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**Parish Magazine**

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## **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 Mondays-Fridays  
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

For many people nowadays life is full, frantic, and lived at an extraordinary pace. And not just those with demanding jobs, young families to care for or a range of hobbies and activities.

I speak to many older people who just do not know how they ever found the time for paid employment because their lives are busier now than ever following retirement. So, we would all do well just occasionally to stop and to live the actual moment and to remember as the Bible teaches us that: *"there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."* [Ecclesiastes 3:1] These words remind us that it is God who has appointed the times and seasons, the events of our lives, the happy and the sad, the easy and the difficult. And so, these are words that ought to bring us hope. Because they remind us that God is in control and that we therefore need to make the best of everything that is happening right now.

Sometimes we may wonder about that! Sometimes it is easy to doubt that God does have it all together when we look at what is going on in the world or when our own life seems to have descended into chaos. Sometimes it can look as though God is not doing all that well at all. But the Easter message that we have just been celebrating reminds us that God does have everything under control and that He *has* a purpose in everything that he does. Sometimes we may have a tough time understanding what that purpose is. But as the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans: *"...we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."* [Romans 8: 28]

The secret is to discover, accept and appreciate God's perfect timing and to remember too, that we live in a world of change. The evidence of change is all around us. Spring becomes summer. Summer will give way to the autumn and then autumn in its turn will give way to the winter. But in all that change we can still hold on to the knowledge that God is in control and that change may be incredibly good indeed.

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

The one constant, of course, is the one who is in control of everything. God does not change. And that means that we can count on him always to be there and to do the right thing: *"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."* [Ecclesiastes 3:11] God has set everything for its time so we should take the time to enjoy ourselves and make the best of each event and of each season of change.

Enjoy all that you have and always hold on in trust to every moment, trusting to God who is in control. Hold on to the one who loves us and who promises that where we trust in him, he will provide for all our needs.

With my prayers and best wishes



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## **LUNCHTIME CONCERT Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

At 1.15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May St Peter's Church will again, after a 2 year absence due to the pandemic, be welcoming years 9 and 10 Music Scholars from Ardingly College to give a lunchtime concert.

Led by Director of Music, Richard Stafford, the students will present a varied programme of musical pieces, which, if like previous years, will be of a high standard and well worth listening to. The concert will last under an hour and all are welcome.



## **NOTICE BOARD for MAY**

**Meeting Point Coffee Mornings** will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



### **PLANT SALE**

Jean Jeffery is growing plants again this year and is hoping to have them ready for sale by the beginning of June. All proceeds will go to St Peter's.

## **THANK YOU**

*I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gifts as I celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in April. It was an occasion to remember. Many thanks, Mike Veasey*

**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)

## **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May: film night

3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June Jubilee weekend – many events planned

30<sup>th</sup> June Village Lunch

## Services in May 2022

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

9.00am

Acts 9: 1 - 6; John 21: 1 – 19

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

Acts 9: 1 - 6; John 21: 1 – 19

**Morning Praise**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am

Acts 9: 36 - 43; John 10: 22 – 30

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

Acts 9: 36 - 43; John 10: 22 – 30

**Holy Communion [CW]**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am

Acts 11: 1 - 18; John 13: 31 – 35

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

Acts 11: 1 - 18; John 13: 31 – 35

**Morning Praise**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am

Acts 16: 9 - 15; John 5: 1 – 9

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

Acts 16: 9 - 15; John 5: 1 – 9

**Morning Praise & Baptism**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Ascension Day**

10.30am

*A Service to celebrate Jesus' Ascension*

**Holy Communion [CW]**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9.00am

Acts 16: 16 - 34; John 17: 20 - 26

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

Acts 16: 16 - 34; John 17: 20 - 26

**Holy Communion [CW]**  
**with prayer for healing**  
**and wholeness**



## ***'Happy & Glorious'***

A flower festival  
to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, St. Peter's Church will be holding a flower festival over the weekend of 3-5 June 2022. We are aiming to fill the church with glorious flower arrangements to mark this occasion and to invite visitors to come along and enjoy the spectacle in the beautiful setting of the church building.

We are inviting individuals and local organisations to provide a floral display for the festival. If you would like to be part of the festival but are unable to provide an arrangement you may prefer to sponsor the cost of an arrangement.

For further information, to get involved, to provide a flower arrangement or to sponsor a display please contact Jane at [secretary@ardinglychurch.net](mailto:secretary@ardinglychurch.net) or on 01444 892769.

## **Maundy Thursday Meal**

After a gap of some three years, it was a real treat to have the freedom and opportunity to meet at the Church Centre for a meal on Maundy Thursday evening. Replicating the Last Supper, it was preceded, after a welcoming drink, with some thought-provoking readings and prayers after which guests enjoyed a delicious meal and a range of mouth-watering desserts.

So much missed over the years, but only recently revived, mixing for conversation over a meal with others has become a real joy and brought back memories of the many occasions in the past when our church family has met in the Centre.

The meal over, there was time for more readings, prayers, sharing the Peace and a shared Communion, following which, as is traditional, guests were invited to leave quietly and simply walk away.

I am sure I speak on behalf of all who attended when I thank John, Sally, Jill, John, Carol, Nigel, Jane and all those who contributed to this memorable and meaningful occasion.

Lynn Wilson





## **NEWS FROM SOUTH EAST ASIA**



'A and B' have had quite a busy Spring. A has started teaching again online – 2 classes with about 50-60 students each. Preparation for the classes takes time. They are also busy helping newly arrived members of their team to adjust to their new location.

B has been on a retreat to learn about the background and beliefs of the people they are reaching out to. She is also particularly happy to have been able to come alongside a couple of blind believers and a neighbour who is wheelchair bound.

Covid continues to affect all that they do and plans often need to change at short notice. Health is a constant issue for local people and when one local man got a call to say that his father had fallen sick in a forest, he had to walk 7 kilometers to a river, which he had to cross on a raft, and then walk another 3 kilometers to reach his father.

Discipleship is a challenge for new believers, who are mostly women with little or no education. Some can read, some probably can't. They have little knowledge of their own religion, much less our Scriptures. They have a lot of religious and traditional practices that are animistic in nature and their mindset is hard for outsiders to understand. They say they believe in Jesus Christ and want to follow him but how much do they understand who He is and what it means to follow Him?

A and B's children are doing well at school. Their daughter spent her Easter break with friends by the sea. Their son is still enjoying his Orientation school in Europe. He and his friends are helping out with receiving some refugees from Ukraine.

A and B are very thankful that their host country has re-opened its borders to tourists and quarantine is not required anymore. It is the same in their daughter's host country. This means that they will probably be able see their children this summer, which will bring them great joy. They very much appreciate our prayers.

## **NEWS FROM NEPAL** *(received in April)*

First of all we wish you a [belated] very, very, Happy Easter and May the Risen Christ be with you and bless you always! Also we wish you a very Happy Nepali New Year (Bikram Sambat) 2079 starts from 14th, April. We always thank God for our friends and prayer partners like you. We love to share with you here what God has done/doing in our midst in Nepal and at Aanandit Church/Charity.

I, Milan, turned 50 last month. I'm enjoying being 50! I recommend it to anyone! Praise the Lord for one more year. Hallelujah!

My wife and a team went to Morang Eastern Nepal to speak at a Women's conference in March. There has been a series of Women's and Youth events held every month at the Aanandit Church since the Covid restrictions ended. We praise God for this all.

In March we also had a one day special seminar among the Aanandit Church Pastors, Leaders and youth workers. That was a great encouragement for every one as we spent time in worship and in prayer ministry with two great speakers from the UK.



Everyone at the children's homes and at the hostel are doing very well in their studies.

We were praying for the many unemployed in our church to get jobs and around half a dozen of them got jobs. We guided them to apply to different offices and areas. Praise the Lord.

We praise God for the rapid decrease of Covid19 and that businesses are slowly moving ahead. God has given us a good number of students in our school this year so that has been a good blessing too. We are, however, facing fuel shortages and market prices are growing very high.

We are planting a church in a new place from 30th April. It will be just on the outskirts of Kathmandu. It will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Aanandit church. We have a vision to have 40 Churches by 2030 in Nepal. Lots of Easter Rallies and outdoor events are planned too.

May God bless you very richly.

Love, Milan

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## **CONFLICT IN UKRAINE**

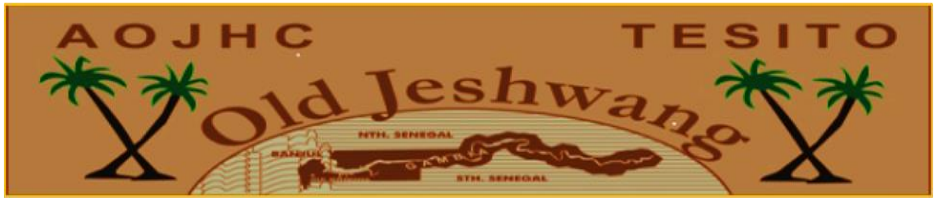
### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the DEC Ukraine Appeal. All donations and associated gift aid will be passed on to support those affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

### **Providing Support**

A parish the size of St. Peter's is limited in what it can do on its own to help in this situation, but it can be more productive as part of a larger organisation. St. Peter's along with the Parish Council has recognised the need to support those who generously open their homes to refugees. This support could be in terms of providing transport (especially for educational or medical needs) or providing help through experience and links with other organisations. The Ardingly Support Group has been set up and registered with the Sanctuary Foundation in order to be able to draw on their help and experience in dealing with such situations. If refugees or hosts within the village need any help, then we will ensure it is there for them. It is important to recognise that hosts may also need support and access to help as refugees may be traumatised by their experiences.

In addition to providing support as needed, The Church Centre is to be made available as a meeting place for refugees to get together and to possibly hold meals and social events. Our own 'At your service' is set up and is ready to help hosts and families as required.



## **Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association**

Since the untimely death of our Chairman, Stephen Doerr, who had been key in the running of AOJA and left a huge void to fill, much has happened. His funeral at the beginning of January was a fitting tribute, with a packed Church appropriately recognising his life and many achievements. A Memorial Fund, set up in Stephen's name, has to date raised £1000 and this will be used appropriately in The Health Centre in Jeshwang Village.

Following two Trustee & Committee Meetings, Lynn Wilson has been elected Chairman and Peter Tomlin as Vice Chairman and Secretary. The Charities Commission and other appropriate authorities have been advised of these appointments.

The Gambian government accepts our facility as an integral part of its health care system and it is the permanent home of the Area Public Health Officer, overseeing immunisation and blood donation programmes. It is the intention of the Trustees and Committee to continue and build upon this good work, already long established.

Following the death of the original Administrator, Abdoulie Sowe, under the newly appointed Administrator, Chernoh Yaddeh, a new administration has been appointed. A recent report from Chernoh was very positive and highlighted the enormous amount of work and progress that has been achieved, despite the restrictions of Covid and our inability to travel out to The Gambia.

These achievements are in no small way possible due to the generosity of our 113 individual sponsors who have helped maintain our financial stability and enable The Clinic to survive, grow and develop during these very difficult times. We continue to be extremely grateful to our sponsors, particularly as fundraising has of

course been severely restricted due to Covid. We are always grateful when new sponsors join us and when current ones feel able to increase their contribution.

The following services are currently offered to the Jeshwang community by the Health Centre:

1. Maternity (mother and child health clinic).
2. Medical outpatient (Emergency consultation, diabetes and hypertension management and other).
3. Laboratory/Pathology (haematology, serological screening. Haemoglobin testing, HIV screening, malaria testing, hepatitis screening, Covid19 screening, urine testing and others).
4. Dental clinic
5. Pharmacy services
6. Birth registration
7. Vaccination (Covid19, tuberculosis, hepatitis, polio, HPV, meningitis, rotavirus etc).

This gives a flavour as to how important The Clinic is in Old Jeshwang and how your sponsorship is helping to improve the lives of thousands of people, who might not otherwise survive. It has helped in laboratory expansion and to date 25 tests are conducted as a result of the purchase of important new equipment. Maternal and child health clinics are now held daily. The establishment of the dental department has brought relief to many!

However, one of the greatest successes has been the introduction of 24 hours services. This initiative is geared towards providing accessible and continuous quality services round the clock, which enhances life expectancy and the well-being of people within the community and the surrounding areas at all times.

As you can tell from this brief account, Old Jeshwang continues to survive and expand. The initial initiative set up by the late Dr John Dale, ably supported by Margaret and continued by Stephen has gone from strength to strength and the current Committee are proud of what has been achieved, as should the Parish of St Peter's be, who have faithfully supported and prayed for it.

Peter Tomlin

## FSW Update April 2022



Some good news: FSW has appointed one full time and six part time Practitioners to work in the Diocese starting in May. The new Practitioners will be working in the Deaneries of Battle and Bexhill, Cuckfield, Dallington, Horsham (x2), Hurst and Rotherfield. This now means we are active in 19 of the 21 deaneries in the Diocese. This continued growth is thanks to the hard work of many local fundraisers as well as some generous support from grant making charities. All of the posts are for a minimum of two years.

We are also in a position that we can offer support to Ukrainian refugee families as they arrive in the Diocese, should they need the help and support in settling into their new life in Sussex. If you become aware of a family needing support, please do contact Garton House to make a referral, with the family's agreement of course.

In March the 13 Practitioners were working hard by supporting 404 adults and 379 children with direct help. This was undertaken through 248 face to face visits and 534 phone calls and other electronic communications. From the food bank we made 176 deliveries of food support and our family grant scheme supported 6 families as well as a number of grants to help with fuel bills. We ran 34 support groups in the month and over 600 individuals attended at least one of them . FSW is a team and as you read this and pray for our work, you too are a part of the team that sustains us and keeps us going and we are very grateful for your constant support.

Not all of our work relates to deprivation or fuel and food poverty. Our Practitioners are very skilled with lots of experience in other areas, recently one of them supported Jack an 11 year old boy. Jack's story follows:

"Jack's mum died from cancer 8 months ago. Following her death, he moved to live with his dad in East Sussex where he has started a new school and has had to settle into a new life altogether. Jack's school asked me to offer the family some support. Jack was struggling to accept the new role his dad's partner has in their lives which was causing conflict in the family.

I met with Jack weekly in school, first building trust with him as he was very protective of his feelings about his mother. Over the next few sessions I supported Jack to explore his feelings, understand the impact of grief in his life and recognise the coping skills and support he has. At the last session Jack said he had enjoyed being able to share memories about his mum and was proud to see how well he was doing. He also said that things with his dad's partner were much better. Jack's dad sent the following text "I just wanted to say thank you for all you done for Jack, you really have helped him. Many thanks"

**Martin Auton-Lloyd, CEO**

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## **A 'green' alternative to plastic**

Bamboo toothbrushes are one of the oldest types of toothbrushes. The earliest toothbrushes were made in China using bamboo and other natural materials, such as using boar's hair for the bristles.



Bamboo has a smaller ecological footprint than plastic because bamboo plants grow quickly, regrowing what was taken for the production of the toothbrush. Bamboo is also biodegradable if used in its raw form, such as for toothbrush handles.

When the nylon bristles are removed, bamboo toothbrush handles can be composted, reused as garden plant markers, or put to other household uses! However, just like plastic toothbrush handles, they will take up space in a landfill if just thrown away.

*(From Colgate.com)*

## **THY KINGDOM COME** **26<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

This year sees the 7<sup>th</sup> annual *Thy Kingdom Come* – a global ecumenical prayer for evangelisation, initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.



“Beginning on Ascension Day and continuing until Pentecost Sunday, Christians around the globe, from all denominations, are invited to hold as a focus for their prayers a desire for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit – upon them, their friends and the church. The Holy Spirit is God's promised presence with us, enabling us to be witnesses ourselves of the heavenly Father's revolutionary love for us in Christ first-hand, and then be witnesses to Jesus to the world. The prayer is simply,

*"Come Holy Spirit"*

*And the promise is sure: 'So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!' [Luke 11:9-13]"*

(taken from the Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journal 2022, written by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby)

More information is available on the website:  
[www.thykingdomcom.global/resources](http://www.thykingdomcom.global/resources)



## Bellringing at St. Peter's

The art of church bellringing has been part of our heritage for hundreds of years and is particularly English, although there are churches elsewhere, even overseas, with bells that are rung 'full circle' as we do.

Sussex has many towers with bells which are regularly rung to call people to worship every Sunday (and for other services, including weddings of course) and at each a band of enthusiastic ringers regularly meet, at their own and other towers, to practise and enjoy meeting other bellringers. Some towers, like ours, have six bells - others eight, ten or even twelve. Ours were re-furbished in 2008/9 and consequently are easy to ring, having been re-hung with new fittings.

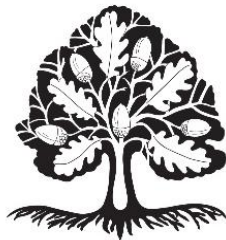
St. Peter's, Ardingly really would like to attract anyone who may wish to learn this fascinating art in the service of the church. It does not require physical strength, mathematical or musical skills and is suitable for anyone aged from about 12 years and over. Once learned, bellringing is something that will stay with you (like riding a bike but without the need to dodge other traffic and don special clothing!) for ever more and you will find that you are welcome in any bell tower, anywhere in the world.

It may be, of course, that you have already learned bellringing some time ago and would like to pick it up again - you'd be more than welcome.



If you think that you might care to learn more about bellringing, please contact me (892113 or Mobile: 07713 324610 Email: [lynn@ardingly.clara.co.uk](mailto:lynn@ardingly.clara.co.uk) ) and maybe come along and see up into the ringing and bell chambers, see how they are rung and learn a new and rewarding art.

Lynn Wilson



**ARDINGLY**  
PARISH COUNCIL

## **Ardingly Parish Council**

The Council meets regularly on a monthly basis, to discuss items of concern to the village and ensure that village interests are upheld. At all of the Parish Council meetings, the first fifteen minutes are open for members of the public to ask any relevant questions that they might have.

At our meeting in April, we were delighted that Councillor Gary Marsh, our District Councillor, was able to attend. We also were able to welcome a new member to the Parish Council, John Paul.

Discussions continue regarding the refurbishment of the pavilion. We are currently asking for tenders from contractors who are interested in doing the work required. It is anticipated that the work will begin later this year, on the assumption that the tender process goes according to plan.

Residents will be aware that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee happens in June and we are hoping to work with as many groups, businesses and organisations in the village as possible to arrange a proper celebratory weekend! The plans are to have:

Beacon lighting on Thursday 2 June on the showground  
Village Fair on Saturday 4 June in Hapstead Hall  
Grand Street Party on Sunday 5 June in Street Lane  
Flower Festival at St Peter's Church 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June

There will also be a Great Ardingly Bake Off competition, prizes for Jubilee-themed dress and other fun events.

**Annual Parish Meeting: 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall on Tuesday 24th May.**

## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ...

Angus was driving down the street, worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. So, looking up towards heaven, he said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up whisky." A moment later, miraculously, a parking place appeared. Angus looked up again and said, "Never mind. I found one."



The young minister took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and was told it would be a long labour. So, he agreed to ring at lunchtime for news. But when he phoned, he dialled the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said: "I brought my wife to your place early this morning. Is there any news?"

He was surprised to be told: "Yes, seven out and the last two were ducks."



Sorting out books for the local fete, a parishioner came across some well-worn and dusty illustrated encyclopaedias, treasured from his childhood. Unwilling to part with them, he put them on a shelf in the garage where his small grandchildren found them and spent many happy hours looking at the pictures. These books, however, caused him great embarrassment the day the minister came to visit. One of his grandchildren suddenly said:

"Grandad, can we go and look at those dirty books you keep in the garage?"

As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

The **Ardingly Connected Together** team were busy again over Easter and following the great success of last year's event, they organised another village Easter Egg Hunt for everyone on Easter Sunday afternoon. Kathy James writes:

We were fortunate to be blessed yet again with lovely weather for the Easter weekend. This meant that we were able to put on the village Easter Egg hunt without people getting soaked and/or frozen in their quest for even more chocolate!

More than 400 chocolate eggs were hidden all around the village, along a route mapped out for families to follow. Then, just after lunch, the hunt began. Maps were provided so that families could enjoy a walk while hunting for the hidden 'gems'. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves - the eggs all disappeared!

Now, as we move forward to the Jubilee weekend, we are hoping to work alongside other groups in the village and the Parish Council to organise a proper celebratory weekend.

*(More news about Jubilee weekend events in the Parish Council news on page 16 and in the June parish magazine)*

Email: [debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com](mailto:debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com)  
College Tel: 01444893000  
Transport Available on Request



# Bridging Ages Cafe

Where: College Cafe  
When: Every Monday  
4:30-5:30 PM

IT Support  
Board Games  
Conversations  
Free Tea and Coffee



# Parish Register

There are no entries in the parish register this month.

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*Come, Holy Ghost,  
our souls inspire,  
And lighten with  
celestial fire.  
Thou the anointing  
Spirit art,  
Who dost thy sevenfold  
gifts impart*

(words attributed to Rabanus Maurus)

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## **Meeting Point Rota**

9<sup>th</sup> May: Lyn and Belinda

23<sup>rd</sup> May: Adele and Diana

## **Flower Rota**

13<sup>th</sup> May: Belinda Maclean



## **Next Brass Cleaning:**

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June: Pam Dennis and Geoff Chittenden

## General Information

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

**BELL RINGING:** If you are interested in joining the team of bell ringers please contact Lynn Wilson (892113)

**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)

**BOOKS** can be borrowed from the back of church, free of charge

**BRASS CLEANING:** Help with brass cleaning is always welcome. Contact Adele Collins (892189)

**BRASS RUBBING:** Appointments may be made via the Churchwardens (John 892277 or Nigel 892769). Fee: £10.00

**FLOWERS:** Belinda Maclean (892368) is always glad to hear from anyone who would like to arrange/give flowers for the decoration of the church.

**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*.

**HOME GROUPS** meet for bible study, prayer and fellowship on various afternoons/nights of the week. New members are always very welcome. Contact: John Witherington (892277)

**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)

**ST PETER'S CENTRE:** Hire of Centre, crockery, cutlery and chairs: contact Carol Grossman 416707

**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.

## PRAYER DIARY MAY 2022

*"O my Strength, I sing praise to you; you,  
O God, are my fortress, my loving God"  
(Psalm 59 v 17)*



- 1 Church services today. Praise God for our freedom to worship and pray for Christians who lack this
- 2 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 3 The war in Ukraine and all who are suffering
- 4 The Prime Minister, government and all in authority
- 5 The Covid situation at home and abroad
- 6 Carers and all who look after others
- 7 Refugees around the world, especially those from Ukraine
- 8 Our worship today. Give thanks & pray for all who lead worship
- 9 Meeting Point. Pray for all who attend and those who help
- 10 All who are anxious or suffer poor mental health
- 11 CPAS and the support they give to UK churches
- 12 Children & adults with special needs. Those who care for them
- 13 Countries affected by famine or other natural disasters
- 14 The PCC, meeting today
- 15 Our worship today & all who will join us for baby Harry's baptism
- 16 Christian Aid week. Pray for a good response & the charity's work
- 17 Vulnerable migrants and the cross-Channel people-traffickers
- 18 All who serve on the Parish Council and our local Councils
- 19 Those struggling due to energy prices & the rising cost of living
- 20 St Peter's Centre. All who use it and look after it
- 21 Those known to us who are serving God overseas
- 22 Church services today. Pray that God's Kingdom may grow
- 23 All who work in the medical professions
- 24 Belinda Maclean & the IMARA team. Plans to visit Uganda
- 25 All who volunteer in Ardingly and bless our community
- 26 **Ascension Day**. Praise God for sending Jesus to us
- 27 Teachers and pupils, preparing for exams soon
- 28 Street Pastors and others who help people in difficulty
- 29 Our worship today. Pray for blessing, healing and new life
- 30 The Queen and the Royal Family. Plans for the Platinum Jubilee
- 31 Praise God for His promises and faithfulness day by day

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