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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,

A month or so into the New Year it is probably about now that our new year resolutions to change our ways and transform our lives by losing weight or by exercising more regularly or by spending more time with the family, resolutions that were made with great vigour and strength of purpose only thirty or so days ago, are just beginning to wane a tad. Personally, I gave up making such commitments quite a while ago because I am extremely aware that year on year I fail.



Of course, some resolutions are worth making but for many years now I have found it better to begin each New Year by looking at the Bible to see what God has to say and this year I've been struck again by some words of the apostle Paul: *"May I never boast save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."* [Galatians 6: 14].

To understand that, just imagine for a moment that you are amongst a group of your closest friends and family and that they ask you questions like this: "What is the most important thing in your life?" "What is it that affects every other area of your life?" "What is it that you are obsessed with?" "What do you think about, read about and talk about most?" How would you answer those questions? Paul's answer to all those questions would be both challenging and inspiring. It was what gripped his mind. It was what had become the centre of his life, faith, and ministry to such an extent that he could never stop thinking about it. In short Paul's answer would be the cross of Jesus Christ and that has been the answer of Christianity year on year throughout the ages.

The reason that Paul was obsessed with the cross and the reason that Christianity has remained obsessed with the cross is that Jesus himself was too. His whole purpose on the earth was to die. Not because he was forced to, but because he wanted to and because it had a purpose. Quite simply, the cross is how God *accepts* us and the cross is how God *changes* us.

And that amounts to far greater purpose and far greater transformation than anything we might achieve in our lives through our New Year resolutions. Embracing the cross and boasting in the cross as Paul did brings about a total transformation in us. It is not the sort of transformation so beloved of the media and where someone is given new clothes and hair and ends up looking completely different. The change the cross brings is a change inside of us. It is a change that is in our heart. And it is change that will last and bring us into eternity.

Do those words of Paul in Galatians 6:14 give us the inspiration for a 'new' New Year resolution? That may be so. But they should certainly cause us to pause and think about what it is that is most important to us in our lives. At very least these words of Paul are a prayer that we would only boast in the cross and what Jesus has done for us and in nothing else at all.

Yours in His service

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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Our main service each Sunday (10.30 a.m.) is live streamed via zoom, so if you are unable to get to church and would like to join us on zoom and you do not currently receive the link each week, please let us know and we'll add you to the circulation list.

Contact [homeworship@ardinglychurch.net](mailto:homeworship@ardinglychurch.net)

To receive the weekly 'Newslink' email please contact [emails4sue@gmail.com](mailto:emails4sue@gmail.com)

## Services in February 2022

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

5.00pm

**Open to God**

### The Fourth Sunday before Lent

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

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A service of readings, prayer, and quiet reflection to end the day.

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Holy Communion [CW]**

### The Third Sunday before Lent

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

### The Second Sunday before Lent

Revelation chapter 4; Luke 8: 22 - 25

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### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Holy Communion [CW]**

with prayer for healing and wholeness

### The Sunday Next before Lent

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36

## NOTICES

### Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

In February we will meet on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Belinda Maclean (892368)



### Ardingly History Society

At 7.45pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February in Hapstead Hall  
Mr Ian Everest will give a talk on  
"Shepherds of the South Downs"

### FSW

I would like to thank all those who gave items for the Christmas collection. Nikki kindly came to my house to collect them as I was too unwell at the time to deliver them. It is disappointing that no appointment for a replacement for Caroline has yet been made.  
Deb Ruse

### CHRISTMAS POSTBOX in Church



Thank you to everyone who used the St Peter's Christmas Post Box. Post was sorted and delivered around the village on 20th December, and donations received amounted to £91.20. This will be shared between Off the Fence and the Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who helped!

JILL VEASEY

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2022

Many thanks to all who have already paid their subscription for 2022. If you have not yet paid and would like to receive the magazine throughout 2022 could you please put your subscription in an envelope with your name and address on it, and drop it in either to Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, or Michael Denman, 35 High Street, as soon as possible.



The minimum subscription for magazines which are delivered in Ardingly, or collected, is held at £3. This is only possible because many of you so kindly round up the amount to £5 ! Postal subscriptions for 2022 will remain at £12.50.

Cheques should be made payable to '*St Peter's Church Ardingly*'.

Many thanks, Sue Laker

## THANK YOU

I should like to take the opportunity this magazine affords to thank all those who have shown such loving kindness over recent weeks following Stephen's sudden and utterly unexpected death. I have been overwhelmed by all the cards and so many generous offers of help from so many people. The chats with cups of tea & biscuits, providing and cooking meals, company on walks, practical help with problem items, and those in the "team" who took on organising, contributing to, then serving at the reception after the Thanksgiving Service.

Ardingly is an amazing and wonderful place in which to live. I have no words to truly express my gratitude to all, other than a very heartfelt '**THANK YOU**'.

Glynis

## NEWS FROM HEATHER JOHNSTON (CMS)

Dear friends,

Recently, I bought a cow, 60kg of rice, 30kg of beans, 15 cabbages and a coffin for the equivalent of £225. All before six am and while I was still in bed. Elias, the beloved 20-year-old son of one of the Rehema women, had died in a tragic accident the day before.

Funerals and grieving are a very important part of Tanzanian life and culture, and if someone close to you passes away, family, friends, neighbours and the community at large will arrive en-masse at your home to pay their respects to the deceased and to grieve. It is expected that you will provide chai and food, plates, cups, somewhere to sit, etc for all the visitors, and not to do so would be considered very shameful and disrespectful.



Mama Esta was despairing. A couple of weeks prior to the accident, the structural walls of her house had collapsed, and she and the family were



struggling to cope. Temporarily living outside, subject to the elements, mosquitoes and other nocturnal creatures. Things were dire; they couldn't afford to rebuild the house. Elias took a loan from the group formed by his fellow motorbike taxi drivers to help his mother and the family, and building work

started, but unfortunately they didn't have enough money to complete the job. Not only was the house not fully repaired, but now she had to pay for the funeral costs, and there was that matter of Elias's loan which must be repaid.

A concerned colleague rang me very early that morning and explained the situation. Rehema Assistance aims to benefit women and children who are struggling, so of course we were more than willing to assist Mama Esta in her hour of need and Elias was buried with dignity.



There are no guarantees in life and there are many heartbreaking moments to counter happy times. The good news is, however, that when times are bad, we know we can turn our eyes from our problems to our Saviour Jesus Christ and know he will help us carry the load.

The Rehema women, as usual, rallied around and were there to support Mama Esta. Helping to cook, clean, sing hymns and pray with her, and just generally lift her spirits at a difficult time. The ladies are a fine example of mercy and compassion, which is what Rehema represents.

A big thank you to my friends and supporters, for your encouragement, financial and prayerful support, and love throughout the year. 2021 has been challenging in a way that none of us could have anticipated or expected. Our lives have been turned upside down and placed on hold. For over a year, I was in a state of limbo, stuck in South Africa, longing to be able to return to Tanzania and my friends and colleagues at the Diocese of Mara and the Rehema Project.

Eventually, a decision was made after consultation with CMS and the diocese – it seemed unlikely that my paperwork would be approved. It was time to return to Musoma to say my farewells and move on to a new placement.

I arrived in Musoma on 18 October to a fabulous welcome. The Rehema ladies had commandeered my kitchen and my home, and an endless stream of people visited during my first week. It is so fantastic to see everyone, and they are thrilled to see me. There has been lots of fun, laughter and some tears. There is an expectation that I will visit everyone at their homes and share a meal with them. In the last month I have visited 20 different homes in different areas. Still about 10 to go! What a blessing.



Benjamin, my new neighbour on our compound, is head of education in this region. After finding out that I had come to pack up and say goodbye, he championed my cause and spoke to various people in senior government. He has told me to resubmit my documents, and everything will be approved. The diocesan link officer, Arthur, also contacted both the immigration and labour departments in Mara and the message was very positive from both. The directive from President Samia Hasan is to endeavour to approve applications rather than to decline them. In theory, anyway, there will be no obstacle to a fresh application, which is great news.

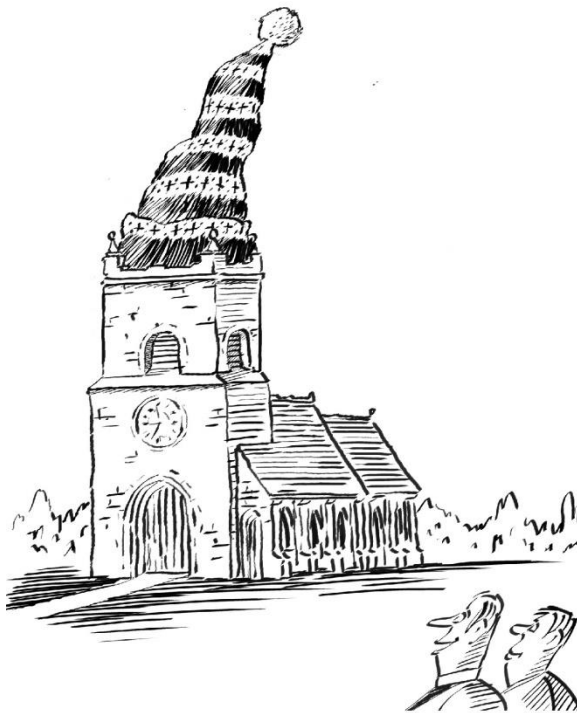
My secondment agreement to the Diocese of Mara expires in January 2022. I spoke to CMS and they have agreed to extend it in my current location.

I met with Bishop George, and he is delighted with the prospect that I can remain in Mara and said that what he envisaged my role to be in the future is to revitalise the Rehema Project, which I agree is sorely needed. He also wants me to expand the micro loan programme I started in 2018, working closely with Mothers' Union to assist the most marginalised women in the region.

God does indeed work in mysterious ways, and, after all this time, it seems I am no longer packing up. I do need to return to South Africa though and by God's grace will return to Tanzania, probably at the end of January 2022.

Peace, goodwill, and happiness to you at Christmas, and always. Heather

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"The knitting circle are playing their part in our heating efficiency programme."

## ANOTHER ANGEL TREE COMPLETED!



I am pleased to report that the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree programme has once again succeeded in providing presents for over 100 children of Lewes prisoners!

A team of volunteers ordered and wrapped all of the presents in Christmas paper. Each child received several presents and a Christian story book was also included unless the father had requested that one should not be sent.

The task of the final wrapping for posting then fell to three of us which threw up quite a few challenges, not least doing some of it in



a very confined space! Most importantly, the much treasured hand written message by Dad was then enclosed alongside the presents, confirming that he has not forgotten his child and still loves them. It is essential that each family unit has all the presents sent together rather than separately, eliminating any postal risk that one child might

not receive their present when other siblings do. You can imagine with two or three children in a family we had some pretty big packages to deal with!

There have been many glowing reports from the prisoners regarding the presents that have been sent and many are overwhelmed by the fact that people care enough to put their love into action in this way.

Family ties can become very fragile when a parent enters prison and Angel tree is an excellent way to reinforce those ties. The programme could not run without people like you! I would like to say a huge thank you to all who have contributed this year and enabled us to deliver this very worthwhile programme once again. God bless you for your help and support!

With my best wishes to you all! Adele

## **SAMARA'S AID APPEAL**

### **for vulnerable children**

Samara Levy is in Syria at the moment, where it is snowing hard and -6 degrees. Schools and offices are closing due to the harsh weather.

She has encountered extreme levels of poverty and desperate needs in addition to the food and fuel shortages which have been reported on TV. The good news is that she has obtained permission to send a container of aid in February - but because of strict Customs regulations she is limited in what she can send, and she cannot send boxes of clothing this time.

Children are particularly in need, and she is appealing for hygiene (including children's socks and underwear) and educational items.

**Everything MUST be new** and unopened, however.

Below is a list of what she can send:

**Hygiene items** - full size (not sample or hospitality sizes) toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap bars, shampoo bars, face and hand cream, Vaseline, Nivea, Sudocrem, lip salve, deodorant (*no aerosols*), body puffs and sponges, hand sanitizer, towels, shampoo and conditioner, sunscreen, cotton buds, razors (male and female), hairbrushes and combs, headlice treatment, dandruff shampoo, incontinence pads and sanitary towels (*no tampons*).

**Educational items** - writing pens, writing and drawing pencils, colouring pens, pencils and crayons, art and craft paints, pads of lined, squared and plain paper, exercise books (A4 and A5) of lined, plain and squared paper, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, pencil cases, geometry sets, colouring books.

**If you are able to contribute please deliver items to me by 7<sup>th</sup> February as the container will be leaving mid-February.**

Thank you.

Sue Laker (892117)



## **Combat Stress Total**

In November Caroline Rich walked 36 kms from Petersfield to Portsmouth to raise funds for Combat Stress. Her supporters were very generous and her sponsorship raised £1,935. After adding Gift Aid of £407.60 the total she raised came to **£2,342.60**. Well done Caroline!

## **FSW January 2022 update**

Dear Friends,

With the new year a distant memory, the start of 2022 has been busy for us in many ways. We are currently recruiting 5 new practitioner posts across the diocese so that we will be able to cover even more areas – these are posts that have been needed for a very long time but we needed to make sure that sufficient funding was in place before commencing recruitment. We will update everybody once appointments are made but please pray that the right candidates will be selected.

The main needs of our families continue to be in the areas of mental health and financial hardship and the huge rise in energy bills mean that our Winter Fuel fund is being well used – we would like to thank anybody who has supported that with a donation this year.

Looking forward to half term and beyond, we are still cautious about arranging large group activities but are already planning for an April residential weekend at Dalesdown. I am also delighted to announce that our Easter Walk will return this year on Easter Monday (18<sup>th</sup> April), starting and finishing at Alfriston with a refreshment stop at Wilmington Village Hall. We'd love to hear from anybody who is interested in taking part – please contact Jo by email [jo@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:jo@familysupportwork.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support of FSW as we move onwards into 2022.

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



## **STEPHEN DOERR , 25.8.46 – 9.12.21**

The Memorial Service held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January was the most fitting tribute to the life of Steve, who died suddenly at his home on 9<sup>th</sup> December, while working on one of his beloved long-case clocks.

A packed St. Peter's Church, with standing room only for some and seating in the choir stalls for others, rang out to hearty singing of 'How Great Thou Art', 'In Christ Alone' and 'Great is Thy Faithfulness', interspersed with reminiscences from friends giving just a glimpse of the many facets of Steve's life.



Living in Ardingly since 1977, Steve was a mainstay of Ardingly village life, our church and school, juggling his busy working life as a teacher with many other projects including the seemingly never-ending work on Steve and Glynis' home at Avins Bridge Cottage.

Among the congregation gathered at his Memorial were previous Rectors of St. Peter's, David Perryman, Rod Symmons and Simon Allaby, and representatives of Worth School, the Horological Society and others, all paying respect to a man who had touched so many lives. Thanks to the availability of 'Zoom' the service was watched by many others who could not attend in person, including Helg and Richard Harper in Norway and Cherno Yanneh, General Administrator of the Old Jeshwang Health Centre in The Gambia.

An ongoing project close to his heart, Steve had taken over the Chair of the Ardingly Old Jeshwang Society since the passing of Dr. John Dale.

The current restrictions on travel prevented Cherno from attending in person. Instead, he had sent a wonderful Letter of Condolence which I was honoured to read out at the service and is printed on page 14.

Aside from the Memorial Service itself, the village had turned out in force to provide lunch at the Centre for those who had attended the private burial that morning, floral decorations in the church and at the Centre and abundant refreshments for those who attended the Memorial.

Lynn Wilson

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### ***Warden's Words***

The Graveyard is in good shape at the moment, with special thanks to the South of England Showground staff who have cut the tops of the hedges; this has made the area look so much more attractive. The regular maintenance, carried out by Rob Newman's Rosy Gardens team, has kept the paths and other areas in good seasonal order; we are grateful to the Parish Council for their annual contribution in support of this work. Over and above this work, we have also had removed the large pile of excess grave soil near the south-west corner, an amount which filled to the brim a very large lorry! We have also removed a large area of brambles nearby and begun a new row of graves. There is a little more levelling off and re-seeding to be done, as well as putting in some new plants to replace the missing bits of the hedge. Full details will be in the Annual Report in April.



I have been told that there may be some in the Parish who would like to contribute to the upkeep of the Graveyard but who are unaware that we have a Graveyard Fund for this very purpose. We welcome donations of any amount; please make it clear that you would like your gift to be added to this Fund. If you would like to take advantage of Gift Aid, please let us know.

***John Witherington***



## **LETTER OF CONDOLENCE**

We have been saddened by the untimely demise of Mr. Stephen Doerr, former chairman of the Ardingly association in the UK.

The Old Jeshwang Community and entire staff of AOJHC would like to express our deepest condolences to his family, friends and members of the Ardingly association.

Mr. Doerr has left an indelible mark on the Old Jeshwang Community for his selfless service in promoting community health and sustainable development. His innovative, influential and inspiring leadership has been the beacon for the current leadership of AOJHC and we are grateful to have benefited significantly from his magnanimity. Among the services that he was particularly passionate about were safe delivery and affordable healthcare for mothers and children. His concern about staff welfare led to several interventions that are still being felt in staff satisfaction and motivation. Under his leadership, significant amount of funds were raised by the committee which went into renovation and maintenance works of the facility. We are indeed grateful for his efforts and passion. We will always keep Mr. Doerr in our hearts.

During this difficult time, our hearts are with his family and pray that God gives them the fortitude to bear this irreplaceable loss. The ones we love are never gone; they live within our hearts.

May his memory be a blessing for all who knew him. Amen.

Warmest Regards,

Cherno Yaddeh  
General Administrator, AOJHC





## **Ardingly Parish Council**

After meeting remotely (via Teams software), the Parish Council has returned to meeting face to face in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall. However, because of the significant increase in the number of COVID cases, a decision was taken to limit the agenda for the meeting held in January. Rather than the more usual full agenda, the Council considered relevant planning applications and also the draft budget for 2022-23.

This does not mean that other business has not continued. Work on planning for the refurbishment of the pavilion is still underway, with schemes of work being finalised, ready for the invitation to tender being advertised. It is anticipated that the final plans will be circulated for discussion and, hopefully, agreement at Council meeting in February.

Residents will be aware that the potential housing development on part of the showground (SA25) has been under review by the planning inspector. The number of houses initially proposed was 100, reduced to 70 following the initial consultation by Mid Sussex. The planning inspector has now presented his report, with a view that only 35 houses should be built on the designated plot. The Council is in the process of preparing its response to the report.

Council meetings are held each month (apart from August) on the second Tuesday of each month and members of the public are welcome to attend. The first 15 minutes of each meeting is open for questions from the public. Please refer to the website where you will find the minutes of meetings and also the agenda for the upcoming meeting, when it is published.

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## ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY

It always seems that holidays go very quickly and this is especially true for Christmas holidays! However, our pupils and staff were happy to come back to school in the first week of January. All were full of energy and bubbling over with ideas which we aim to catch and develop as the term progresses!



We have been watching our new library slowly take shape over the last term. Excitingly, we arrived back in January to find it **almost** complete! With corner seats and hidey holes to sit in, sparkling new shelves for our books and lots of accessible laptops for our research, we can't wait for it to be finally completed so that we can be in there, diving into a new world with only a book and our imagination...

We will be using our imagination in all that we do and learn at school and in all the exciting adventures we have. With sporting events, class visits, plenty to learn and time to play, we'll be enjoying our new term and the arrival of Spring!

Kathy James



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

### **CHRISTMAS**

Once again a big 'thank you' must go to the 'Ardingly Connected Together' group who lifted our spirits again at Christmas in a number of ways, making sure we were 'connected at Christmas' and that the village looked festive.

Joyce Day, in particular, would like to say a big 'Thank you' to the Ardingly Connected Together group for the wonderful bag of goodies that she received at Christmas – it was a lovely surprise!

### **£1 entry to Wakehurst**

A new low-cost entry has been introduced for a visit to Kew Gardens and its sister site, Wakehurst. Since 11<sup>th</sup> January people in receipt of Universal Credit or Pension Credit have been able to buy a ticket for just £1. The offer is part of a suite of new pricing aimed at making both gardens more accessible to people of all ages and all incomes and enabling them to enjoy a great day out in beautiful surroundings.

## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ...



A young Curate went home for the Christmas holidays. A severe snowstorm stranded the regular Vicar in another town, so the leaders of the congregation asked the young man to substitute for him.

The young Curate started his sermon by explaining the meaning of a substitute. "If you break a window," he said, "and then place a piece of plywood over the hole -- that's a substitute."

After the sermon, a well-intentioned woman wished to compliment the young man. As she enthusiastically shook his hand, she said: "You were no substitute. You were a real pane."

## I FINALLY DID IT!

I've bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles.

No more forgetting why I went upstairs .....



"Pancake party?" said Simon,  
"What Pancake Party?"

Why did the golfer wear  
2 pairs of trousers?

In case he got a hole in one



## ROOMS FOR HIRE AT ST PETER'S CENTRE



We have two halls available to rent at St Peter's Centre. A large hall which can seat up to 120 people and which has a small carpeted area at one end suitable for children to play on, or a separate smaller hall which seats up to 40 people. Chairs and round tables,

seating about 6, are available. We also have some larger rectangular tables which would each seat 8.

Both halls have access to the kitchen, which is well equipped with a large double oven plus a smaller one and a hot cupboard to keep things warm. There is also a fridge, urn, sinks and dishwasher. There is a large hatch between the main hall and the kitchen and plenty of plates, cups, saucers and cutlery.

There is easy disabled access and there is a disabled toilet.

WiFi is available at the Centre and the main hall is equipped with audio visual facilities (including an induction loop to half of the hall) to aid presentations. The smaller hall has a 32" monitor available to link into a laptop or other electronic device.

At weekends the halls can be hired from early morning till 10.30 at night (the premises must be vacated by 11.00pm). During the week the large hall is currently in regular use each morning in term time and also some evenings, and the small hall is in use on Thursday mornings in term time.

Alcohol can be consumed but cannot be sold on the premises (there is no licence for this). Smoking is not permitted at the Centre.

There is parking around the Centre for a limited number of vehicles and additional parking can usually be arranged opposite.

If you are interested in hiring either or both of the halls for a party, meeting or other function, or would like more information, please contact Carol Grossman on Tel. 01444 416707 or email [carol@catmill.co.uk](mailto:carol@catmill.co.uk)

# Parish Register

The funeral of Stephen Philip Doerr of Avins Bridge Cottage, Ardingly, who died on 9th December 2021 aged 75 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Friday 7th January 2022.

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If we put our hand in God's hand  
As we enter this New Year,  
Not knowing what the future holds  
But that our Friend is near,

We shall not fear what lies ahead  
If He is by our side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came  
To dwell with us on earth.  
He sought and bought us with His blood  
And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year  
He knows the things He's planned.  
So let us trust and know just this –  
Our times are in His hands.

*By Megan Carter*

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## **Flower Rota for February 2022**

4<sup>th</sup> February: Belinda

18<sup>th</sup> February: Ann

## **Brass Cleaning February 2022**

12<sup>th</sup> February: Mick and Barbara  
Lucas

## **Meeting Point February 2022**

7<sup>th</sup> February: Lyn Wood and Belinda

21<sup>st</sup> February: Adele and Diana



## **General Information**

**BIBLE READING NOTES:** Regular reading helps us to grow as Christians. Bible Reading Fellowship notes are available from Glynis Doerr (892431). Email: [glynismdoerr@gmail.com](mailto:glynismdoerr@gmail.com)

**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. 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 FEBRUARY 2022

*"The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
My heart trusts in him, and I am helped."  
(Psalm 28 v 7a)*



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Our Churchwardens, John and Nigel
- 3 Food and fuel shortages in Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia
- 4 Scripture Union: Outreach in schools & through events and books
- 5 Give thanks for our village community and "ACTS"
- 6** Our worship today: give thanks and pray for the church family
- 7 Our government and all Members of Parliament
- 8 Tonga, following the recent volcanic eruption and tsunami
- 9 The Coronavirus situation at home and abroad
- 10 Those who are struggling financially this winter
- 11 The Queen and all members of the Royal Family
- 12 Street pastors and all those that they help
- 13** Our worship today: pray for renewal and growth
- 14 Our Home Groups and their leaders
- 15 The NHS and all who serve in it
- 16 Praise God for the wonders of nature and creation
- 17 FSW: Deb Ruse and the need for a replacement for Caroline
- 18 All who serve God on the mission field overseas
- 19 Chaplains ministering in hospitals, prisons and the Forces
- 20** Our worship today: pray for God's blessing on Ardingly
- 21 The village schools – their staff, pupils and governors
- 22 Our local Care Homes and staff. Sandy, Joan and Sylvia
- 23 The residents of Turnpike Court and Priceholme
- 24 All who support and counsel people in crisis
- 25 Friends, family and neighbours who do not know Jesus
- 26 All who are suffering with ill-health and long term conditions
- 27** Our worship today: may lives be touched and blessed
- 28 Praise God for the blessings of the past week

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