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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 truth is, of course, that we all too easily miss the point about Lent. Each year as Ash Wednesday comes along many of us proudly declare what we're going to be giving up this year, what pleasure we're going to deny ourselves and what treat we intend to forgo for the next few weeks. But Lent isn't about denial; it is actually about transformation.



Because Lent is the season in which we make ready to encounter Christ's sacrifice by preparing ourselves to become more like him and by journeying with him again to Golgotha, to the cross. When we think about it in this way, transformation is more about taking something on than letting something go. It is about allowing ourselves to be filled with God's presence so that we can be shaped by God's extravagant, abundant, and quite overwhelming grace and so reborn to live more fully as a citizen of the Kingdom, just as God wants. The question is, does giving something up really help in this? Does giving up that cup of coffee actually make us a better follower of Christ, or does it make us tetchy? Does avoiding that square of chocolate help us to build greater community in the body of Christ, or does it make us depressed and withdrawn? There's a danger that in giving something up we don't empty ourselves in order to let God in, we simply fill ourselves with more of us!

Lent should be a time to learn how to become more fully the people that God wants us to be. It has always been about discipline so wouldn't it be better to try to become more disciplined in our personal prayer life. Taking time to pray every day and so to talk to God. Listening also to all that he may want to tell us in reply. Or trying to love others better. The Bible calls upon us not only to love those who love us, but to love all our neighbours and to love our enemies too – and to pray for them as well. On a very practical note, Lent is a time to be more disciplined when it comes to eating ethically and shopping fairly. In each of these as in other ways the outcome will be that we are not only transformed, but by the end of Lent we will see that we have actually managed to eliminate several things from our lives without which we are much better off.

Perhaps the question that we need to be asking this Lent is not, "what shall I give up?" but instead, "what shall I start, so as to allow God to transform me?" This may just help us to change our understanding and observation of Lent. But it will certainly allow God to work on us from the inside out.

Yours in His service,



World Day of Prayer 4th March 2022

The service for the World day of Prayer in 2022 has been prepared by Christian women in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, from different denominations and backgrounds, and is based around Jeremiah 29 v 11: "I know the plans I have for you".

The organisers write, "The overarching theme of the service is HOPE – very appropriate for this time when the world is coming to terms with the ongoing risks of a pandemic and the looming climate crisis. HOPE is depicted through the lighting of candles, the distribution of seeds and the exchange of message worldwide via social media using hashtag #WDP hope. This service also offers us all an opportunity to appreciate more clearly the enormity of God.

God is totally beyond the limits of our mere human thought and understanding. We do not have adequate language to describe God nor sufficient artistic skills to depict God without words. Our human words are images, models, metaphors and analogies, all speaking of the richness of God but never capturing God's fullness."

The nearest World Day of Prayer service for us will take place at 2pm at St Augustine's Church in Scaynes Hill on Friday 4th March.

More information, and details of services in other places, can be found on the website www.wwdp.org.uk

NOTICE BOARD

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings will take place on 7th and 21st March in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



Peter and Pat Doughty have moved to:
42 Woodcote House
Updown Hill
Bolnore
Haywards Heath RH16 4GQ
Tel 01444 443402

Village Lunch: Thursday 3rd March from 12.30.
Tickets are £6 and are available from the old Post Office from 16th February onwards.

Film Night: 26th February. Details on the Village Hall noticeboard

Ardingly History Society Annual General Meeting
In Hapstead Hall
Tuesday 15th March at 7.15pm
To be followed by a film



Mothering Sunday 27th March
Do come and bring all the family!

Help in providing flowers and greenery for the Mother's Day service, and in putting together posies, would be very much appreciated by the St Peter's flower arrangers! Please bring any contributions and meet at St Peter's Centre at 10.00am on Saturday 26th March.
Thank you. Belinda

Services in March 2022

Wednesday 2nd March

10.30am

*A service of Holy Communion
with the Imposition of Ashes
to mark the beginning of Lent*

Ash Wednesday

"During the season of Lent which begins today, we renew our commitment to the path of conversion, making more room for God in our lives." - Pope Benedict XVI

Sunday 6th March

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

The First Sunday of Lent

Romans 10: 8b – 13; Luke 4: 1 – 13

10.30am

Morning Praise

Romans 10: 8b – 13; Luke 4: 1 - 13

5.00pm

Open to God

A Service of Compline.

Wednesday 9th March

10.30am

Lent Course

In the Church Centre

Sunday 13th March

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

The Second Sunday of Lent

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13: 31-35

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13: 31-35

Wednesday 16th March

10.30am

Lent Course

In the Church Centre

Sunday 20th March

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

The Third Sunday of Lent

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

10.30am

Morning Praise

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

Wednesday 23rd March

10.30am

Lent Course

In the Church Centre.

Sunday 27th March

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

MOTHERING SUNDAY

[The Fourth Sunday of Lent]

Colossians 3: 12-17; John 19: 25b - 27

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

With prayer for healing and wholeness

Colossians 3: 12-17; John 19: 25b - 27

Wednesday 30th March

10.30am

Lent Course

In the Church Centre

Details of the Lent Course will be circulated in the weekly Newslink

EASTER LILIES

At Easter the flower team decorate the church with lilies and other flowers in memory of loved ones. If you would like to remember a family member or friend in this way please let Belinda (892368) know by the end of March so that she knows how many flowers to order. Lilies cost around £3-£4 each. A donation of between £5 and £20 will enable us to make the church look lovely.



Many thanks.



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND LATEST NEWS

There is good news from Uganda at last! After nearly two years of disrupted education, the Ugandan schools and colleges are open. Please pray that they will remain open and that the children and their teachers will keep well.

Our private tuition programme was a huge success. We were grateful to the small team of teachers who journeyed out along the rough dusty roads each week to teach our scholarship children in or near their homes, and our blind children were given permission to stay in their school, so that they could receive private tuition from their own teachers.

Normally, team member, Sylvia, and I would be in Uganda in January meeting new applicants for scholarships and visiting their homes. This year the Ugandan team undertook this task without us, and sent us their recommendations. As always, we were deeply moved by the children's stories and hopes. Most of their families are subsistence farmers and climate change has led to uncertain times. Floods and droughts are common. It is hard for many families to put food on the table, and when it comes to paying school fees, they are forced to give up. Our six new scholars come from families who are really struggling.



Prisca is blind and so are three of her six siblings. Joy is also blind. Joy started secondary school but her family could not afford to keep her there, yet this bright, cheerful little girl dreams of making a difference. She wants to be a lawyer and to fight for the rights of disabled children so that discrimination against them will end. Amas, who is partially sighted, has been kept at home for two years because her father could not afford secondary school fees. Dorine is usually in position one or two in her primary school. Her siblings are dropping out of school one by one because there is no one to pay their fees. Popon became lame when he was five years old and now he cannot walk.

Amas and her dad on a boda boda (motorbike taxi) on their way to the secondary school for the blind at last.

He has an adapted tricycle that he can operate with his hands. He has big dreams for the future – to be in secondary school and to be a teacher or an accountant one day. He won't let disability stop him. Brian is the youngest of our new scholars. His father died when he was very small, leaving a widow and five children. A widow in Uganda has no rights to her husband's property and the family was left homeless. They moved in with the grandmother who is almost blind. Brian's mother earns a little money by collecting water for people. They live in abject poverty. Brian is eight years old and he wanted to be in boarding school because, according to Brian, there is food in boarding school so that he would not go to sleep hungry, as he does at home sometimes, and there is a matron who would help him wash his clothes so he would be smart. He would also study without problems. He would like to be a footballer or a smart policemen when he grows up.

We take so much for granted in the UK and it is a privilege to be able to support these children and to help them to be able to achieve their dreams. The children have had such a difficult start to their lives and they still face many challenges. Not all of them will end up with the careers they are aiming for, but we hope they will all lead fulfilled lives free from the poverty they have known.

One of our girls recently completed a certificate course in business management. Imagine our pride when she received her certificate and a special award for outstanding performance!



A little group of blind children happy to be back in school.

So many children need support and we need more sponsors. If you would like to help to turn the children's dreams into opportunities by sponsoring a child, please contact me on 01444 892368 for more information.

The scholars loved the Christmas baskets of goodies they were given. They were paid for with the money raised from the sale of cards and crafts in St. Peter's Church Centre in November. There were big smiles on many faces.

Belinda

FSW February 2022 update

Dear Friends,

There have been some really positive stories for us in the last month, with several families who have been supported by FSW for a number of years finally able to leave us as they have reached a point when they are able to cope on their own. On the flip side, most of our practitioners have full waiting lists as the need for help grows, particularly with regards to financial security and ill health. The recruitment process for our new practitioner posts is still in progress, but we hope that our new staff will be able to begin working with us in April.



We are looking forward to our sponsored Easter Walk on Monday 18th April , starting and finishing at Alfriston. If you would like to join us for this then all the information can be found on our website www.familysupportwork.org

Our foodbank is well stocked at the moment as we are still using our Christmas donations.

Thank you for all your support.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

FSW will be holding the Quiz Night with Fish & Chips (Vegetarian Sausage and Chips available) on **Saturday 7 May 2021 at 7pm**. Tickets will £15.00. There will also be a bar.

Please note that tables will be limited to 6 people this time. Tickets will be available from Deb Ruse (01444 892717)

Pre-school News

We're coming to the end of another busy half term at preschool. We've had a number of new children join the group and have been making friends and enjoying being with our existing friends.



We've spent a lot of time outside, the children have been learning about the changing seasons, exploring Winter, as well as looking for the first signs of Spring and watching the bulbs we planted in Autumn finally starting to appear.

Next half term, we are going to be thinking about people who help us and continuing to learn about the seasons, growing some plants and seeing what we can find outside, particularly looking for birds. We'll also be learning about Easter and will hopefully have some exciting events coming up.



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/>

NEWS FROM NEPAL

This email comes to you with our sincere love and prayers!!! Words are not enough - how much we are blessed by the Lord through your prayers. During the pandemic we have been safe and sound and there was no lack of anything in our family. He is the provider and our defence we give Him honour and praise for ever.



After a month of smart lockdown, schools and colleges are starting to open and the Church is also going to have a physical service starting next week [20th February]. The government

started to give booster doses and covid vaccines to children above 12yrs at the schools. The virus is still around but it is not strong like before and we know it is answered prayer that around 50% of Nepalese had the vaccine. We are sincerely praying for our loved ones and friends like you that God may always protect you and may the World be free of fear of it.

God has given us 3 beautiful daughters and all of them are doing well in their health and studies. Our eldest is finishing college in May/June. My wife has been accepted for a Master of Philosophy (M. Phil. Degree) i.e. a Postgraduate Research Degree in the Development Program at Kathmandu University. And more important news is that I will be 50 on March 11! My middle daughter, who is 10, said, "Papa, even though you will be a 50 year old man don't worry, you still look 49!" Phew, what an encouragement!!

We are hoping to start a 3 months Ezra Leadership Training Program in April in Damak, in Eastern Nepal, where we are currently building a Training Centre, partnering with a local Church. It is going well.

It is also our joy to start a 6 months course in Tailoring for Women in Western Nepal among backward and marginalised communities. This is along with other Charity Work providing help for Micro Businesses and scholarships to needy families and children.



What a joy to see people get healed, transformed, accept the Lord and be baptised, and marriages taking place since the start of the New Year. All the honour and praise goes to God alone.

Thank you so much for reading this and holding us in prayers. As always we love to hear from you too.

God bless, Milan, Shusma and the girls

SAMARA'S AID



A very big 'Thank You' to everyone who responded to the appeal from Samara's Aid last month. From Ardingly we sent 13 dignity bags containing underwear, toiletries, shoes and jackets, plus several bags of additional toiletries and educational items. A wonderful response, which will make a real difference to very needy children in Syria.

WAYS TO LOVE

Listen without interrupting

Speak without accusing

Give without sparing

Answer without arguing

Share without pretending

Enjoy without complaint

Trust without wavering

Forgive without punishing

Promise without forgetting

Honour without fail

(sent in by a reader)

ECO DIOCESES:

All 42 dioceses in the Church of England have signed up to become an 'eco diocese' as part of their commitment to reach net zero carbon by 2030.

The 'Eco Dioceses' scheme, developed by the charity A Rocha UK, sees churches and dioceses awarded bronze, silver, or gold status depending on actions taken to improve their environmental footprint.

The Church of England is seeking to reach 'net zero' carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by General Synod in 2020.

St Peter's C.E. Primary

The first half term of 2022 has hurried past, with lots of learning, laughter and play. It's always exciting starting a new term and especially at the beginning of the year as



we look forward to Spring. All the families have been doing LOTS of walking, skipping, cycling, scooting to school! Keeping up with the Walk Once a Week initiative is great fun, with classes competing for the highest percentage of classmates journeying to school NOT in the car every day.

Keeping fit, both physically and mentally, is important for all the school. The children make wonderful use of the playground with its markings for games and we have also participated in a lot of inter-school sports competitions - football, sportshall athletics, hockey. We are delighted that two boys in Swallow Class (y5) have been chosen to represent Mid Sussex in the Sussex School Games 2022 Cross Country finals.

We don't only have success at sports. The school's jam and marmalade making is becoming well-known thanks to Mrs Neve's expertise. Entries will again be going into the World Marmalade Competition, where we have won awards previously. Good luck, St Peter's marmalade-makers!!



Last, but definitely not least, our lovely new library will be formally opened at the beginning of March. We really can't wait!

Kathy James

Ardingly Parish Council

The Parish Council is back to meeting face to face and so, in February, the council met in the main hall of Hapstead Hall. Naturally, social distancing was maintained and all attendees were asked to undertake a lateral flow test prior to attending.



The first 15 mins of each Council meeting is open for questions from residents and this meeting was no exception. Councillors then went on to consider planning applications that had been referred to them. The Responsible Finance Officer presented the up-to-date finance report and then the Council went on to discuss arrangements for the refurbishment of the pavilion.

Considerable work has been undertaken by the Council on responding to the proposal to develop an area of the showground by building houses. The initial proposal was for 100 houses, reduced by MSDC after the first consultation to 70. The whole proposal was then submitted to a national planning inspector, who has further reduced the number of houses to 35. The Council has submitted a response to the planning inspector's report and now awaits the final outcome.

The planning committee has been looking in detail at how to make Ardingly streets safer. A bid was submitted to West Sussex to try to get works scheduled to improve the streets by such things as widening the verges, additional marked crossing points etc. We have been successful in getting through the first stage and we will now have design engineers to look at the proposed work and costs. This will then be further considered. Any associated works will not start until 2023-24 at the earliest but at least we have taken the first steps!

Village residents are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings. These take place on the second Tuesday of each month (except August). The meetings commence at 7pm in Hapstead Hall.

RECYCLING TIPS

There are a lot of hard-to-recycle items which are not currently supported through the existing kerbside recycling scheme. TerraCycle offers a free recycling programme for many items and the following can now be put in the green recycling bin outside the Stand Up Inn, 47 High Street Lindfield:

- Crisp packets
- Biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers
- Confectionary wrappers
- Nuts, popcorn, pretzel packets/wrappers
- Pet food pouches
- Baby food pouches



Do you have **computer and IT equipment** that you need to get rid of? You have a few options:

1. Take it to the tip (according to WSCC all electricals taken to the tip are recycled)
2. Take it to Vodafone stores. They can accept cables, phones, printers, tablets and desktop PC's



3. Take it to CPR Computer Recycling in Godstone. They will professionally refurbish each item before selling it back into schools, businesses, private households etc at a fraction of the cost of new equipment. CPR are a not-for-profit organisation and donate profits from all retail sales to UK charities. Tel. 01293 731222



AROUND THE VILLAGE

How nice it is, after living with Covid for 2 years, to see things **getting back to normal**, with Meeting Point up and running again, Film Nights and the History Society meetings taking place once more, and a Village Lunch in March. Hooray!



Spring is just around the corner, with lambs in the fields, the College daffodils getting ready to bloom and Pat Killian's bank once again covered with crocuses and other Spring flowers. What a lovely time of year it is, and what a lovely village we live in.

Storm Eunice swept through on 18th February, leaving a trail of damage behind her, with fences down all over the village, trees down, dustbins scudding across roads and lawns, tiles off roofs and leaving some people without power for hours. This tree came down in Street Lane. Thankfully there are no reports of any injuries to people.



Ardingly Connected Together

Ardingly Connected Together has been continuing to work together, following our busy Christmas. At the moment, we are planning for Easter and we will be putting in place our Easter Egg Hunt Egg-stravaganza. Mark the day in your diary - on Easter Sunday, there will be more than 350 Easter Eggs hidden all over the village. Easter Sunday, **April 17th**, is the time to get your walking boots on and start hunting those eggs down!

This year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and there will be national celebrations. At a village level, we are hoping to work with other community groups to put together a programme of events for everyone. This programme will end with a street party on Sunday **June 5th**. Keep an eye out for more information as we finalise arrangements!

MOTHERING SUNDAY is on 27th March

Here are some 7 year olds' answers to a quiz about mothers:



Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
2. Mostly to clean the house, I think.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. I've heard it was some amazing experiment on men that got out of hand.
3. God made my mum just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.

What kind of little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background, like has he put anything too disgusting on Facebook.
3. She needed to check out his bank account, to make sure he could buy her clothes.

Why did your mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that no one will ever know.

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.
3. She would understand why the dog needs to sleep with me at night.

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother asked him to go outside and fetch her the broom.

He said, "Mum, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."

The mother smiled and said, "You don't have to be afraid of the dark. Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you."

The boy looked at his mother really hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?"

"Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said.



The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it open a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called: "Jesus? Would you please hand me the broom?"



Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices...

Parish Register

There are no entries in the parish register this month.

PRAYER

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith
and a generosity of service
that gives without counting the cost.
A life overflowing with Grace
poured out from the One
who gave everything,
that we might show
the power of love
to a broken world,
and share the truth
from a living Word.
Lord, grant us simplicity of faith,
and a yearning to share it. Amen

Meeting Point Rota

7th March: Jill, Alison and Deb

21st March: Lyn and Belinda

Flower Rota

Tuesday 1st March: Jean Jeffery (Lent)

Friday 18th March: Pat and Sheila (Lent)



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

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 MARCH 2022

"The one who trusts will never be dismayed"
(Isaiah 28 v 16)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 **Ash Wednesday.** Pray for our services and the Lent course
- 3 Our Reader and churchwardens, John and Nigel
- 4 World Day of Prayer. Praise God that he hears & answers prayer
- 5 The coronavirus situation, in this country and worldwide
- 6 Pray for our services today. Give thanks for freedom to worship
- 7 Samara's Aid and the container of aid leaving this week
- 8 Our local schools; their staff, pupils and governors
- 9 The growing number of people suffering poor mental health
- 10 Tonga & Madagascar following recent natural disasters
- 11 All MP's. Pray for wisdom, integrity, guidance & protection
- 12 Young people and the pressures of social media
- 13 The church in Ardingly: its growth, its needs, its witness
- 14 The IMARA Uganda team and all the sponsored children
- 15 Our local Care Homes: Sandy, Joan, Nick & Jeannie, Sylvia
- 16 Street Pastors and the Samaritans
- 17 Praise God for the seasons and the wonders of creation
- 18 All who are grieving. MacMillan & Marie Curie nurses
- 19 Refugees and all who have fled from violence
- 20 Pray for our services and for the church family
- 21 Meeting Point and its team of helpers
- 22 Heather Johnston and the Rehema project in Tanzania
- 23 Jill, Jonathan and the ministry of "At your service"
- 24 Michael Denman and all who are housebound
- 25 Bambi & Andreas and the children, studying many miles away
- 26 The PCC meeting today
- 27 **Mothering Sunday.** Pray for all mothers everywhere
- 28 Christians in Nepal and the work of the Aanandit church
- 29 All who suffer from addiction or abuse
- 30 The Parish Council and planning for the village
- 31 Praise God for his mercy and blessings this past month

The deadline for the April magazine is
noon on Friday 18th March