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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,

As we look into the months of July and August and so to the promise of fine summer weather, for many of us it is a time for a change of tempo. It is a time to slow down from the usual rush. A moment to forget those deadlines, targets, and the usual timetable.



A moment to put it all aside for at least a short while and as we take some time off for a holiday - either going away to somewhere different or maybe just staying at home and catching up on some much-needed sleep. It is a moment to rest.

Certainly, our work fixated, success focused, demand driven culture denies to many the sleep that they need. Research has shown that too many people nowadays do not sleep long enough or well enough so as to be at their best. I know for myself that as I get older I seem to need more sleep and that without it I quickly become irritable and impatient. That need for proper rest is built into us, made as we all are in the image of God. In three days, says the Book of Genesis, God had formed the world. Then, in three parallel days he wonderfully filled it with the light of the sun and moon and stars and with the trees and plants and creatures of the deep, with the birds of the sky and all the animals that roamed across the earth. The apex of his work was the creation of humankind and: *God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!* But then, having finished his work of creation, he rested. On the seventh day he rested from all his work.

That rest would not have included sleep. As the psalmist says when speaking of God's great care for us: *the one who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps (Psalm 121: 3 - 4,* which is a reminder that God not only made the hills, the heavens, and the earth but he also watches over us, never diverted nor distracted. We can never outgrow our need for God's untiring watch over our lives. But that 'watch,' that care and provision of us, includes God's recognition of our need for rest. So, our need to take a moment of rest, a day of rest in biblical terms, became a commandment.

Jesus himself demonstrated our need for rest and our need for sleep. In Mark's Gospel we're told how he took his disciples away to rest after they had completed the work he'd given them to do (*Mark 6: 31*). And in Luke's Gospel we read how Jesus slept even as a storm raged around the boat on which he and his disciples were travelling (*Luke 8: 23ff*). It calls to my mind some other words that we read in the psalms: *God gives sleep to his loved ones (Psalm 127: 2)*. So, rest and sleep are God given gifts. But they are more. They are moments to let go and to remind ourselves that God is in control.

I hope and pray that you will all know something of that rest (and chance to catch up on some quality sleep!) over the Summer and that whatever you are doing, it will be a time of real blessing, peace, and relaxation. But don't leave it at just that few days or couple of weeks. Remember that our need to rest 'a day each week' is built into us and indeed that not only can we rest on one day of the week, but we are invited to rest in Jesus every day, at any time: *Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11: 28)*

With my prayers and best wishes,

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

Services in July 2022

Sunday 3rd July

The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Galatians 6: 1-6; Luke 10: 1-11 & 16-20

10.30am

Morning Praise

Galatians 6: 1-6; Luke 10: 1-11 & 16-20

6.30pm

Open to God

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

Sunday 10th July

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Morning Prayer (BCP)

Colossians 1: 1 - 14; Luke 10: 25 - 37

10.30am

Morning Praise

Colossians 1: 15 - 28; Luke 10: 38 - 42

Sunday 17th July

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Colossians 1: 15 - 28; Luke 10: 38 - 42

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

Colossians 1: 1 - 14; Luke 10: 25 - 37

Sunday 24th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Colossians 2: 6 - 15; Luke 11: 1 - 13

10.30am

**Holy Communion (CW)
with prayer for healing
and wholeness**

Colossians 2: 6 - 15; Luke 11: 1 - 13

Sunday 31st July

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Colossians 3: 1 - 11; Luke 12: 13 - 21

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Colossians 3: 1 - 11; Luke 12: 13 - 21

Morning Praise

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A big 'Thank you' to everyone who contributed to the beautiful Flower Festival during the Jubilee weekend. All the displays were truly lovely! And also a big 'Thank you' to Jane Taylor-Cheater for organizing it.

NB. Nearly all the pictures in the magazine are in colour but printed on black and white. To see them in colour, go to our website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

Services in August 2022

Sunday 7th August

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

Morning Praise

6.30pm

Open to God

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

Sunday 14th August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56

Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 21st August

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Hebrews 12: 18 - 29; Luke 13: 10 - 17

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Hebrews 12: 18 - 29; Luke 13: 10 - 17

Morning Praise

Sunday 28th August

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Hebrews 13: 1-8 & 15-16; Luke 14: 1 & 7-14

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Hebrews 13: 1-8 & 15-16; Luke 14: 1 & 7-14

Holy Communion (CW)

with prayer for healing and wholeness

NOTICE BOARD for July/August

Meeting point Coffee Mornings will take place on 4th and 18th July in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. All are welcome.



We will be having an outing in August but the date and venue have not been decided yet. Details will be announced after my trip to Uganda.

Belinda Maclean

Donations for Ukraine

Approximately £1515 was donated during the Easter period and is being sent off to DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee). We can claim gift aid on much of this sum, which will add around 25% more.

Proceeds of Plant Sale



A big "Thank You" to everyone who supported the sale of plants that I had grown. We raised £86 for church funds.

I hope the plants grow well and give everyone much pleasure.

Jean Jeffery

Apologies to anyone who went to the Festival of Flowers at Chichester Cathedral expecting admission to be free (as I had stated). The information on the Cathedral website changed and it was, in fact, a ticketed event. It was truly splendid though, and I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who has not seen a flower festival on that scale.



Angels & Urchins

For babies, pre-school children and their carers
Thursday mornings in school term time
0900-1100 at St Peter's Church Centre (front door)
Last pre-summer session is on 14th July

Start date for the new term: 8th September

All our Angels & Urchins families (and their teddy bears) are invited to join us for a teddy bears picnic on Thursday 11 August 2022. More details closer to the time.



Sussex Historic Churches Trust



Sponsored Ride and Stride September 10th 2022

This annual event enables us to help in raising money to preserve the historic places of worship across Sussex.

As usual St Peter's will be open all day to enable riders and walkers to visit the church while participating. Sponsor forms and lists of places open will be available soon for walkers and riders who wish to participate in this annual

event. Sponsor forms will also be available for those who assist by manning the church and welcoming visitors during the day.

If you have any queries please contact me on 01444 415317.

Jean Jeffery

THANK YOU



At this time of year a big "Thank you" must be said to all those who contribute to, sort and deliver the magazine on a monthly basis. Thank you, too, to Ardingly College who print the magazine for us each month and to Ann Phillipson who very kindly proof reads the copy. Without you all it wouldn't happen! Thank you so much.

I hope you will have a good break during the summer, before preparation for the September magazine begins again in August. If you'd like to contribute anything please send it to me by noon on Friday 19th August (emails4sue@gmail.com). This will give me time to fit everything into the space available, ready for proof reading and printing.

Many thanks! Sue Laker

Happy and Glorious Flower Festival to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee

We hope that you were able to visit the church over the Jubilee Weekend and enjoyed the marvelous floral displays as part of the Flower Festival. The whole church looked beautiful with all the arrangements and was admired by the many visitors who came to enjoy the festival.

Our thanks go to all those who made the Flower Festival such a success, especially

- to the church flower team of Belinda, Pat, Pam, Jean, Ann and Sheila
- to the local organisations of the WI, NSPCC and Fellows Bakery (did you spot the vintage baking tins used for their display?)
- to the local youth groups of 1st Ardingly Scout Group, Ardingly Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, St. Peter's Pre-School and Angels and Urchins
- and to Poppy (for her very happy Queen and Guards) and other individuals who contributed displays

Thank you also to all those who generously sponsored the cost of the flowers and made this event so successful.

Jane Taylor Cheater, Secretary to the PCC

The Bells of Ardingly

DVD of the restoration project to restore our church bells

This remarkable DVD narrates the history of our bells, leading up to their restoration in 2008-2009 with footage of their removal from inside the bell tower, the work inside the now-closed Whitechapel Bell Foundry and the bells' eventual return and re-installation.



4 of the bells being transported to the foundry for refurbishment

As a backdrop, the DVD is a unique video and still photograph record of the village of Ardingly and the surrounding countryside, including the South of England Showground, The College and Wakehurst Place resplendent in glorious autumn colours.

The DVD is available for £10.00 with all proceeds going to St. Peter's Church.

To order a DVD contact Lynn Wilson, 892113 or Mobile 07713 324610.

CMS has mission partners in Ukraine. Alison Giblett shares why she chose to stay among her community in Ukraine, even as violence swept in.



It seemed unthinkable, then improbable, then increasingly likely – and then on 24 February 2022 Russian forces entered Ukraine. As the world watched, aghast, for many in the Church Mission Society community, hearts lurched, thinking about CMS people in mission in Ukraine: Alison Giblett, who has been a mission partner there since 2004, Valery Alymov, a local partner and church leader near Kyiv, and Anya Manchuliak, another local partner who grew up in Crimea and works with Valery and Alison in Kyiv.

In times of crisis, CMS’s policy for mission partners is for them to seek guidance from local colleagues as to whether to stay or leave. Alison consulted Valery, who supported her desire to stay as long as she could, bearing in mind her deep connection to the country and its people forged over many years. Alison is also no stranger to local unrest – back in 2014 during the Maidan political protests, she and Valery and others from their church set up a tent, offering people Bibles and prayer. She told the remarkable story of a military chief whose life was spared when a bullet struck his chest – and hit the New Testament he’d received from the team.

Yet what was unfolding now was several times more catastrophic, so why take the risk and stay? Alison said, “I believe that God called me to serve him in Ukraine. He didn’t say ‘only when it was easy’. What right do I have to serve people in the good times if I am not willing to stand with them in the hard times?”

Citing Mark 4, where Jesus calms a storm and the hearts of his fearful disciples, Alison added, “How can God teach us to trust him through the storm if we are not willing to go through it when necessary?” (Mark 4 v 35-40)

In the first days of the crisis, Alison and Anya managed to join Valery and his wife Olga on the outskirts of Kyiv, along with 40 or so members of their church; they stayed together in a farmhouse. As the violence around them grew and food, water and internet became increasingly scarce, the group moved westward and at the time of writing (mid-March) they had reached a place of relative safety.

Everyone around her has had to make tough choices, Alison pointed out. She said that their church (whose name has been withheld for security reasons) believes 3 foundational things: They are stronger together, Their united prayer of faith can have a powerful effect, and Their continuing presence is a witness as well as resistance to evil.

Alison shared, "Along with many, we are praying day and night for the war to end and specifically that attacks we hear about will not be successful. As a church community we have already been in 3 different locations and God has used us to intercede for each place. We prayed intensively for a village that we were in when there were attacks on both sides, and bombs fell nearby. Praise God no soldier or citizen was killed.

Whenever I have prayed about what I should do, I have always had peace about staying, with the assurance that God is not only in control but working things together for our good.

My desire is to stay and fulfil my part of bringing God's will to pass here in Ukraine. However, if my presence here becomes a burden, creates an increased risk for those around me or if I am told to leave, I will leave and seek to help from a distance.

Alison, Valery and Anya, with their church family, have been receiving local hospitality and doing what they can, when they can, for others, including praying, worshipping and sharing what food they have with people in need. They continue to collect resources to help people in the present and future, as the people of Ukraine are likely to remain on the edge for quite some time.

NEWS FROM NEPAL

Greetings to you in His precious name of our Lord Jesus from Nepal.

Thank you so much for being our sincere friends and prayer partner. We send our Love, Greetings and Prayers to you from Nepal.

The picture below speaks the "Project 2030 – Help for Care" dream we have to bring all our projects into one big area and care for everyone, from needy toddlers to the elderly and marginalized and deprived people of all castes and ethnic groups, creating a big family environment. We want to share Christ's love with these people and be one of the best charities in Nepal.



Some more news:

The situation is getting normal after the dreadful two years of Covid19. All our daughters are now in Vacation. Our eldest daughter is going to University in a few months.

It was with joy that me and my wife were able to visit England for 12 days in May and it was the first time just the two of us travelled together since 2001. It was so lovely and encouraging to meet friends and to share about our work.

We are busy as usual planting and leading the churches and also running the charity and empowering Nepali Church leaders through training. Me and my wife are off to Eastern Nepal for a few days to teach and also to graduate our participants who have been training at the Ezra Leadership Training for two months. There are 11 students from India and Nepal - very exciting. We have two training centers where we will offer training for a week every 3 months for 15 Pastors/Leaders and Lay believers. A 3 months residential course will be offered in Eastern Nepal from October. We highly appreciate your prayers for this.

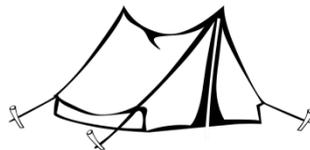
The monsoon has just started in Nepal. Local elections have been held and a new local government formed already. The war in Ukraine makes petroleum expensive so we see lots of price hikes in food and goods.

As always, we love to hear from you and thank you, and may God bless you.

With lots of Love, Milan

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**Are you camping this summer?
Here are some helpful hints...**



~ When using a public campsite, a tuba placed outside your tent will keep the spaces on either side vacant.

~ A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey ball.

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2022

LINK TO HOPE have just launched their 2022 Shoebox Appeal so that we can begin collecting useful items early.

Ukraine is one of the countries supported by the Shoebox Appeal. The charity has project managers on the ground in Ukraine, several of whom managed to escape across borders into Poland and Romania (those with families) but others felt they needed to stay put. Sadly, after many years of supporting the poor and marginalised, the project managers now find themselves refugees and in need of help themselves. One project manager lived in Kharkiv and his home has been completely destroyed.



In February the charity received a request to help with the large humanitarian and refugee crisis unfolding and affecting other countries that Link to Hope helps, such as Moldova and to a lesser extent Bulgaria.

There is desperate need to help people at the borders and also to house and feed those refugees that have managed to get to relative safety. The charity has been fundraising and has managed to send money to buy bedding, mattresses, beds etc. which are being set up in their community centre in Bozieni in Moldova. The canteen



there, which usually serves the poor community, is now being expanded to feed the refugees as well.

The deadline for the Shoebox Appeal is the end of October. If you would like a form listing what can be put in a shoe box please do let me know.

Sue Laker (892117)



NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

A very dirty, grubby little boy came in from playing in the garden and asked his mother, "Who am I?"

Ready to play the game, she said, "I don't know! Who are you?"

"WOW!" cried the boy. "Mrs. Jones was right! She said I was so dirty, my own mother wouldn't recognize me!"



"Doctor, it's been a month since my last visit, and I still feel miserable."

"Did you follow the instructions on the bottle of medicine that I gave you?"

"I certainly did. The bottle said 'Keep tightly closed'."

When a university student moved out of his campus digs into an apartment, he went shopping for cleaning equipment. His trolley was loaded with a broom, mop, dust-pan, sponges and a full array of cleaning products.

At the last minute he topped off his trolley with a lone food purchase -- a large bag of potato crisps.

Seeing the checkout girl's quizzical look, he explained, "I'm a very messy eater."

It's my wife's birthday soon and she's been leaving jewellery catalogues all over the house. She'll be happy to know I got the hint. I've bought her a magazine rack.

SAMARA'S AID - NEWS FROM SYRIA

SHEEP & WOLVES

Our flock of sheep is producing around 15kg of dairy (yoghurt and cheese) for distribution to the poor. Our farm is the only green patch in this area, which affects all of the wildlife surrounding it. However, the wolves in the area are hungry too and prowl around looking for an opportunity to kill our sheep. Please pray for protection for both our livestock and workers.



EARTH BUILDINGS & SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

When we saw how the prices of everything were spiralling out of control we started researching building with clay, sand and straw – a building technique which has been used for thousands of years. We love the environmentally friendly sustainability of it and we want to remind poorer people around us that God has given us all the resources needed for providing shelter. Our “Adobe” or “earth” buildings will be built, in the first instance, for sheep and animals and then storage. They are fireproof, bullet proof and give excellent sound and thermal insulation. And for



the same price as two sacks of cement, we can employ seven workers for a day to make these earth, Adobe bricks, meaning we are paying for salaries rather than products.

DONKEYS IN THE SAND

Sandstorms have been causing problems in the last few months, destroying the leaves of young seedlings, interfering with solar power systems and causing respiratory problems in both animals and humans. One day two donkeys - a male and female - appeared through the clouds of sand. They had somehow got lost in the sandstorm. No one knew where they were from or how far they travelled, but they were clearly grateful for some food and shelter from the storm. And the female was relieved to escape the attention of the rather ‘keen’ male! Their appearance brought a smile to everyone’s faces. Sometimes these little events break up the challenges of daily life in such a difficult place.



Ardingly Parish Council

The Parish Council has had a busy month with the Annual Parish Meeting, the Village Jubilee Celebrations, and receiving and responding to the outline planning application in relation to the SA25 Showground Development not to mention the ongoing background work to secure a contractor and contract administrator for the upcoming Pavilion and Tennis Court Refurbishments

As mentioned above the Parish Council received the outline planning application in relation to SA25 and has reviewed the application and submitted a detailed response which can be viewed on the Parish Website www.ardingly.org

The response demonstrates that Ardingly Parish Council's overall view of the SA25 Development is that every aspect of the development should support the rural nature of the village, its location in AONB, conservation area, and existence within 7 km of the Ashdown Forest protection area

The Parish Council would also like to take this opportunity to give their thanks to each and every person who took part in the Village Jubilee Celebrations from those who attended on the day to those that gave up their time and energy to ensure the events came off without a hitch. Seeing how amazingly the community of Ardingly came together was something to be proud of!!

Well Done Ardingly!!

Bernadette Cox, Clerk to the Parish Council

ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY

Well, Summer appears to have arrived with a vengeance. At St Peter's, we are really enjoying the sunshine while making sure we're keeping safe too. Lots of sun cream and lots of water makes sure that we are all able to enjoy the sun AND stay well.



The children are enjoying lots of sporting events at the moment - cricket festivals and swimming galas to name but two! We are also looking forward to the annual sports day, Sportsfest 2022. While our early years and key stage 1 pupils have their sports events in the morning, followed by key stage 2 pupils in the afternoon, they all get together at the end of the afternoon for an intra school relay race. Highly competitive and great fun!

As a church school, St. Peter's is proud to spend time focusing on Christian values. They play a key part in the life of school and collective worship. Pupils have been learning about respect this term - this learning is reinforced throughout their school day. For example, we will see the children demonstrate respect to one another during their sports events (while still wanting to win!!)

Our pupils come to school to learn and to enjoy learning and now their parents are planning to enjoy learning themselves - by having a cheese and wine tasting event!! They will be sampling wines from around the world, paired with a variety of cheeses. What a brilliant way to spend an evening!



Our vision of Achieve- Believe-Create leads all that we do to prepare our children for the journey of life and you too can be a part of this. There are currently 2 vacancies at our vibrant, welcoming and supportive village school. We are currently seeking suitable candidates for the role of Class Teacher/ SENCO and Teaching

Assistant. If you are interested in either of these positions then please visit the school website or enquire at the school office for more information.

Kathy James

FSW June 2022 update



It has been a bit of a whirlwind over the last month as our new practitioners have settled into their roles. Thank you to everybody who lives in one of our new areas and has made contact or offered support to their new practitioner; it really means a lot to us. As a result, our new colleagues are already building up quite substantial caseloads and it is wonderful to be able to support so many new families who have been needing help. We have also been working with some Ukrainian refugees in certain areas who have been attending our drop-in sessions.

The half term and Jubilee celebrations meant some very busy days. We had stands at many carnivals, town fairs and the like and were able to talk to lots of people about our work. Keep an eye out on our social media pages for the photos!

Looking ahead we are planning our summer holiday activities, which this year will include a day in Ashburnham for our East Sussex families. We are also working with Lodge Hill Activity Centre near Pulborough, which offers some incredible opportunities which we hope to be able to access for our families.

We are still in need of donations for our foodbank, particularly jams, sauces and toiletries. With the increase in the number of families we support with food deliveries, our stocks are running low more quickly, so any contributions are very gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support of FSW's work.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

Platinum Jubilee Weekend

As befits a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of our Monarch's 70 years of service, the nation filled a four-day weekend with pageantry, colour, spectacle and music, which it was clear a huge amount of organisation had taken place to achieve. Here in Ardingly, no less an effort was made for us to enjoy a packed programme of events on our doorstep – something for everyone!



It began on the Thursday with 'Lighting of the Beacon' on the Showground, timed to coincide with similar events being held country-wide. Our church was already resplendent with a Jubilee Flower Festival exhibiting contributions of displays from various village organisations, perhaps the most creative of which were those on top of the piano from Fellows Bakery, housed in Hovis bread bins and the 'Queen and her

Guards' window display (by Poppy, Age 4), inspired by a recent visit to the Crown Jewels.

On Friday, while visitors viewed these splendid patriotically-coloured arrangements, our bellringers rang a Jubilee Quarter Peal, 45 minutes of continuous change ringing.



Saturday saw the 'Market in Hapstead Hall' where our village organisations, including the Scouts, History Society and others manned stalls and displayed their wares of local food and produce with refreshments and face painting available.

Our Church service took place on the Recreation Ground on Sunday morning while elsewhere a huge army of volunteers were busying themselves preparing for the Street Party that afternoon. Goodness knows (actually, the Parish Council knows) where enough tables and chairs were sourced to enable something over 500 people to be accommodated in the closed road from the Inn almost to Oaklands.



In Hapstead Hall, 50 table arrangements were being made, all displaying Union flags and wild flowers from surrounding fields while, in the kitchen a veritable mountain of bread for sandwiches awaited more helpers to prepare party food. By 2.00pm, Street Lane was a stunning

vista – red, white and blue balloons, acres of white tablecloths, flowers, flags and food.

How wonderful to see so many people enjoying the party, the food, tea, coffee or sparkling wine while prizes were being awarded for Best Dressed Children and for the Ardingly Bake Off competition. There was plenty for everyone and a real joy to see people taking the opportunity to mingle between tables to chat and catch up. After such a long period of COVID restrictions and having to take necessary precautions, it really brought the village together – even the threatened rain held off!

A huge 'thank you' is due from us all to the Parish Council, St. Peter's Church and to the many volunteers and organisations who pulled together to make the Platinum Jubilee Weekend a resounding success which will live in our memories for a very long time.

Lynn Wilson

POSTAGE STAMPS – Did you know?



As you have probably noticed, postage stamps now have a bar code on them. If you have a stock of stamps at home with the Queen's head on them but no bar code, **you will not be able to use these from 31st January 2023.**

It will be possible to exchange 'old' stamps for barcoded ones free of charge under Royal Mail's 'Swap Out' scheme, which began on 31st March 2022 and will run until 31 March 2023. A 'Swap Out' form can be obtained from the Royal Mail website or our local Delivery Office. Alternatively you can call their Customer Experience Team on 03457 740740. Stamps cannot be exchanged at a Post Office or Delivery Office.

If you use non-bar coded stamps after the cut-off date they will not be valid and the recipient will have to pay a surcharge (though Royal Mail is yet to confirm what this surcharge is or how it will work in practice). The exception to this is for Christmas themed stamps and 'special' commemorative stamps, which can still be used after 31st January 2023.

INKJET CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone who has brought their used inkjet cartridges to St Peter's Church for recycling. 63 were sent off in May to recycling4charity and this both avoids landfill and raises some useful cash for charity (on this occasion it's Traidcraft). Please keep them coming! The collection tub is at the back of church.



Parish Register

There are no entries in the parish register for the past month.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so evident in these lovely summer months.

We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on in the world which are so difficult to understand. We pray for all your children who are suffering in any way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord, comfort them, assure them of your presence – and deliver them from evil.

May we appreciate each day which you have made. Help us to rejoice and be glad in the gift of each new day – and to trust you for all our tomorrows, knowing that in you alone is our security.

In Jesus' name. Amen

(based on a prayer in Parish Pump)

Flower Rota

Friday 1st July – Ann

Friday 15th July – Pam

Friday 29th July – Belinda

Friday 12th August – Jean

Friday 26th August – Pat and Sheila

Meeting Point

4th July – Adele and Diana

18th July – Jill, Alison, Deb

Brass Cleaning

Week beginning 30th July:

Jill Veasey and Caroline Rich



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

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)

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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 July 2022



*"The faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Praise the Lord" Psalm 117 v 2)*

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 The Prime Minister and all Members of Parliament
- 3** May our worship inspire and equip us to serve God better
- 4 The rising cost of living. All who are struggling financially
- 5 The situation in Ukraine
- 6 Our home groups and their leaders
- 7 The many foreign students and summer visitors to the UK
- 8 The NHS, under increasing pressure
- 9 Andreas and Bambi in S.E.Asia and their children
- 10** Praise God and thank him for forgiveness, peace, love & joy
- 11 Cross Channel migrants
- 12 Belinda Maclean – the IMARA team and students
- 13 Pray for all who suffer from any kind of addiction
- 14 The Queen and all the Royal Family
- 15 Give thanks for Ardingly's green spaces and the reservoir
- 16 All children who are leaving or changing schools this term
- 17** May lives be transformed and faith strengthened today
- 18 The Samara's Aid volunteers. Pray for encouragement for Dr A
- 19 The work of FSW and our new local practitioner, Alison Green
- 20 All who are anxious or suffer poor mental health
- 21 Refugees around the world
- 22 All clergy and bishops; Justin Welby, Martin, Ruth and Will
- 23 Aaron and MaryAnne, getting married at St Peter's today
- 24** Our Communion services and those receiving home Communion
- 25 Safety for those travelling on holiday. The situation at airports.
- 26 CPAS, supporting churches, training staff and running summer camps
- 27 Tearfund, relieving poverty and suffering in very poor countries
- 28 Praise God for the pleasures of summer
- 29 Milan & Shusma and the Anaandit Church in Nepal
- 30 The PCC meeting today
- 31** All church services today; may God's kingdom grow

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"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" Psalm 46 v 1)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 All beach missions and summer camps taking place this month
- 3 Our Churchwardens and Reader, Nigel and John
- 4 Rest and relaxation for all teaching staff during their holidays
- 5 Heather Johnstone and the Rehema Project in Tanzania
- 6 Street Pastors and all who help people in distress
- 7** May we grow in awareness of God's love and grace today
- 8 The Parish Council and all who serve on it
- 9 The RNLI, Air Ambulance and other emergency services
- 10 Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- 11 Give thanks for family and friends and all that they mean to us
- 12 All who are housebound and those who care for them
- 13 Farmers bringing in the harvest amidst rising costs of fuel and animal feed
- 14** Our worship today. Pray for all who need God's mercy & peace
- 15 All who visit St Peter's this summer
- 16 AOJA and their medical work in the Gambia
- 17 Our local Care Homes – their staff and residents
- 18 Pray for new opportunities to share and live out God's love
- 19 All who have no food or home
- 20 Our Police Force, working in dangerous and difficult situations
- 21** Our worship today. Pray for God's blessing on Ardingly
- 22 The situation in Afghanistan, especially for women and girls
- 23 Scripture Union, Bible Society and other organisations which produce Christian literature
- 24 Aid workers overseas and all the challenges they face
- 25 Ardingly Showground and plans for development there
- 26 Children considering their future following exam results
- 27 All who work in the Forces and serve at sea or abroad
- 28** Our worship today. Pray for all who need God's healing touch
- 29 Our village schools and teachers, preparing for a new term
- 30 Christian outreach in areas of deprivation or racial tension
- 31 Give thanks for all the blessings of the past month

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