

# *St. Peter's Ardingly*

## **Parish Magazine**

**November 2021**



**We will  
Remember  
Them**



## **St Peter's Church, Ardingly**

### **Who's Who at St Peter's**

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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 5pm for private prayer**

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

## RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,



The month of November is a month of remembrance. It is the moment when we stop, remain silent and take a moment to live in the light of remembrance. We do this as we remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country and in defence of the freedoms we enjoy today. But we do this too, when we remember with thanks all of those who have shared our lives, shaped our lives, but who are no longer with us.

Each year we hold a service of personal remembrance - a service known as a 'Commemoration of the Faithful Departed', to use the proper church title for such a service. For me, it is a moment to stop and to remember all of those we have loved and lost and who we see no more; to give thanks for all they have meant to us and to hear afresh of God's love and strength as we continue the journey of life without them. I know that it is a service that is valued and appreciated. However, for quite some time it has been in my mind that it may be helpful and welcome to many to hold this service in the graveyard of the church; a chance to be in the place where so many memories rest, to pray in that place in a solemn moment, but also, I hope, a time to focus on the hope of the resurrection, both theirs and ours and to give thanks for their love and faithful testimony.

So, this year our service to remember those we have loved and lost will be held in the graveyard. It will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm**. It will be quite short and as we have done previously, it will include a moment to name aloud those we want to remember. As I have said before, I know that for some this is difficult and that there will be others who cannot attend the service but who might still wish for their loved one to be remembered in this way. Either way, if you would like me to read out the name of someone dear to you and on your behalf, please let me know and I will be pleased to do so.

Arranging an outdoor service at the beginning of November brings with it the risk that the weather may force us to change our plans. But for now, those are our plans and I hope that you will join us to remember. All are very welcome.

Of course, we have some experience of holding an outdoor service for remembrance. Last year the covid restrictions forced us to move our **Annual service of Remembrance** to the Recreation Ground. That seemed to work so well that this year we have decided to do the same again. This year there will be a short service and **Act of Remembrance on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, beginning at **10.45**. Last year the sun was shining, and I hope (and pray!) that it will again this year. But whatever, it will be an opportunity for us as a community to gather together and to share our remembering.

Later, on the same day and at **5.30pm** there will be another Service of Remembrance in the church which will be an opportunity to see the wonderful, knitted poppies that will form such a marvellous backdrop for this whole season of remembrance. My most grateful thanks to all of those who have worked so hard to make this possible.

In the Old Testament the people of God, the Israelites, were forever being called by God to remember – to remember who they were and, where they had come from. But it was also a call to a future that could be different. When we remember we too need to have a vision for the future. As we read of it in the Book of Revelation, God's ultimate promise for us is that God will dwell with us, that there will be no more mourning, no more crying, no more pain – we will get out of our cycles of violence and war because all of that has been gathered up in Christ who has shown us a different way. That future starts with us now and in our honouring and remembering and as we seek to live in the light of it.

With my prayers and best wishes,





# Angels and Urchins

The new term is now well under way and our Angels and Urchins have been enjoying meeting new friends and having lots of fun, with participation at music time being especially enthusiastic! Our crafts this half term are Autumn themed with spiky hedgehogs and trees with autumnal coloured leaves being made. The children have also enjoyed making scarecrows for the village Scarecrow competition. The children hope that you enjoyed seeing their scarecrows displayed outside the Church Centre.



*Angels and Urchins is a group for Babies and Toddlers and their parents and carers and is a friendly group where young children can play, do craft activities, have a story, and enjoy a song whilst parents and carers can enjoy a drink and a biscuit, and good company. Angels and Urchins meet on Thursdays during term time at St. Peter's Church Centre from 9 to 11 am. Do come along and join us.*

## Services in November 2021

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**THE 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

9.00am HC [BCP]

Hebrews 9: 24 - 28; Mark 1: 14 - 20

10.30am

Hebrews 9: 24 - 28; Mark 1: 14 - 20

**Holy Communion [CW]**

**3.00pm**

**Open to God: "Remembering those we have loved and lost"**

**A Service to be held  
in the graveyard of  
St Peter's Church**

*We have already commended those we have loved and lost to God, but now we show our continuing love as we remember with gratitude the gift of their lives to us. This short act of worship and remembrance will be **held in the graveyard of the church** (weather permitting)*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY [The  
2nd Sunday before Advent]**

9.00am HC [BCP]

Isaiah 2: 2 - 5; John 15: 5 - 17

**10.45am**

**"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"**

*A short service and Act of Remembrance to be held on the Recreation Ground, Ardingly.*

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

**5.30pm**

**Open to God: A Service of Remembrance**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**CHRIST THE KING [The Sunday  
next before Advent]**

9.00am HC [BCP]

Revelation 1: 4b - 8; John 18: 33 - 37

10.30am

Revelation 1: 4b - 8; John 18: 33 - 37

**Holy Communion [CW]**

**with prayer for healing and wholeness**

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November      ADVENT SUNDAY**

9.00am HC [BCP]

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13; Luke 21: 25 - 36

10.30am

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### **Morning Praise**

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### **IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND**



Even the poorest families in Uganda will aim to have a special meal on Christmas Day. Last year I was deeply moved when I heard how the family of one of our blind scholars was forced to sell the chicken they planned to keep for Christmas because they had no money for the most basic requirements – paraffin for their lamps and soap. Last year we gave each of our scholars' families a hamper of goodies and I would like to do the same again.

Some friends and I are busy making crafts – wool felted animals, baby clothes, bags, cards etc. to raise money and give joy to our families after another difficult year. The crafts will be on sale towards the end of November and I will announce a definite date closer to the time.

Belinda 01444 892368



# Notices for November

## Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November in Hapstead Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you all.

Belinda (01444 892368)



## Ardingly History Society

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45

in Hapstead Hall

Rob Bonnett will be giving a talk on Sussex Windmills

All welcome



Pam and Trevor Newnham have moved. Their new address is:

27 The Welkin  
Lindfield RH16 2PH  
Tel 01444 483397

## HISTORIC CHURCHES Ride and Stride

Although there were no participants from St Peter's this year and we also had no visitors on the day, we managed to raise £150 (of which £75 will come back to St Peters) due to donations and a few sponsors of those manning the church. It was also a good opportunity to do some work around the outside of the church in weeding and cleaning up the paths etc. Jean Jeffery



## **Ardingly Choral Society Remembrance Concert**

In aid of the Royal British Legion and NHS Charities Together  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
7.30pm at St Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath  
Tickets not required. Donations invited

### **DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?**

Once again, we would like the Carol Service at St Peter's Church (6.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December) to be a truly village affair, and would like to invite any singers to join our choir for the occasion.



We will mostly be leading the congregation in singing well known carols, but also singing one or two items on our own. Practices will be at 7pm in church on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you'd like to be part of the choir please contact Jill Veasey (892442).

### **HAPPY RETIREMENT, CAROLINE!**

Caroline Steer has now retired from FSW and we wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Interviews for a replacement for Caroline are due to take place in November. Meanwhile we will continue to use the red box at the back of church to collect donations of food for FSW. We will also be having our usual collection of toys, gift cards and other gifts for FSW at the beginning of December. Wrapping paper and sellotape will also be appreciated. Thank you.

Deb Ruse

### **Link to Hope Shoeboxes**



If there is anyone who has not yet given me their shoeboxes, could I please have them by 1<sup>st</sup> November? Please let me know if you need them collected.

Many thanks! Sue Laker (892117)



## **IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND**

As Uganda gradually emerges from a second lockdown, schools remain closed at least until January. Most children have spent very little time in school in the past 18 months. At the present time no provision is being made by the government to enable home learning. This and other challenges have meant for me a time of learning to trust that a loving heavenly Father will continue to bless the work of our little charity and its children through these difficult times, just as he has always done.

A little while ago, when I was feeling particularly anxious for our visually impaired children and for the work we long to do to support the education of blind children - work that is at present on hold - I picked up a little book of meditations. I thumbed through the pages and these wonderful words of promise from Isaiah 42 stood out for me, "I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them... I WILL NOT FORSAKE THEM."

God is at work and our prayers are being answered. A lovely Christian widow was having a little bungalow built in her compound and she wished to let it. We needed a new office and a meeting place for the Imara scholars. The bungalow is ideal. There is room not just for the office but space for the little library of books we had started to collect for our scholars using donations that were given in memory of Joan Lewis whom many of you will remember. She was a librarian in her working life. Outside the new office there are trees under which the scholars can gather before being taken to their schools for the start of each term.

While our administrator, Kevin, was moving things into the office a friend she had not seen for many years turned up. Kevin was unaware until then that her friend was the widow's adopted son!

When writing to me about the new office, Kevin mentioned that the widow's children and grandchildren were having visiting teachers to tutor them under the trees in the compound.

It occurred to me that this was a way in which we could support the Imara scholars while the schools are closed, so that when they eventually return to school, they will return with confidence. I put the idea to Kevin and within a week she had contacted all the people needed to make this provision. The blind children, who need specialist teachers, will not be excluded.

Teachers of the main subjects, English, Maths and Science, are making the one hour journey along a bumpy murram road to Abia twice a week to teach five of our secondary school children. Two children who do not live close to the others are being taught by



teachers visiting their homes. One of the teachers has volunteered his time for free. The visually impaired children will board in their own school and they will be tutored on three days a week. A matron will be employed to look after them when they are not with the teachers. I saw

an opportunity to include other blind children from the top primary school years, who are not Imara scholars, so five extra children will benefit.

We feel a huge sense of gratitude to all the people who were involved in making this happen.

There is also some good news for our young people in tertiary education. Those studying nursing and clinical medicine are back in college and those studying other subjects will return to college this month. Two more of our scholars are about to start nursing school and another to start training in clinical medicine.

As always, our grateful thanks to those of you who give such wonderful support through regular or occasional donations and prayer. You are certainly making a difference to the lives of these children and young people.

Belinda

## **MARGARET DALE Receives the Order of St Richard**



On 9<sup>th</sup> October, during a Choral Evensong service at Chichester Cathedral, Margaret Dale was invested into the Order of St Richard by Bishop Martin. This is how the Order of Service describes the Order she received:

"The Order of St Richard is an award for lay people which recognises and celebrates exceptional service to the parish, the local community and the Diocese. A number people from each Archdeaconry are awarded the Order of St Richard every year. Those who receive the award of the Order of St Richard are people who, in the words of St Richard, know, love and follow Jesus, and as such they are an inspiration to all of us."

At the service the recipients of the award all received a badge, bearing the episcopal coat of arms of St Richard, attached to a ribbon. The recipients also received a certificate signed by Bishop Martin.

Many people will know of all that Margaret has done in her many years in Ardingly, but here is her story (albeit very abbreviated!):

*During my 46 years at St Peter's Ardingly I have been privileged to serve God and the parish in a number of roles including Churchwarden. One thing which has given me great pleasure has been taking home communion to people.*

*I was a midwife for over 40 years and loved every aspect of the job. It was such a joy and privilege to be present at so many births – including one during the hurricane of 1987!*

*When we first moved to Ardingly my husband John started a Scout Group and I ran the cubs for 12 years.*

*After retiring we worked for the Gambian government for 2 years and established a maternity clinic which has now become an integral part of their health service and a beacon of Christian-Muslim cooperation.*

*I have been blessed with 3 children and 7 grandchildren who have brought me great joy, comfort and support, especially during the last 2 years.*

*I praise God for every blessing his call on my life has given me.*

[It is still possible to watch the service on Youtube using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qs9LQrc6SI> ]



Margaret with previous Rectors (Rod Symmonds, left, and David Perryman, centre) and our current Rector, John Crutchley

## ANGEL TREE INTO ACTION ONCE AGAIN!



The children of prisoners are vulnerable to exploitation, often stigmatised and carry untold emotional pain. The very least that can be done for them is to bring them a little joy this Christmas and this is what our local Prison Fellowship group plan to do! Angel Tree is a much needed and valuable initiative and is once again being put into action in order to serve those children with a parent detained in Lewes prison.

For those not familiar with this initiative, it is run by Prison Fellowship volunteers who raise money to purchase presents, then wrap and send them to children who have a parent in prison. Each present is individually chosen to fit the child by asking the prisoner what they think would be suitable e.g. the child's interests and what they might currently be "into". It is sent "as from" the mum or dad (in Lewes' case, dad) with a message inside which is handwritten from the parent. This helps to reinforce the bond between the parent and child. Such messages are a really important part of the giving of the gift as they are treasured by the children who then know that their mum or dad have not forgotten them and truly care about them.

The application forms have already been delivered to the prisoners and are starting to be returned with details of what the dad wishes for the child to have, so now we can crack on with buying the presents!

**Help is needed!** And can be given in the following ways:

- Raising or giving donations of money
- Helping to wrap presents.

If you are able to help I would love to hear from you! We would appreciate all the support you can give, no matter however small. Prayers for the operation and smooth running of this initiative would also be greatly appreciated so that Jesus' love can be brought to these children and their families, where the need is so great.

Adele Collins  
01444892189.

**Thank you** for recycling your old inkjet cartridges in church and at the Recycling events during Great Big Green Week. 80 cartridges have just been sent off to 'recycle4charity' and the proceeds (around £1 each for some cartridges) will be passed on direct to Traidcraft.



## **SAMARA'S AID NEWS**

In Syria winter is coming, and people are afraid. Fuel is scarce, it's heavily rationed and expensive and most ordinary workers cannot afford to fill their car tank without spending their entire month's salary. Many people have now bought electric cookers but there isn't enough electricity, especially during winter. Sometimes people go for a few days without electricity, and at times some of the water stations haven't had enough power to pump water to people's homes so they have had no water. There is very little wood available and what there is, is too expensive. It is a burden - even for the middle classes - to make ends meet.

Dr A says "Every month we have a new world here in Syria. In just one month, everything can change. A few years ago when ISIS were surrounding, attacking and killing us, it was terrifying. But strangely, it is worse now. Now we cannot see our enemy, yet the devastation to people is even worse - and everyone is affected now."

Samara's Aid cannot help the entire nation. But as Samara says, "there is a lot that we can do in the areas we are working".

### **FIRST CENTRE FOR ORPHANS & WIDOWS**

The outreach Centre provides an unusual mix of services and activities in Syria, offered in a way that is warm, attractive and fun. Different communities are being brought together, and the word is spreading, with new people asking to register most days.



The Centre's services have grown quickly since taking on a new Centre Manager at the start of this year, and a strong team has been built around her. The children love her and the excellent team of teachers.

The Centre offers warmth in winter and air conditioning in the hot summer, as well as a light, bright environment using sustainable power. Around 60 or more children come most days for a cooked meal, education, therapeutic activities, art, music and play, with an occasional pop up cinema, and livelihood training courses for widows.



Between January and August an incredible 4,199 nutritious meals and 3,186 educational support services (one child attending one educational session ie Maths or Arabic etc) were provided. For many, the centre provides opportunities people could only dream of.

## **SECOND CENTRE FOR ORPHANS & WIDOWS**

There have been exciting developments this summer and plans are being made to open two new centres supporting orphans and widows. The 2<sup>nd</sup> building is due to be finished soon.

## **THIRD CENTRE FOR ORPHANS & WIDOWS**

Another very deprived area has been highlighted to Samara, where there are a large number of orphans and widows in need of help. It is a Sunni Muslim, post siege area, which has been badly damaged and the people there are in a very poor situation. Samara says "We know that reaching out in love to these broken people is exactly what Jesus wants us to do."

## **FOOD AID FOR THE POOR**

Samara hopes to establish an aid kitchen on one of the sites of the Outreach Centres, where food can be cooked, using sustainable power, then distributed - hopefully still hot - to some of the poorer members of the community, reaching further than orphans and widows.

Permissions are currently being sought for this project.



## **FARMING**



In June the wheat crop was threatened by swarms of locusts, and Samara asked everyone to pray. God answered and the locusts disappeared! The crop was safely harvested. Work is now underway to plan, prepare and plant new crops. This season a variety of foods will be grown which can be distributed to families in need, as well as used in the outreach centres. In addition to

the land our team were farming last year, they have taken on another good sized piece of land. It needs significant preparation but there is great potential to grow a great deal more which can be used to serve those in need.

## **LIBBY BURGESS on tour**

Libby Burgess (Gerry and Steve's daughter) is doing a tour of the 48 counties in the country, giving live piano performances to raise money for 4 charities, supporting young musicians who have lost money during the pandemic. Many lost all of their work. The 4 charities are Help Musicians, Youth Music, Future Music and Live Music Now,



Libby began her tour in May and is playing Bach "because his music encompasses all of our human emotional experiences, from the joyful through the sorrowful to the joyful uplifting". The collection is called "The 48" and she will play the whole collection in every county.

Libby set out to raise £20,000 and has already passed that target. Well done Libby!

### **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

## REMEMBER THEM

*Soldiers dying, people crying, families torn apart;*

*No one happy, everyone snappy, people with broken hearts.*

*The war is over! Hooray! Rejoicing! Everyone smiling, happy at last,*

*But wait, what of the soldiers who died, people who cried,  
the ones who feared, who shed a tear?*

*The soldiers? They're buried with a cross over their head.*

*The people? Still crying, their hearts are dying, and sometimes  
they wish they were dead.*

*So, on Remembrance Day, remember the soldiers, the families, the  
people, remember the things they did for our life, our future.*

*Remember them.*

Taken from "Beautiful Remembrance Day Poems"



## Pre-school news.

We have had a busy couple of weeks at pre-school, enjoying Autumn and exploring nature. The children have been collecting leaves and other treasures for our nature area, and using magnifying glasses to examine them. We've been doing some gardening, planting bulbs, and refreshing our pots to spruce up the playground and outdoor areas.

We also enjoyed taking part in scarecrow week, and making a preschool child scarecrow.



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/>**



## St Peter's C.E. Primary

There are lots of things going on at school this term. We had our Harvest Festival celebration in the church on October 7th. It was a true celebration, with lots of lovely singing. Revd Crutchley talked about the meaning of Harvest and how we should be grateful for the food we have. Our families had the chance to share their food too, by generously donating food and gifts to be distributed via the Diocese's Family Support Work Association.



In October we had the first of our Open Mornings, when prospective parents had the opportunity to visit the school. After a brief presentation from Mr Savage, parents were led on a tour through the school by our year 6 pupils. There are to be two further open mornings on November 3rd and 30th. If you, or anyone you know, would like to book a place on one of these open mornings, please contact Ms Griffin in the school office.



We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful area and to be able to visit lovely places. Greenfinch and Cuckoo classes visited the Ashdown Forest to learn about animals, forests and, of course, Winnie the Pooh! Next week, Robin class will visit Lewes Castle - exciting!

There are all sorts of exciting things planned for the rest of this term. Our after-school clubs are going well (including our ever-popular jam club) and the drama club will be making a presentation on 5th November. We are also extremely pleased to say that the remaining refurbishment work of our corridors, library and ICT suite is happening over half term. Thank you to our wonderful FOSPS (Friends of St Peter's School) for all their efforts raising money for the library work. The FOSPS Christmas Fair is planned for 10 December so their magnificent work continues.



Kathy James

## FSW news

Dear Friends,

As we move further into autumn, the needs of our parents are increasing, particularly since the cut to Universal



Credit at the start of October and the increase in energy costs which are straining family finances. Much of our practitioners' time is spent on assisting families with debt management, accessing specialist services and providing support on budgeting and healthy shopping. The fantastic support we received during Harvest season really helped us to replenish our foodbank stocks so that we

can send out more food in our regular deliveries, so a huge thank you to everybody who contributed in this way.

We are already planning our Christmas parties in each area, which we weren't able to hold last year. Families always look forward to these and we hope to be able to give them a really special celebration in December, along with our usual Christmas hampers.

Thank you again for your continued support of our work through prayer, donations and practical help.

**Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing**

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Did you know that you can now recycle oral healthcare products such as toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes? They need to be dry and as clean as possible and can be placed in the green Recycling bin outside the Stand Up Pub in Lindfield.



## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

Mother decided that 7-year-old Kathy should get something 'practical' for her birthday.

"Suppose we open a savings account for you?" mother suggested. Kathy was delighted.

"It's your account, darling," mother said as they arrived at the bank, "so you fill out the application."

Kathy was doing fine until she came to the space for 'Name of your former bank.'

After a slight hesitation, she wrote down 'Piggy.'



The shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand-new business much like his own opened up next door to his left and erected a huge sign which read ... BEST DEALS.

He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading ... LOWEST PRICES.

The shopkeeper was panicked until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop. It read ... MAIN ENTRANCE.

I was teaching pre-school, and we were discussing families. A 4-yr-old boy asked me, "Miss Laura, do you have a Grandpa?"

I replied, "I used to have 2 Grandpas, but they went to Heaven to be with Jesus."

He thought, shook his head sadly, and said, "My Grandpa didn't go to Heaven."

(Long pause while I tried to figure out how to proceed.)

"He went to Canada!"





## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Great Big Green Week was a great success, with an estimated 320 attendees at the 20 events on offer. Birds were watched, walks were walked, farms were visited, gardeners were able to ask lots of questions, we all learned a lot about recycling from Colin McFarlin and a lot of items were recycled! Thanks to the beautiful weather we were also able to enjoy sitting and chatting under the Oak Tree whilst enjoying apple juice, tea and cake (courtesy of Fiona Rocks and Jim Sloane)!



The WI picked up a lot of litter (approximately 20 bags full).

And St Peter's held their 10.30 morning service on the Recreation Ground whilst swifts and dragonflies swooped overhead – very visual reminders of creation and the environment.



We also had an opportunity to see “The Basking Beasty”, one of the Solar Cars built by pupils at Ardingly College. This is a bespoke car, designed, built and driven by students in the 2019 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge for 1500km using a custom design 16kWh battery.



### **WELL DONE IGGY!**

After lots of training Igor Srzic Cartledge (Iggy), the Director of Dandyllion Style in the High Street, has cycled 2170 kilometres across Europe in 20 days to raise money for World Child Cancer. He has raised over £3,000 so far. A great achievement Iggy!

### **SCARECROW FESTIVAL**

We have again enjoyed seeing lot of imaginative, creative, scary and amusing scarecrows dotted around the village, reminding motorists not to exceed the speed limit! Here are a couple of them:



# Parish Register

The funeral of Isabella Renshaw of Turnpike Court, Ardingly, who died on 17th September 2021 aged 97 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

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Gracious God,  
as we remember past and present conflicts,  
we pray for the divided peoples of the world;  
that leaders, governments and each one of us  
may use our resources,  
our opportunities and our lives  
in the service of reconciliation,  
for the sake of future generations  
and to the glory of your name.  
**Amen.**



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## Flower Rota

12<sup>th</sup> November: Belinda (Remembrance)

26<sup>th</sup> November: Jean (Advent decorations)

## Meeting Point Rota

1<sup>st</sup> November: Adele and Diana

15<sup>th</sup> November: Jill, Alison and Deb

29<sup>th</sup> November: Lyn and Belinda

## Brass Cleaning Rota

20<sup>th</sup> November: Pam Dennis and Caroline Rich



## **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](mailto: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. New members are very welcome. Contact: John Witherington 892277.

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

# PRAYER DIARY for NOVEMBER 2021

*" In Christ Jesus and through faith in him we may approach  
God with freedom and confidence "  
(Ephesians 3 v 12)*



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley
- 2 Our churchwardens Nigel and John
- 3 The situation in Afghanistan
- 4 The COP Climate Change Conference in Glasgow
- 5 Bonfire night; pray for fun, safety and the emergency services
- 6 Belinda MacLean and the children sponsored by IMARA
- 7** Our services today – may God's love be felt and lives renewed
- 8 Our local schools; Jamie Savage, his staff and governors
- 9 Praise God for the seasons and the beauty of his creation
- 10 Migrants crossing the channel in search of a better life here
- 11 Our Prime Minister, government and their advisors
- 12 Countries suffering from natural disasters. La Palma
- 13 Staff & residents at our local Care Homes. Sandy, Joan & Sylvia
- 14 Remembrance Day** services. Pray for world peace
- 15 Meeting Point – for all who attend and help
- 16 Heather Johnstone (CMS), for guidance and new work plans
- 17 The Covid situation at home and abroad
- 18 The homeless and all who help and support them
- 19 Pre-School and all who use St Peter's Centre
- 20 Our Armed Forces – Chaplains, new recruits and the injured
- 21** Pray God's blessing on all clergy and church services today
- 22 All who are suffering from poor mental or physical health
- 23 Barnabas Fund, supporting persecuted Christians
- 24 Our local hospitals and all NHS staff
- 25 Refugees around the world, and those who help them
- 26 Samara's Aid; all the volunteers and the people & projects they support
- 27 All who are affected by broken relationships
- 28 Advent Sunday.** May the light of Christ shine wherever there is darkness
- 29 CPAS, supporting churches with resources and training
- 30 Praise God for his Fatherly goodness during the past month

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