892307

A community project managed by St Peter's Church

Visit our web site www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

50p



St Peter's Church, Ardingly

Who's Who at St Peter's

Rector	Revd John Crutchley	892332
Associate Priest	Revd Chris Sutton	07903 068366
Readers	John Witherington Philip Kelly	892277 892540
Wardens	Nigel Cheater John Witherington	892769 892277
Secretary to the PCC	Jane Taylor Cheater	892769
Treasurer	Jean Jeffery	415317
Organist	Jill Veasey	892442
Safeguarding Coordinator	Caroline Steer	892108
Church Centre Manager	Jill Veasey	892442
Church Centre Bookings	Carol Grossman	416707
Magazine Editor	Sue Laker	892117
Pastoral Care Authorised	Kathy James	891047
Lay Ministers	Sue Laker	892117

SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

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

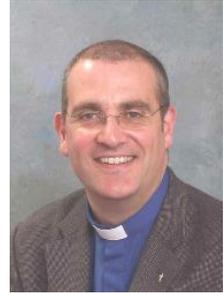
**The church is also open on Sundays and on Thursdays
from 10am to 5pm for private prayer**

See the following pages for full details of all this month's services

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Thomas Merton, the American Catholic writer, Trappist monk and theologian says *"Our real journey in life is interior. It is a matter of growth, deepening, and of an ever-greater surrender to the creative action of love and grace in our hearts, that is Jesus Christ."* And that surrender is, I believe, begun through prayer



and as we find space and time to surrender to God in prayer. Because prayer is an invitation to *'listen with the ear of your heart'* as St Benedict writes in his rule.

Prayer is an invitation to listen so as to widen our vision such that we begin to see as God sees, to love all that God has created and to view life's situations as God does. To this end St. Benedict required all who followed his rule to pray seven times each day [*"Seven times a day I praise you"* Psalm 119: 164] reminding them of the need to set aside their own preoccupations so as to give the necessary time and space to be present to God and to be led more deeply into a relationship with God, through Jesus. For St. Benedict as for Thomas Merton, God's intervention in this world through Jesus Christ is an absolute reality that permeated not merely their view of the world but also their entire existence, right down to their very nerve ends. And it did so twenty-four hours a day.

This is the recognition that God in Christ has given us everything that we seek for and everything that we long for. We don't have to rush after it, or struggle for it. It's there all the time. All we need to do is give it time in prayer, regularly each day and throughout the day, and it will make itself known to us – or rather he will, Jesus Christ. Not in some airy-fairy mystical way, but in the midst of ordinary life, calling us to be the people God made us to be and reminding us that we are totally loved and secure in this wonderful and yet so often dangerous and difficult world.

Such prayer of course requires our co-operation, our willingness, and our perseverance. It frequently requires struggle and sacrifice as well. But without any doubt, the more that we learn how to pray in this way, the more we will become sensitive to the Spirit at work in our hearts and so in turn, the more we will come to know the true love of God for all humankind, from which grows the love of humankind for God and for one another.

With my prayers and best wishes



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, including our own church at St Peter's.

St Peter's will be open all day to enable riders and walkers to visit the church while participating. If you are a walker or rider and would like to take part in this event there are forms in church. Sponsorship forms are also available for those who would be able to help by manning the church and welcoming visitors. If anyone would like to

participate but is unable to collect a form from church [at the moment it is only open on Thursdays and Sundays] please let me know.

I can print off lists of the churches open, if needed, and more information can be found at www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

Jean Jeffery (01444 415317)

Services for September 2021

Sunday 5th September

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

6.30pm

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

The 14th Sunday after Trinity

James 2: 1-10; Mark 7: 2-37

James 2: 1-10; Mark 7: 24-37

Open to God

Sunday 12th September

9.00am

Morning Prayer [BCP]

10.30am

Morning Praise

The 15th Sunday after Trinity

James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38

James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38

Sunday 19th September

9.00am

Morning Prayer

10.30am

Morning Praise

The 16th Sunday after Trinity

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a;
Mark 9: 30-37

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a;
Mark 9: 30-37

Sunday 26th September

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

“GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK” Service
An open-air service of celebration and praise at the end of the 'Great Big Green Week', to be held on the Recreation Ground, Ardingly

The 17th Sunday after Trinity

James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50

Notices for September

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 6th and 20th September in Hapstead Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.
Belinda (01444 892368)



Ardingly History Society

14th September at 7.45
AGM in Hapstead Hall
followed by a talk at 7.45 given by
Helen Poole
on "Lewes Priory"

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

A series of events will be taking place in Ardingly as part of the 'Great Big Green Week', organised by the Climate Coalition, from 18th to 26th September. It is a nationwide celebration of action on Climate Change and the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK. Some of the organisations taking part are the National Trust, RSPB, WWF, Fairtrade and WI, but everyone is invited! A provisional schedule of all the events planned for Ardingly can be found on pages 10-12. More information will be published on posters around the village in the next few weeks.

Printing Problem

My apologies for the blank pages in the July/August magazine. 2 pages stuck together and that threw out all of the rest of the pages.
Editor



Angels and Urchins

Our Baby and Toddler Group continued to be well supported during the Summer Term and our young members have enjoyed playing, making new friends, summer-themed craft activities, songs and stories and of course snack time. Accompanying parents, grandparents and carers have also enjoyed a drink and a biscuit and the chance to get together for company and a chat or to share tips and ideas.

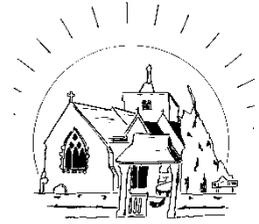
The end of the Summer Term is when we have to say goodbye to our oldest Angels as they prepare to start school in September. It has been our pleasure to watch these children grow from babies to toddlers into confident pre-schoolers and we wish them well in their new schools.

Our Autumn Term sessions will start again on Thursday 9th September at the Church Centre from 9 until 11am.

We are looking for volunteers to join our friendly team of helpers to continue to make this valuable group such a success. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Thursday morning (even if it is just the occasional Thursday) and are interested in helping, we would love to hear from you. More information is available from Jill Veasey or email secretary@ardinglychurch.net



Wardens' Words



As life around us begins to return to something approaching normality, at St. Peter's we are, nevertheless, being cautious about resuming our customary routines and practices of 18 months ago. This approach may be regarded by some perhaps as being over-protective, but not only is Covid-19 still very much in evidence and affecting even those who have been double-vaccinated, but many of our own congregation are themselves hesitant about returning to the usual social interactions in church.

For these reasons we want to give any who wish to come to church as much reassurance as possible that they can worship in a safe environment, recognising at the same time that others will wish to continue worshipping at the 10.30 service via Zoom. So we would like to encourage you to continue wearing a mask in church and maintaining a degree of social distancing. We will continue to clean between services, and leave the church open on Thursdays and Sundays for private prayer.



With the reintroduction of Holy Communion in both kinds, you have the option to continue to take the bread only. If you wish to take the wine, the minister will bring the cup to your lips. Please do not try to take hold of the chalice or dip your wafer into the wine. It is hard to hold back from singing loud our praise to God, but turning our volume down will reduce the risk of airborne infection. As we review the situation every few weeks, we hope to be gradually returning to normality but in the meantime we thank you for your patience and understanding.

The summer has seen much activity: Angels and Urchins had two holiday sessions; the Centre has had a major clean indoors and out and it was a pleasure presenting Jill Veasey with a gift and flowers in your behalf for all the work she carried out for that occasion and for her diligence in the role of Centre Manager. The roof above the kitchenette has now been repaired to prevent further damp and

mould appearing. Gutters have also been repaired (thanks to Malcolm) and debris from behind the old toilet block cleared (thanks to Steve and Glynis).

We owe much to the energetic involvement of Parish Councillor Kathy James for renewed road markings and a smart bollard outside the church; these should diminish the likelihood of the lych gate roof being hit again. A generous donor has enabled the construction of a new gate between the churchyard and the Rectory. The Rectory hedges have had a long overdue cut and further cutting back on the West side of the churchyard is due in mid-October, thanks to the generosity of our neighbours Jim Sloane and Sarah Chapman.

Our architect has been drawing up specifications for additional work on the tower while the West window is repaired and, following a visit from Simon Adams of John Taylor & Co., the bell foundry, specifications for the improvement of access through the belfry will enable safe access to the tower parapet. Once all the specifications relating to the tower have been completed, probably by the end of September, they can be put out to tender. This will give us some idea of the funds we shall need for the work on the tower to be completed and enable us to apply to the Diocese for Faculties.

Preparations are also in hand for the Big Green Week in mid-September which will include a biodiversity survey of the graveyard. Apparently, this was last done about twenty years ago but we can find no evidence of the results anywhere amongst our archives. If anyone can remember this happening or where a record of it might be found, please get in touch!

Even with so much happening, we have not forgotten our purpose: to live for Christ and advance the gospel. To this end, a small group has met to begin to refresh our Mission Action Plan. This is not the work of a few but ultimately a calling to the whole church. Please, above all else, remember this in your prayers and ask God for his guidance and provision as we seek to make Jesus known to our community.

Nigel and John

News from Nepal

Greetings!!! We are so glad to send you this e-mail with the news that we are well by His grace.



What a year it has been! Since the 2nd variant of Covid19 hit Nepal in April/May our lives have again been very different. Almost 7 weeks of lockdown crippled the nation. Only limited movements were allowed to buy groceries. The shortage of oxygen brought a nightmare scenario and not having enough beds and ventilators in the hospitals made the situation totally chaotic and hopeless. And on the top of that the monsoon season has been another enemy which caused more than two dozen folks to go missing; over a dozen died and hundreds became homeless in the different parts of Nepal.

We celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary and Shusma started to drive so there is now another driver in the family. Hopefully next month we may move to our own house, which we all are looking forward to. So much to move and to get rid of! Wisdom, Lord !!!



Oxygen delivery in remote areas

God led us to do 2 things during this pandemic: Firstly we started to pray every evening. Praise God, now the lockdown is eased, vehicles are allowed to run and some businesses are open on alternate days. Now oxygen is available and Covid wards have fewer patients. Infection rates are below 2,000 daily and daily death rates are low. So far Nepal has received around 4 million doses of vaccines from India and China, we are waiting and praying for more to come.

Secondly, God led us to provide for the hungry. After a couple of weeks of lockdown several families needed food,

especially those working for daily wages and as labourers. Our church purchased 25 sacks of rice, pulses and oil (and more as needs increased) to give to anyone who might need these locally. We also started to provide wherever the request came from, and where people needed food. We praise God. Around 233 families have received sacks of rice and some also received pulses through the Aanandit Charity Centre.

We are so glad to help locally as well as outside Kathmandu - to the North, South and Far-west of Nepal and very remote parts of Karnali Region. We give glory to God alone for making this happen. We sincerely thank all our prayer partners for your prayers and generosity. Because of these we are here today.

We are still not sure when we can use the church building again as a congregation. But we are blessed by zoom and other media which we use widely for our weekly fellowship, prayers, training etc.

We know you have been praying for us and we felt that too. We need more prayers for strength in our body, peace in our mind and rest in our spirit. Thank you once again for your kind care, fervent prayers and love for us. You are always in our hearts and thoughts. May God bless you very richly. Milan and Shusma

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who helped to dust, Hoover, clean, polish and generally give the Centre a summer clean in August, not to mention clearing out drains, painting, weeding and cutting back hedges. It looks and smells a lot fresher!

If I receive a bunch of flowers and bottle of wine every time I organise this I shall be asking you more often!!
Jill Veasey



My third major eye operation didn't quite go to plan and once again I found myself with a detached retina and having to spend a week lying on my left side. I was only allowed up for 10 minutes in every hour! I am immensely grateful to my friends at St Peter's, who prepared meals for me, washed up and did countless other things that I couldn't do. Truly God's love in action! A big 'thank you', too, to everyone who sent cards and other messages.
Sue Laker

**PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE BIG GREEN WEEK 18th-26th
September**

Activity	Description	Date/time	Location
Regenerative Farming with the Garden Army	The tours aim to educate people on where their food comes from and the importance of our soil. As well as a bit about the history of farming the green revolution and how we got ourselves into a climate mess. But also how we can get ourselves out of it.	Saturday 25 th 10.00 and 14.00	Chiddingly
Gardeners' Question Time	A panel of local experts ready to answer all your gardening questions	Monday 20 th 18.30	Priceholme
Allotments Open Day and Produce Sale	Visit the village allotments, see what they produce, how it operates and get the chance to buy some low mileage produce and swap some seeds	Saturday 18 th 10.00-15.00	Village allotments, Reservoir Road
Scarecrow Making with the Safer Streets team	Get ready for the scarecrow festival at the beginning of October; help and guidance in how to build your scarecrow	Saturday 18 th 14.00	Hapstead Hall
Recycling with the climate action group	Learn about the ins and outs of recycling from WSCC's Waste Prevention Adviser, Colin McFarlin. Bring along small household items that can't go in the blue bin and we'll deliver them to local charities	Saturday 18 th Saturday 25 th 14.00	Outside the British Legion

Village walk	Highbrook and Lywood - Enjoy a walk round this area, learning about its history as well as its flora and fauna	Monday 20 th 09.30	Village car park
Village walk	Viaduct, River Ouse and Church Lane- Enjoy a walk round this area, learning about its history as well as its flora and fauna	Tuesday 21 st 09.30	Village car park
Bio diversity study	Open to children from the College and St Peters	Wednesday 22 nd All day	Graveyard and St Peters
Village tidy up with the WI	Help tidy the village up	tbc	Hapstead Hall
Foraging and picnic with Kelmsey Catering	Learn what you can forage for in our hedgerows and then cook up a picnic	Wednesday 22 nd 10.00	Blue Gate on the showground
Open air service with St Peters	Join the congregation for an open air service	Sunday 26 th 10.30	Recreation Ground
Green energy for your homes – with Fairer World Lindfield	Nick Owens, an Energy Expert from HKD Transition, will be giving a Zoom talk on improving the energy efficiency in your home. He will be providing information on retrofitting your house, what to consider when thinking about installing renewable energy, and practical tips on how to reduce your energy bills.	Thursday 23 rd 19.30	Zoom
Sustainable Living Guide – with Fairer World Lindfield	Special Guest Author, Jen Gale, speaks and answers questions about her book "How to be	Friday 24 th 19.30	Zoom

	<i>Sustainable(ish) by making small changes that make a big difference".</i> Jen has appeared on TV and radio and is brilliant at delivering the message with an encouraging tone, personal storytelling and humour.		
Ardingly College solar car	Just back from its UK tour, come and see the car and also get to meet the team who built it	Saturday 25 th 14.00	Village car park
Wakehurst	Free entry to this national gem for all Ardingly residents. For these dates and for 2 weeks after this they will be offering membership to anyone living in Ardingly for a 25% discount.	Thursday 23 rd to the 26 th During opening hours	Wakehurst
Local archives	Visit the History Society and see their records about gardening and agriculture through the ages	Tuesday 21 st 10.00-12.00	Hapstead Hall
Bird watching	Join Nick and learn about the birds that live in the village	Monday 20 th 09.00-11.30	Meet in front of the British Legion
Pickeridge Farm	Visit one of our local farms trying to minimise its impact on the environment and see its rare breeds	Sunday 19 th 15.00	Meet at the Farm

More information about meeting times and places and how to book will be published around the village over the next few weeks.

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2021



Link to Hope is celebrating 30 years in 2021 and once again we will be supporting the Shoebox Appeal this Autumn. In 2020, despite the pandemic, 20,768 shoeboxes were sent to Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine. People were shocked to receive a shoebox as they really didn't think they would

receive anything given the Covid situation. There were lots of tears as well as smiles!

FAMILY SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are asked to fill a Shoebox either for a family or an older person. The Family Shoeboxes of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.



A shoebox for a family means that everyone receives a gift. There is a list of items that we are asked to put in – something suitable for all family members - and includes items such as small family games, shower gel/shampoo, stationary items, gifts for mum and dad and sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc.

ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Because many elderly people are now being left alone while their families work away from home, shoeboxes are also needed for them. The contents are similar but the children's games and education materials are replaced with things like a wind up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc.

If you can help, please contact Sue Laker (892117) for information and/or a form (to be attached to your shoebox). Boxes need to be ready by the end of October please. Thank you!

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION

HEALTH CENTRE - THE GAMBIA

August 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.

A covid vaccination programme is now being rolled out in The Gambia and Musa proudly informed us that he is about to have his second jab!

Cherno, our new administrator, continues to streamline and bring clarity to the health centre's management systems. It was good to be able to respond to his request for an early payment of July salaries so that our staff could buy the special food to celebrate Eid. A reminder that, apart from the Centre's health care provision to the community, our work underpins the daily needs of our forty-five staff and their families.

With schools in The Gambia starting their new academic year we are already responding to requests for the first term's fees. Secondary education can continue up to age 20, particularly for those students who struggle. We continue to strive to ensure that our school leavers have access to the employment market, limited though it is.

Our thanks to all our individual sponsors for their steadfastness, especially during a period in which many charities have found it difficult to continue their normal operations.

We look forward to visiting The Gambia OJHC as soon as is feasible to give both our hands on support and initiate the next phase of renewal.

We were sorry that plans for this year's BBQ, provisionally set for Saturday 19th June, had to be abandoned. With Covid restrictions only now being officially lifted, we are still looking at other possibilities but at the moment the essential 'paddock parking' would be 'paddock sinking'!

With our gratitude to all at St. Peter's,
Steve, on behalf of all the AOJA committee
stephendoerr@gmail .com



Meeting Point Outing and Cream Tea in August

A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all who went to Wych Cross Garden Centre to look around and enjoy tea and cake in the company of village friends! Here are some pictures taken on the day:



St Peter's C.E. School

It has been a strange year for all of us, and not least for the pupils and staff of St Peter's. However, despite so many things that could have got in the way, we managed to have a wonderful end to the academic year.



We are fortunate to be situated in glorious Sussex and close to Wakehurst Place. Our close links mean that we have lots of involvement with Wakehurst and manage to visit the site on a regular basis.



As well as visits to Wakehurst and the seed bank there, our pupils have been involved with Ardingly Cricket Club. Cricket coaching provided by the club has been well attended and concluded with a thrilling game against Lindfield under 9s. Coaching continued over the summer break, making sure that our aspiring cricketers had the opportunity to hone their skills!

Our pupils in KS2 have been competing against pupils in over 80 other schools in a competition organised by Natural Curriculum. Over 1700 pieces of creative writing were submitted from all the schools and we were delighted that the work produced by our year 4 pupils was chosen as the winning entry for all year 4 entries! Well done, Robin Class!



As we arrived at the end of the year, we joined together for our end of year service. This year, we held this outdoors in glorious sunshine and were able to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils in true St Peter's style! Now the school community has a chance to rest and recharge, ready for a new start in September.

We will be appointing two new governors for the school so, if you are interested in education and making sure that our children receive the best possible learning experience in a caring environment, why not think about applying? Please contact the Chair of Governors, Kathryn James, for more details. Email address kjames@st-peters.school Mobile number 07703 295081

FSW August 2021 update

Dear Friends,

The summer holidays are now in full swing and we are so pleased that we have been able to organise some activities for our families, who have been desperate for a change of scenery after all these months in lockdown.



We have had a day at Arundel Castle Cricket club, which included forest school and meditation and was greatly enjoyed by both parents and children. There have also been trips to the beach, circus visits as well as individual family outings for those who cannot cope with large groups.

Our foodbank is in greater need during these holiday weeks as we try to provide food which is normally given through free school meals, and we would like to thank all those who have been collecting for us.

We held our first staff day in the middle of July, which was the first time for 2 years that the whole staff team were able to see each other in person and catch up on each other's news. It was wonderful to share stories, and we were delighted to have been joined by the outgoing Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Sir Peter Field.

We are looking forward to our sponsored walk from Amberley to Arundel, our first mass participation event for such a long time.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers as we look ahead to September and the recommencement of a more 'normal' working pattern.

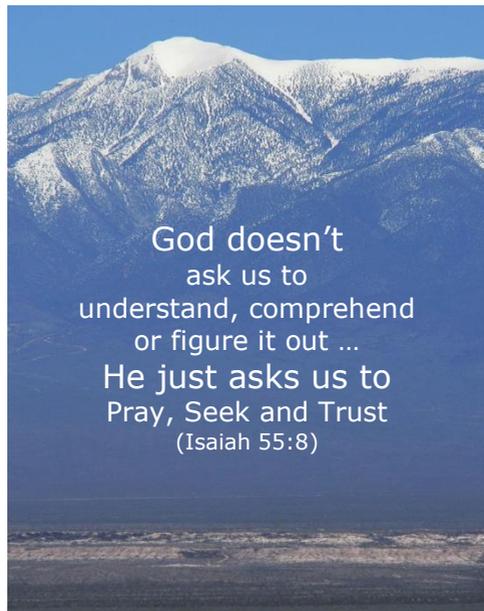
Nikki Kerr MCIOF
Director of Fundraising and Marketing

NEWS from the W.I.

Ardingly Evening W.I met for the first official meeting on August 19th. (A lifetime since we last met on February 20th 2020, the day before my now 18 month old grandson was born!!) Our speaker for the evening had to cancel as she had been in contact with a positive Covid case. Although she had tested negative it would have been irresponsible to have her travel on public transport to join us in the hall. So alas we will postpone for a later date.

However, after a quick meeting members present sat and caught up with all that has happened to them in the last 18 months. We shared sad news of a bereavement and happy news of a member's wedding and 3 great grandchildren and 3 grandchildren. Despite all that has happened the cycle of life goes on.

W.I. is hoping to be involved in the "Big Green Week". One of the W.I. early Resolutions back in 1954 led to the formation of the "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign. I am hoping that at our next meeting in September we will form a group to litter pick on Sunday September 26th. We will welcome others to help on that day and will meet in the car park at 11 O'clock. Deb Ruse





Ardingly Parish Council

Parish Council returning to “Normal”

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that the Parish Surgeries will be reopening from Tuesday the 7th September 2021 in the Reading Room, Hapstead Hall and will continue as per Pre Covid every Tuesday between 10am and 12pm.

The Parish Council respectfully asks that any residents attending the surgery wear masks (unless medically exempt) and observe social distancing to ensure the safety of its staff and members of the public.

The decision on when Parish Council Meetings will return to “Face to Face” will be considered at the September Parish Council Meeting (which will be held remotely) on the 14th September 2021 at 7pm.

Parish Council Autumn Projects

Pavilion Refurbishment

All Phase1 refurbishments have now been completed and the Pavilion Working Party is working closely with the Architect to create the Tender Specification required for the next phase of works.

Traffic

Councillor Lydia Davis, the Lead Councillor for the Traffic Working Party, is working closely with representatives from WSCC Highways to identify improvements that can be made within the village to increase Road Safety, focusing on Traffic Calming.

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY



A year 6 teacher posed the following problem to one of her arithmetic classes:

"A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million pounds. One-fifth is to go to his wife, one-fifth is to go to his son, one-sixth to his gardener, and the rest to charity. Now, what does each get?"

After a very long silence in the classroom, one boy raised his hand and with complete sincerity in his voice, answered, "A lawyer!"

The salesman at the furniture store told me, "This sofa will seat 5 people without any problems."



I said, "And just where am I going to find 5 people without any problems???"



After breakfast one day, I eagerly waited for my husband to comment on my first attempt at homemade cinnamon rolls.

After several minutes with no reaction, I asked, "If I baked these commercially, how much do you think I could get for one of them?"

Without looking up from his newspaper my husband replied, "About 10 years."



AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS!

Margaret Dale has been awarded the Order of St Richard by the Bishop of Chichester. This is an annual award for 40 lay people within the Diocese who have made exceptional contributions to their church/community. An award ceremony is planned for 9th October in Chichester Cathedral. Well done Margaret, and many congratulations!



THANK YOU to the ACTS team

What a lovely surprise the single seniors in our village had during Wimbledon week, when a knock at the door revealed a member of the ACTS team bearing a delicious cream tea of scones and jam, accompanied by a card drawn by a pupil at St Peter's Primary! It really did lift everyone's spirits!

ACCIDENT AT THE COLLEGE

Our hearts go out to the children and adults affected by the accident at Ardingly College in August when 5 children and an adult were knocked down by a car. Reports say that injuries were not life-threatening, which we must give thanks for.

CHURCH LYCHGATE

The lychgate at the church has now been accidentally damaged by high sided vehicles at least 4 times in recent years. It is listed, so it requires specialist repair each time. Now, hopefully, there is less likelihood of it being damaged again thanks to a new bollard which has been placed in the road by West Sussex Council Council. Thanks go to Parish Councillor Kathy James and the Churchwardens for (hopefully!) resolving the problem.



Parish Register

Rowan Michael Cooper of Langmore Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex was baptised at St. Peter's on Sunday 4th July 2021.

Elliot James Chandler of Langley Lane, Ifield, Crawley and Lily India Grace Ephgrave of Bentswood Road, Haywards Heath were married at St. Peter's on Saturday 31st July 2021.

Heavenly Father,

You hold us in the palm of your hand.

You watch over us wherever we go.

You are our shepherd, and protector.

You are behind us and before us.

You journey with us.

Today we put our trust in you as we travel.

Amen.

Flower Rota

Friday 3rd September: Belinda

Friday 17th September: Pam and Angela

Meeting Point Rota

September 6th : Lyn and Belinda

September 20th: Adele and Diana

Brass Cleaning Rota

25th September: Deb and George Ruse



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*.

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

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: At St Peter's Centre on Thursdays, 9-11.00 during term time. Contact Jill Veasey 892442.

PRAYER DIARY SEPTEMBER 2021



"Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge"
(Psalm 62 v 8)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Chris Sutton and his ministry in Nuthurst & Mannings Heath
- 3 World peace, especially in Afghanistan and surrounding area
- 4 Migrants crossing the Channel and those who receive them
- 5** Church services today: pray for growth, in every way
- 6 Those for whom everything is new as schools & universities re-open
- 7 Our village community, especially families who have recently moved here
- 8 Bambi & Andreas and family. Their son beginning school in Europe
- 9 All those who are in need of healing or comfort today
- 10 The media and all who work in it
- 11 Historic Churches Ride & Stride today. All who participate
- 12** Church services today: pray for renewal and blessing
- 13 Our church wardens and Readers, Nigel, John and Phil
- 14 All who are in financial difficulty. Organisations like CAP who help
- 15 Foodbank volunteers and those who need their help
- 16 CMS – Heather Johnstone and her work in Tanzania
- 17 Police Officers, fighting drugs & crime, often under great pressure
- 18 Great Big Green Week starting today. Our care for the environment
- 19** Pray that God's touch of healing & love may be evident in our churches today
- 20 Belinda MacLean and the children sponsored by IMARA
- 21 All who help to produce and distribute the parish magazine
- 22 Our NHS, coping with extra demands of vaccinations and backlogs
- 23 All church leaders and Bishops; Justin Wellby, Martin, Ruth and Will
- 24 Milan & Shusma and the work of the Anaandit Church in Nepal
- 25 The PCC meeting today and all who serve on it
- 26** Service on the Recreation Ground. All who lead and attend
- 27 All who are retiring this month, especially Caroline & Jill O'Mant
- 28 The coronavirus situation around the world & in this country
- 29 Tearfund, sharing the love of God in practical ways
- 30 Praise God for his love and faithfulness season by season

The deadline for copy for the October magazine is
Friday 17th September