

St. Peter's Ardingly

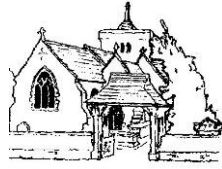
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St Peter's Church, Ardingly

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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,

A great deal of writing and thinking about Harvest Thanksgiving quite naturally draws us back into the Old Testament. I cannot think about harvest without recalling the words we read in Deuteronomy 24: *When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf,*



do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands (24: 19). It is a reminder of our call to be committed in compassionate care to those in need, one of the foremost messages of harvest thanksgiving. We are to share from all that we have received and to do so with joy. Because that is the transcendent message of harvest. Having joy in receiving and knowing joy in sharing all that God has provided. Harvest is a time for joy, a mood captured so well in these words from Psalm 65:

*The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with corn;
they shout for joy and sing. (Psalm 65: 13)*

Sheep and corn shouting and singing for joy! Words to make us smile. Harvest is a time of joy and of praise, of celebration and of sharing. But our thoughts on harvest thanksgiving really need to be rooted in the beginning of the Bible and in the Book of Genesis if they are to be complete. In Genesis we see how God created a beautiful world and how he gave us all the task of taking care of it. The narrative we read in the Book of Genesis makes it clear that it was to be a partnership. God creates and provides, and we are to work to look after the world. So, thanks to God creating and to humans working there is enough for everyone.

That partnership puts me in mind of the story of the vicar and the old gardener. The vicar looked over his fence in admiration of the beautiful garden next door. It was a profusion of flowers and produce, all beautifully tended and cared for. He piously remarked: *'Doesn't this fill you with wonder at what God can do?'*

The old gardener looked up at him and said: *'Hmm. Right enough vicar. But you should have seen it before he got me to help him with it!'* God lovingly gives us the huge responsibility of caring for his creation. It is a partnership.

Sadly, the Genesis narrative also shows how human beings spoiled that partnership. In their disobedience of God, they put their wishes before his and as a result nothing was ever the same again; sadness and unfairness, greed and selfishness, famine and flood all came into the world. This year more than others in recent memory we have seen the outworking of that spoiled partnership in drought and flood, in famine and need. It will require changes from us all – but there is always hope.

And biblical hope is more than mere longing, it is a certainty. So, reflecting on this sadness St Paul can imagine the whole creation groaning for redemption. But when Jesus returns says Paul, our broken world *will* know healing and restoration, there will be no more drought or famine, no more sadness, unfairness, greed, or selfishness. All will be restored. It will be just as God originally intended.

Thanks to Jesus' death and resurrection that healing process has already begun. And he promises to bring it to completion in the future. Meanwhile we continue to be just as responsible as ever for looking after our planet, for caring and sharing, and for giving thanks with joy for all that we have received, even after so much has gone wrong.

With my prayers and best wishes,

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

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Harvest Weekend

Harvest Supper

Friday September 23rd

7pm

St Peter's Church Centre

No ticket required

Just sign the sheet at the back of the Church

Holy Communion

Sunday September 25th

9 am

St Peter's Church

A short said Holy Communion Service

Harvest Celebration Praise

For all ages

Sunday September 25th

10am

South of England Showground

In the Abergavenny Building

Please join us

Let's celebrate God's gifts

Services in September 2022 - HARVEST

Let God be Praised!

'Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field.'

'Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in your crops from the field.' (Exodus 23: 16)

Sunday 4th September The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am
Morning Prayer (BCP) Philemon 1 - 21; Luke 14: 25 - 33

10.30am
Holy Praise (CW) Philemon 1 - 21; Luke 14: 25 - 33

6.30pm
Open to God *A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day*

Sunday 11th September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am
Morning Prayer (BCP) 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17; Luke 15: 1 - 10

10.30am
Morning Praise (CW) 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17; Luke 15: 1 - 10

Sunday 18th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am
Holy Communion (BCP) 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7; Luke 16: 1 - 13

10.30am
Holy Communion (CW) 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7; Luke 16: 1 - 13
with prayer for healing and wholeness

Sunday 25th September Harvest Celebration and Praise

9.00am

Psalm 65; John 6: 25 - 35

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am

**Harvest Celebration Service
for all ages. Held in the Abergavenny Building, South of
England Showground and as part of the SEAS Autumn Show.**



MOTHS IN THE CATHEDRAL



Very sadly clothes moths have taken up residence in Chichester Cathedral and are causing damage to the precious embroideries and tapestries. Following an assessment from a textile conservator, the Piper Tapestry was temporarily removed for treatment and cleaning on the 24th June 2022, until further notice.

The design by Piper was woven in France in 1966. The central theme is the Holy Trinity; on the side panels appear the "four beasts full of eyes before and behind" (Rev. 4:6) traditionally regarded as symbolising the four evangelists.

(from the Cathedral website)

NOTICE BOARD for September

Meeting point Coffee Mornings will take place on 5th and 19th September in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. All are welcome.

Belinda Maclean



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)
Start date for the new term: 8th September

Ardingly History Society

At 7.45pm on Tuesday 20th September in Hapstead Hall
Mr Ian Gledhill will give a talk on
"The history of trams in Brighton"

Harvest Supper – Friday 23rd September at St Peter's Centre.
Come from 6.45 onwards for a meal at 7.00pm. Please sign your name, together with any special dietary requirements, on the list at the back of church.

Harvest Festival Service: once again we have been invited to hold our Harvest Festival Service on the Showground. This time, because of the horses in the main arena, we will be indoors in the Abergavenny Building. This will be on **Sunday 25th September at 10.00am**. For free entry you will need to have a special wristband, and these will be available in church nearer the time.

Parish Walk

Come and join George Ruse for a midday walk on Sunday September 18th. Walkers will depart from the Church Centre around 12 o'clock and return for a ploughman's lunch and crumble pudding at 1.30. Non walkers are very welcome to come along for lunch. A donation to cover food costs will be requested.



Ardingly Evening W I

The September meeting is a craft evening on Thursday 15th September, along with tea/coffee and a chat. New members are always welcome. We will begin at 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall.

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



SILVER SUNDAY EVENT 2nd OCTOBER

Ardingly WI are again inviting older residents to a Silver Tea Party, with some entertainment, on Sunday 2nd October in Hapstead Hall. More details nearer the time.

Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at the Church Centre on Sunday 25th September, commencing at 2.30pm. Aside from the formalities required by this AGM, this will be an opportunity to hear what has been achieved in the last year and our plans for the immediate and long-term future.

This is an Open Meeting so all are welcome. It would be appreciated if you could advise in advance whether you are able to attend, especially since we shall be providing refreshments. Please advise either myself, Tel: 892113, email

lynn@ardingly.clara.co.uk or email peter.tomlin@sky.com

We look forward to seeing you there! Lynn Wilson

Stop Press from Heather Johnstone (CMS Tanzania):

Finally, things have been resolved and my permits have been approved for two years, which is a blessing and a relief. My newsletter will be out soon.



There are many books on the shelves at the back of church, and some new titles have been added this summer. You are very welcome to borrow these free of charge.

Need a helping hand?

Serving the community in simple ways
If you have a problem there are people willing to help



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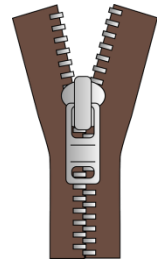
Call 892442 or 892307

A community project managed by St Peter's Church

DID YOU KNOW...

... that feathers inspired the zip on your jeans? Or that a peregrine's nostrils provided a eureka moment in the design of the jet aeroplane?

It seems that many inventions were sparked by the weird and wonderful abilities of birds. For starters, the zip on your jeans was first modelled on the little hook-like structures on birds' feathers.



Better still, it was the peregrine falcon that helped to shape the design of today's jet aeroplane. After studying the bird, aircraft engineers successfully solved the issue of engine failure at supersonic speeds, by imitating the falcon's tube-like nostrils.

(from the RSPB website)

IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

It was so good to return to Uganda! After two years of school closures and disrupted education, the Imara scholars have been back in school for two full terms. Sylvia and I enjoyed seeing them all again and we were greeted with hugs and welcome songs.

We spent a day in Abia where, with a small ceremony, we handed over the resource centre – library, IT room, small group room and hall to the school management committee. We chose to support Abia Primary School in 2011 because it was the site of such suffering during the civil war when the LRA rebels attacked homes, villages and refugee camps and abducted thousands of children, forcing them to become

child soldiers. Our older scholarship children still talk of those times.

Perhaps the most moving experience of this visit was a journey to Kotido in Karamoja, a 4 hour journey from Lira. The land is semi desert during much of the year and it is an area of extreme poverty. We visited the home of our youngest scholar, Brian, a bright 8 year-old who loves to be in school. Of the 5 children in this family, Brian is the only one in school. We were close to tears on entering their tiny home where grandmother sits all day on a mattress in semi darkness. She is blind and rarely ventures out. At night the children sleep around her on mats on the floor. Brian's mother is a widow who earns a little money fetching water for people and 2 of her children, little older than Brian, were out getting food (begging) when we visited. This family so often go to bed hungry.



Brian (front) in school



We loved visiting Brian and our other scholar from the area, Popon, who is physically disabled, in their schools. We received the biggest smiles. Popon is unable to walk because one of his legs is very weak but he is in secondary school and that is what matters most to him.

← Popon with his teacher (right) and our area co-ordinator (left)

One of the main purposes of our visit to Uganda was to see how best we can support the education of visually impaired children at secondary level. They have a primary school in the Lira area but many blind children drop out of school because the nearest secondary school for them is in Gulu, a 2 hour journey

away. These are children with so much potential, but without a secondary school education and further education their future is bleak. We have 2 visually impaired Imara scholars in Gulu, so we travelled there to see them and their school. We were struck by how the children, growing up where there is such stigma attached to disability, were achieving so much - not just academically but in the fields of sport and music and they were whizzes on the computer!



In Gulu with our visually impaired scholars, Joy and Amas

They had brought home many trophies through competing nationally in athletics and goalball. They were encouraged to believe in themselves and their future is bright. We would love to see opportunities like these in the Lira area.

Discussions are taking place over educational provision for the blind children in Lira but there are many challenges to overcome. Among the sticking points is the need for the school to be government aided. This would make the government responsible for paying the teachers and providing curriculum materials. The other is financial. Please pray that the challenges will be overcome and that doors will open.

Belinda MacLean

SAMARA'S AID NEWS

FAMINE, DEFORESTATION AND REGREENING THE DESERT

The food catastrophe in Syria is getting worse and a recent statement of the UN Security Council named Syria as a country "one step away from famine". Nine in ten children in Syria need humanitarian assistance (UNHCR).

The lack of fuel over the harsh winters of recent years, amid freezing temperatures, has led to increasing **deforestation**, as people have resorted to chopping down trees to burn as firewood to keep themselves warm. The long term implications of this are seriously worrying.

A significant proportion of Syria is **desert**, and following increasing droughts over the last 2 years that desert is growing in size and rendering useless what was fertile land which grew crops. For millennia, Bedouin communities have inhabited these areas, grazing their livestock and subsisting from the land. Even they are now being displaced and driven from this land as they can no longer survive there.

Some weeks ago, God gave me [Samara] a picture or **vision** of this completely stark, sandy piece of land in the desert, but as lush green pasture with productive trees. It was so green it could have been the U.K. and was a truly inspiring sight. Humanly it seemed impossible, but I shared this vision with the team in Syria, who felt equally excited.

This is why we began farming, not only on fertile land, but also in the desert, at the end of last year. We know that it won't give instant results but we are determined to improve soil quality over time, and have been carefully studying how we can bring this about.



Stage one has been to **plant grasses and bamboo**, to provide protective ground cover, halt soil erosion, provide food for livestock and give protection from harsh winds and sand storms.

Stage two has been to **plant drought tolerant trees** which will provide food (olives, dates, peanuts etc) and contribute to the formation of rain. Over time these small steps will begin to change the nature of this dry, desert land. We are blessed to have an incredible well, but also to be in the flood plain.

'BE RURAL' OUTREACH CENTRE - ANSWER TO PRAYER



There has been a wonderful answer to prayer for new teachers and other team members to work at the new Outreach Centre. They were quickly put to the test by some rude and impolite behaviour from two orphaned boys who came from a village nearby where a lot of the children are very tough and challenging. It is an area with a shocking and

brutal history and which has a cycle of hatred, devastation and revenge. Their behaviour and attitudes are not the children's fault – they are products of their circumstances. We are giving children like this a chance in life – an opportunity they simply wouldn't have otherwise. It is our hope and prayer that by bringing together orphans of different backgrounds and religions, our team can help them develop healthier ways of interacting and communicating with the people around them. We have seen such encouraging results from our first (city) outreach centre, where it has been inspiring and heart-warming to see the children making friendships and developing as they grow up.

Some of their relatives called to thank our team, moved that there are people taking an interest in them, their bereaved children, and their neglected communities. They described the excitement of the children when they got home, talking non-stop about everything they had done and describing every detail.

SAMARA'S AID AUTUMN 2022 APPEAL

In June a second container filled with 1,170 banana boxes of dignity bags, walking aids and other essential items, left Brighton for Syria.

A new appeal has just been launched on the Samara's Aid website for toiletries, coats, shoes, underwear and socks (all must be new). Winter in Syria this year is expected to be just as harsh as last year, with sub-zero temperatures, whilst many people still have no windows in their homes and most will not be able to heat their homes because of the scarcity and cost of fuel. (The poorest workers would use an entire month's salary to buy just 25 litres of subsidised fuel.)



If you feel you might be able to help please contact Sue Laker (892117) for a list of what is needed.

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ...



I was driving home from work when I was pulled over for not wearing a seat belt. Three days later, I got the same ticket, at the same stop, from the same officer.

"So, have you learned anything?" asked the officer.

"Yes, I have," I began. "I've learned it's time to find a new way home from work."

Q: What is it called when you teach people the benefits of eating dried grapes?

A: Raisin awareness.

Ardingly Parish Council

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer holidays and has begun to see some green creeping back slowly into their lawns and thirsty gardens!



With Autumn approaching, we begin to think about planting and you may have seen or been involved with members of the Wakehurst Place team who have very kindly been working with the Parish Council by supplying and planting over two thousand bulbs around the village. This is part of the annual national event, "The Big Green Week", which was launched last year and is being continued. It is from 24th September through the 2nd October and there will be lots of activities around the area. Wakehurst will also be opening up the site to all of our villagers with free entry (on proof of residency) throughout the week. It looks like it's going to be an exciting time, so watch out for details! **

We also have confirmation that the Tennis Courts will begin their full refurbishment starting mid to late September, so let's hope this weather holds.

Derek Stutchbury, Chairman

** *[more about this on page 22]*



A golfer sliced a ball into a field of chickens, striking one of the hens and killing it instantly. He was understandably upset, and sought out the farmer.

"I'm sorry," he said, "my terrible tee-shot hit one of your hens and killed it. Can I replace the hen?"

"I don't know about that," replied the farmer, mulling it over.
"How many eggs a day do you lay?"

MEETING POINT OUTING

The Meeting Point outing to Coolings Garden Centre on 15th August was once again a very enjoyable occasion and our thanks go to Belinda Maclean for organising it. The drive through Ashdown Forest – still very green in most places, despite the heat – was refreshing, as was the breeze and slightly lower temperature that day! About 24 of us enjoyed an excellent tea, with a choice of scones, cream and Jam or a variety of cakes, and the staff couldn't have been more helpful or attentive. It was a lovely afternoon!





*"I'm not just hoping,
I'm not just wishing,
I know I'm praying
To a God who listens.
I know He hears me.
I know he's living.
Yes, I am praying
To a God who listens"*

(by Chris Tomlin, Christian songwriter)

ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER



The **book hub** is proving a very welcome addition to the village with lots of regular visitors from Ardingly and beyond. We have reorganised the books so that they are by genre and so it is easier to find your favourite thriller or romcom. We are still receiving many new books and we put those out on the table so people can see the new arrivals.

We also have plenty of jigsaws and of course loads of children and young adult books.

There is also now a **small food bank** with supplies kindly provided by the College and Plaw Hatch Farm shop. This is available to anyone in real need.

We have also been lucky to have won a grant from the Sussex Community Foundation which will allow us to do **food deliveries** to those in most need. We hope to start these after the summer and will be working with the school and the church to identify those in most need.

At the moment, we are not asking for donations but if you wish to leave some small items in the hub then please do when it is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

ACT organises a variety of things apart from the hub and the food bank. We are a small team and are always looking for other **volunteers**. If you are interested then please call Kathy James on 07703 295081.

Many thanks for all your support.
The Ardingly Connected Together team



Harvest - A Short History

Harvest is from the Anglo-Saxon word *hærfest*, meaning "Autumn". It then came to refer to the season for reaping and gathering grain and other grown products. The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox is called the Harvest Moon. So in ancient traditions Harvest Festivals were traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This moon is the full moon which falls in the month of September.



An early Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1st August and was called Lammas, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church as the Communion bread during a special service thanking God for the harvest.

Nowadays the festival is held at the end of harvest, which varies in different parts of Britain. Sometimes neighbouring churches will set the Harvest Festival on different Sundays so that people can attend each other's thanksgivings.

Farmers celebrated the end of the harvest with a big meal called a harvest supper.

The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.



Pre-School News

We had a great Summer Term, and were very happy this year to be able to return to our usual summer activities. All the children enjoyed taking part in



our fabulous Sports Day, and we had a great cake sale. Thanks once again to the Parish council for the use of the Pavilion and to everyone who baked and bought! We also took many of the children that are moving on to visit their new primary schools and ended the term with a lovely picnic at the Recreation Ground.

Our fundraising team had a really fantastic year; as a small charity we rely heavily on fundraising and donations to keep the school running and for buying new resources and equipment. The past few years with Covid restrictions have meant our normal fundraising has proved more difficult. However this year we have managed a whole school year with no lockdowns and held some lovely events. As a result we have been able to update some of our resources and over the summer will be purchasing a new shed, with the help of a grant from a local company. Thank you to everyone in the local community that has supported us in our efforts.



We are all looking forward to the new academic year. As we will have had a long break we will be going back to basics, and focusing on building relationships and being good friends to each other, and learning the rules of preschool. We have a number of new children joining us this term and are looking forward to getting to know them and their interests and planning our activities accordingly.

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free early years education so please get in touch if you would like to know more, or visit the Preschool to have a look around, we currently have a few spaces available for September. <https://st-peters-preschool-ardingly.org/>



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/>

Repair Café Forest Row

In addition to the Repair Café in Lindfield there is another, not far from us, in Forest Row:

We aim to help reduce waste by encouraging a repair culture in our community. A repair can save time, money and waste. Let our team of volunteer repairers work their magic on your household items with anything from your toaster, watch or teddy bear while you enjoy a piece of homemade cake and a cuppa while you pick up a tip or two on your broken item.

Join us for the next Repair Café on Saturday 17th September at the Forest Row Community Centre 10-1pm - last orders taken at 12:30.



*The harvest produce was taken to the old
people's bungalows*



Wakehurst and Ardingly Village Great Big Green Week 24th September to 2nd October

Wakehurst has arranged some very special offers to residents of Ardingly during Greet Big Green Week 2022:

- Free entry to Wakehurst for Ardingly residents for the whole week
- 25% Discount on memberships for Ardingly residents for the whole week
- Monday 26th September - Guided walk 11 a.m. Meet at guided walk meeting point
- Tuesday 27th September – Behind the Scenes Nursery Tour 11 a.m. Meet at guided walk meeting point
- Wednesday 28th September – Bulb planting in Ardingly with Wakehurst horticultural team 9:30 a.m. Meet at Ardingly Cricket Pavilion
- Thursday 29th September – Bulb Planting at Wakehurst 10:30 a.m. Meet in the Carriage ring
- Friday 30th September – Coffee Morning 11 a.m. Meet at the Stables pantry
- Saturday 1st October – Family Wildlife Survey 10:30a.m. Meet at the Schools entrance



AROUND THE VILLAGE

WHAT A SUMMER!

What a summer it has been and what a lot of activity the village has seen! First the Jubilee celebrations – and what a brilliant job the organisers did for that; then the South of England Show, with traffic jams reminiscent of the early Show days and then the London to Brighton Bike Ride - all took place in 3 weeks in June.



The Showground has continued to be busy, hosting Rag & Bone Man, Russell Watson and other big events. People again took a long time to get home from their supermarket shopping trips when the Sussex Balloon and Action Extravaganza took place in August. Stunt planes flew overhead and we saw some colourful firework displays.

There have been road closures and diversions due to road works and burst water pipes, and now a hose pipe ban. And we saw the hottest July temperatures ever recorded, when those who could stayed indoors in the shade whilst gardens scorched.

It has been quite a summer and Ardingly can never be called dull!

MEMORIAL CYCLE RIDE: on 18th September a cycle ride in memory of Thomas May will pass through Ardingly, stopping for refreshments at the lovely bench which has been placed on Oaklands Green in his memory.



PARISH REGISTER

Weddings

Aharon Luke Coward and Mary-Ann Alice Osgood both of Oaklands, Ardingly were married at St. Peter's on Saturday 23rd July 2022.

Funerals

The funeral of Margaret Elizabeth Diana Sharpe of Holmans, Ardingly was held at St. Peter's on Tuesday 16th August.

Generous God,
We thank you for harvest and the gift of food –
For how it brings us together and nourishes us.
We pray for those without, whose harvests and store cupboards are empty.

We thank you for sun and rain
And pray for all those whose lives are under the shadow of drought;
For those who work with the land, for farmers and their families,
And for those around the world who fetch water for drinking and washing each day.

Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayer.

(from a Tearfund prayer)

Flower Rota for September

Friday 2nd September: All flower arrangers please (wedding)

Friday 16th September: Pam

Friday 23rd September: All flower arrangers please (wedding)

Brass Rota for September:

24th September: Deb and George Ruse

Meeting Point Rota for September:

5th September: 'Lyn and Belinda

19th September: Adele and Diana



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)

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

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 September 2022



"Lord, there is no one like you; you are mighty, and your name is great and powerful." (Jeremiah 10 v 6)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Our local Care Homes & hospices. Sally's work at St Catherine's
- 3 Esther and Mark, getting married at St Peter's today
- 4** Pray for St Peter's – our services, church family and outreach
- 5 Our government and new Prime Minister
- 6 Our village schools at the start of a new term
- 7 Samara's Aid, working to alleviate hunger & poverty in Syria
- 8 The Queen and Royal Family
- 9 All who are struggling financially
- 10 Historic Churches Ride & Stride today. All who take part/visit us
- 11** Church services today; may the love of God touch many
- 12 The NHS, under such pressure and needing more staff
- 13 Link to Hope and the Shoebox Appeal
- 14 Refugees and migrants around the world. Ukrainians in Ardingly
- 15 Our churchwardens Nigel & John and home group leaders
- 16 Milan & Shusma and the work of the Anaandit Church in Nepal
- 17 All who are unwell or suffering long-term illnesses
- 18** Church services today; pray for Renewal and growth
- 19 Belinda and the Meeting Point team
- 20 CMS – Heather Johnstone & the Rehema Project in Tanzania
- 21 International Day of Peace. Pray for all peacemakers
- 22 All clergy, bishops and chaplains and those who train them
- 23 Harvest Supper this evening and those who prepare it
- 24 Great Big Green Week starts today. Our care for the environment
- 25** Harvest Festival on the Showground this morning
- 26 Bambi and Andreas and their work in South East Asia
- 27 Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses; others who give home care
- 28 The media and all who work in it
- 29 Those who work in Social Services, making difficult decisions/assessments each day
- 30 Praise God for his love and faithfulness season by season

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