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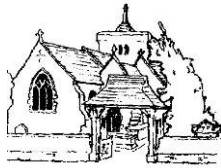
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## **St Peter's Church, Ardingly**

### **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*



## HM Queen Elizabeth II Commemoration



So much has been written about her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. And not just in these last few days following her death. But across the ninety-six years of her life: first, and as the Princess Elizabeth, the unexpected heir to the throne; and then as our Queen - acceding to the throne at such an early age and amidst the sadness of her father's premature death. So much has been written about her. Spoken of her. And we've seen so much of her. Those bright colours she frequently wore intended, or so I understand, to make her visible. Highly visible. She knew that just as it has always been, the monarch needed to be seen and so she was. A constant, steady, reassuring presence. She has been a part of our life, for many of us for all of our life. More than simply 'The Queen.' She was 'Our Queen.' Her grace and dependability impressed us all.

I read somewhere that something like thirty-one percent of people in this country have met her or seen her 'up close' as it were. Consequently, so many people have their own particular memory of her. That's why, I think, the grief following her death is so real. That's why it feels so personal. That's why people will queue for miles, wait for hours to pay their respect in just an instant. A simple bow of the head. A hushed word of prayer. We knew her. We saw her. She was a part of our lives. A source of constancy, goodness, kindness and stability no matter whatever else may have been happening in the world around us.

I count myself fortunate to be amongst that thirty- one percent. First, as an Epsom schoolboy and as each year she was driven through the town on her way to watch the Derby. We'd stand and watch. Those colours. That car! Always so visible. And that smile. Always that smile. And then again and following a service in Westminster Abbey and as we Abbey staff stood and watched as Her Majesty processed back through the entire length of the church alongside the Dean. Catching my eye the Dean, to my surprise greeted me: "Good morning, John," he said. To my greater surprise this was enough to call Her Majesty's attention in *my* direction and so to my utter astonishment I realised she was looking at *me* and smiling, a smile that was directed at *me* personally. It's a memory

that I shall treasure forever. The Queen. Our Queen. A Great Queen. Elizabeth the Great.

Or at least, that is what it has been suggested she be called. Personally, I prefer the other suggested title of Elizabeth the Faithful. Because that's a title that expresses her trust in God and the fulfillment of the pledge she made as the young Princess Elizabeth to serve us for her whole life. She was the most faithful of monarchs. From what we know and from what she told us she had what I think of as a strong Christian faith: "*For me,*" she said, "*the life of Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing.*" Clearly, she had embraced and so followed the three commands of Christ. "Coming to him" as her Saviour and Lord and so "following" him and drawing strength and comfort from him in her prayers. His second command to "Do this," namely, to share in the remembrance of his sacrifice, resurrection and ascension which she did each Sunday. And then third, Jesus' command to "go into the world and to tell." Her Majesty spoke tellingly in her broadcasts of her Christian faith; she bore witness to that faith too and in her visits to the church - at Balmoral in the Summer, at Sandringham for Christmas, and at Windsor throughout the year. And all of that, that constancy of faith, helped her to acquire and to absorb the nature of Christ. And that nature of Christ is of course the love of God which is itself complete self-sacrifice and selflessness.

Many commentators have spoken of Her Majesty's incredible sense of and commitment to *duty*. But I think that the Archbishop of York struck a better note when he suggested that what was more apparent and striking about Queen Elizabeth than even her sense of duty was her *humility*: self-sacrifice and selflessness. As the Archbishop has written: *It was Christ's servant leadership which shaped (Her Majesty's) sovereignty. Jesus confounded the prevailing perceptions of leadership. He gave this astonishing definition of leadership: "The Kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves."*<sup>1</sup>

So much has been written about Her Majesty, as I say. And many stories and anecdotes have been shared in recent days. But one that really struck me, and which brought home again her great humility came from one of the Queen's former footmen – at least, I think that is what he was. Anyhow, he was out walking with Her Majesty, accompanying her, when they encountered a couple from overseas who were very taken by his outfit, and even more impressed to learn of his royal role. This demanded a photograph of them both with the smartly dressed footman and who better to take it than the lady accompanying him. Those visitors remained quite unaware of who she was, and she didn't disappoint. Saying nothing she simply took the photo for them. Humility, you see. Humility. Like one who serves. Her Majesty had absorbed that *servant* nature of Christ.

And for all of that and doubtless for more we mourn. We grieve. We feel her loss. But not like those without hope (1 Thessalonians 4: 13). As Paul reminds us in his first letter to the Thessalonians our hope rests in Christ and in his promise that death is not the end. For now we are called to wait patiently, and this is hard because we seldom have to wait for anything in our culture. But the promise is that Jesus will return. The promise is of resurrection as Jesus has shown us. And so at the heart of our Christian faith there must be a patient waiting on God's promises as we trust to an enduring hope that looks beyond this world and to the world to come.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was an outstanding example of duty, courage, strength, kindness, care, of faith and of humility. And in the knowledge of all of that we can entrust her to God who made and who sustained her in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life

For now and in conclusion, well, I can do little better I think than to adopt the words of Paddington Bear, in that wonderful scene at the Platinum Jubilee: "Thank you, Your Majesty. For everything."

<sup>1</sup> *The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell writing in the Daily Telegraph, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

## Services in October 2022

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

### **The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14; Luke 17: 5 - 10

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14; Luke 17: 5 - 10

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

### **The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15; Luke 17: 11 - 19

10.30am

**Holy Communion (CW)**

2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15; Luke 17: 11 - 19

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

### **The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5; Luke 18: 1 - 8

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5; Luke 18: 1 - 8

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

### **The Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)**

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

Romans 15: 1 - 6; Luke 4: 16 - 24

10.30am

**Holy Communion (CW)**

**with prayer for healing and wholeness**

Romans 15: 1 - 6; Luke 4: 16 - 24

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**The Fourth Sunday before Advent**

9.00am

2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1 - 10

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1 - 10

**Morning Praise**

***THROUGHOUT MY LIFE,  
THE MESSAGE AND  
TEACHINGS OF  
CHRIST HAVE BEEN  
MY GUIDE AND IN  
THEM I FIND HOPE.***

***QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
3RD AUGUST 2022***



## **NOTICES**

**Meeting point Coffee Mornings** will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. All are welcome.

Belinda Maclean



### **FILM NIGHTS**

29<sup>th</sup> September: "Top Gun" in Hapstead Hall, 7.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> October: Film title to be announced. 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall

Tickets are available from Fellows and Ardingly News.

### **DEANERY SYNOD MEETING**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm for 8pm at Wivelsfield Church. The speaker will be Laura Stephen, DoC Head of Wellbeing for Clergy and Families (WCF). Deanery Synod Meetings are open to everyone.

### ***Ardingly Evening W.I.***

*Barn Dancing and Raffle*

*Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October*

*7.30pm in Hapstead Hall*

*New members welcome.*

### **CHRISTMAS VILLAGE LUNCH**

The Christmas Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please buy your ticket early to help with catering! Tickets can be purchased from Ardingly News.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone for the love, support and prayers I have received following the very sad loss of my daughter Nicola. Also for the flowers and many cards sent to me at this sad time. All are much appreciated.

**Anne Ettridge**



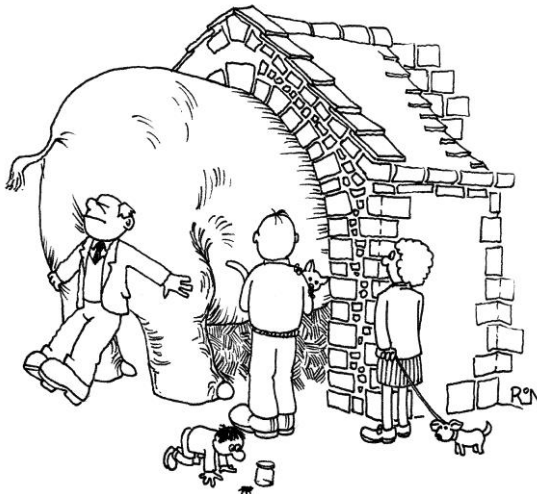
## Do you enjoy singing?

This year at St Peter's Church we would again like to make the Carol Service (on 18th December at 6.30pm) a truly village affair, and would like to invite any singers to join our choir for the occasion. We will mostly be leading the congregation in singing well known carols, but also singing one or two items on our own. Practices will be at 7.00pm on Wednesdays in church, beginning on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, which allows enough time to learn anything new and be confident with the music.




If interested please contact Jill Veasey (892442) or Lynn Wilson (07713 324610).

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*Eventually they decided to hold the  
pets' service outdoors*

# Silver Sunday Afternoon Tea



Ardingly Evening WI and Ardingly Parish Council  
would like to invite our older residents to an  
afternoon tea, with entertainment.

Our Silver Sunday celebration is one of many  
taking place across the country celebrating  
older people in our communities.

## 2nd October

Hapstead Hall: 3 pm

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## Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2022



Once again we will be supporting the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal this Autumn. The annual Family Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992 and has delivered smiles to thousands of people in Eastern Europe over the years. This year boxes will be sent to Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine – countries where needs are even greater

this year due to the war in Ukraine and millions of refugees who have fled to neighbouring countries.

### **FAMILY SHOEBOX APPEAL**

We are asked to fill a Shoebox either for a family or an older person. The Family Shoeboxes of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity and some live in just one or two rooms.



A shoebox for a family means that everyone receives a gift. There is a list of items that we are asked to put in – something suitable for all family members - and includes items such as small family games, shower gel/shampoo, stationary items, gifts for mum and dad and sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc.

### **ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Shoeboxes are also needed for older folk and the contents are similar. However, the children's games and education materials are replaced with things like a wind up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc.

Sue Laker is co-ordinating the Shoe boxes for St Peter's this year so if you can help, please contact her (892117) for information or a form (which needs to be attached to your shoebox). Boxes need to be ready by the end of October. **Thank you!**

## NEWS FROM S.E. ASIA

Dear praying friends,

Praise the Lord for some good family time we had over summer. After a year of not seeing our children we were finally united here in our host city. Both children could enter the country as tourists without any problems. They were glad to see some of their best friends again and we were able to have a nice farewell party for them with some of our local and foreign friends.

After a few weeks here we went to a neighbouring country for our annual field conference. We're glad that both of our children could serve us through their musicality as well as serving their fellow teenagers. That was also a good time to say goodbye to the field as they and several other teenagers said goodbye to Southeast Asia and are looking forward to going back to their respective host countries.



Now our children are back in their current countries of residence. Our son is learning to drive in preparation for his time as resident assistant at his Orientation School. Our daughter is back to her dorm and has started her last year of school and is preparing for her school leaving exams next year. She will be driving her motorbike to and from school so please be praying for her road safety.



Meanwhile we are back into the swing of things here in our host city. 'A' has resumed teaching and I am back to meeting and discipling/encouraging new believers (including some who are blind), studying the bible with them and offering some financial mentoring to those who need it. Some of these people are so hungry for the Word and want to continue growing in their faith.

Love and blessings,  
A&B

## **Samara's Aid – feeding the hungry**

### **OFFER OF A CONTAINER OF FLOUR FOR SYRIA**

Syria went for 3 months with no imports of grain and only small amounts have arrived recently. So we are thrilled that we have been offered a whole container of flour by a supporter: an incredible



24 tons! We are thankful for such an incredibly generous gift. The cost of the flour and shipping overall works out at £0.75 per kilo. In Syria the cost of bread recently reached the equivalent of £1.06 per kilo. So a kilo of bread costs the average teacher an entire day's wages.

### **BAKERY REGISTRATION**

This week we received the wonderful news that one of our applications to register a bakery has been approved. This will enable us to turn the flour we are sending into bread products, which we will make available at low prices to people who can't afford to buy from independent bakeries and who can't buy enough subsidised bread. We hope this will be the first of a handful of 'not for profit' bakeries, serving different communities in great need.

### **NEW LAMBS ON OUR FARM**

It is lambing time again on our farm in Syria and the first two lambs have arrived, meaning it won't be long until there is a new supply of sheep's milk, yoghurt, cheese and butter for the orphans and our centres.



### **IMPACT OF FUEL SHORTAGES**

The lack of fuel is causing, amongst other things, electricity outages and water supplies to be cut off (our team went for 3 days with no water supply to their homes), plus disruption to internet services.

Please pray for Syria.

## TEARFUND IN PAKISTAN

Pakistan is a South Asian country with the 5<sup>th</sup> largest population in the world. Tearfund has been working in Pakistan since 2005, helping to provide clean water, sanitation, manage solid waste disposal and support communities through the Coronavirus pandemic.

It is a disaster-prone, water-scarce nation that is severely affected by climate change. The country is regularly affected by heatwaves, droughts, landslides, avalanches, storms and cyclones.

Right now the people of Pakistan are experiencing the worst monsoon floods in over a decade. Floods are not uncommon in Pakistan, but these rains are different. Locals have been saying they are worse than anything they've seen before.

More than a thousand people have been killed and around a million homes destroyed. Crops, livestock and businesses have been washed away. In some provinces, the scale of the devastation is yet to be fully understood. Reaching remote areas is a huge challenge. In some areas all that's visible are treetops



There is an urgent need for food, shelter and safe drinking water. St Peter's is collecting donations for Pakistan and will send a lump sum to the Disasters Emergency Committee in the near future.

*(from the Tearfund website)*

## FSW September update

Dear Friends,

I am writing this in a period of uncertainty - a brand new prime minister; continued concern about the cost of living crisis and further worries about energy price rises.

These are of course not unique issues to FSW's families, but whatever happens over the coming months is likely to impact our families more than most. With the summer family activities a distant memory now, our practitioners are turning to more intensive support for families who are incredibly anxious about their financial situation. There is also a lot of work happening with children who are finding the new school year difficult to manage - particularly those children on the autistic spectrum for whom change is incredibly difficult. It is times like this when the long-term availability of our support makes such a difference, and we are so glad that we can be there for families for as long as they need us.

Away from our direct work, we have been having meetings with many other local organisations and agencies, particularly in the areas where our newest practitioners are working. It is really encouraging that our name is becoming more recognised, and we are very grateful to anybody who has made links or suggested contacts for us.



Our focus will shortly be turning to Christmas planning - incredible to think we are already at this point in the year.

We continue to do our very best for our families, but as ever this isn't possible without the huge support we receive across Sussex, so a huge thank you to everybody for your continued commitment to helping us in this endeavour.



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



## OUR BELLS RANG IN TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN

The world over, the sound of a bell is a message. Whether it be a simple clock chime, a Town Crier's handbell, a ship's bell, which in olden times rang out the end of a 'Watch', or a clanging bell on a buoy warning to ships of submerged rocks, their sounds indicate a clear message. Their purpose in churches is the same, usually a call to worship and, depending on where in the world this may be, and within which culture, they may be static bells struck by a hammer, swinging bells sometimes rung all together in a cacophony of noise, or a Carillon, with bells tuned right through the musical scales and set in a metal structure, rung by machine to a tune.

In England (almost exclusively although there are a few churches elsewhere in the U.K. and even overseas) we ring bells 'full circle' that is the bell is swung through 360 degrees by means of a rope and wheel. Churches normally have 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells in their towers and they are rung in their natural order or sometimes, by means of 'methods', their normal order is changed to give a set variation – hence, Change Ringing.

Here in Ardingly we strive to ring our six bells before all church services (but we are desperately short of ringers currently so this is by way of a reminder, please!). We do, however manage to ring for major events in the church calendar, Easter and Christmas for example. In addition, of course, we are regularly asked to ring for weddings, ensuring that the bride and groom process from our church to the loud sound of celebratory bells.

We do ring for funerals and, for these, and also on Remembrance Sunday, we 'half muffle' the bells. This we do by covering one side of each bell's clapper with a leather cap,





the effect of which is to produce a quieter 'bong' of one side – effectively **1 2 3 4 5 6** then 1 2 3 4 5 6, sounding much like an echo - a very evocative sound - following which, for an interment, we might toll (ring) the heaviest bell very slowly, with each strike of the bell indicating the age of the deceased.

From my very earliest beginnings as a bellringer, in my mid-teens, I have been aware that, in the event of the death of our monarch, bells should be 'fully muffled' (i.e. covered on both sides of the clappers) but of course, thankfully, I had never had this experience. Indeed, there can be very few bellringers alive and still ringing now who were old enough to be ringing in 1952.

As long ago as October, 2021, all church Tower Captains were notified of 'Operation London Bridge', clearly the result of official planning in the event of the death of our Queen. It gave very precise instructions to bellringers what should be done and when, including the fact that, immediately the news is announced, bells should be rung, 'fully muffled', the very next day. In fact, 'fully muffled' actually required only the first 5 bells to be fitted with 2 muffles, the heaviest bell, the tenor, should be left 'half muffled' – this then looks like 1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 **6**, the tenor sounding like it is being tolled separately.

I am very pleased to report that St. Peter's ringers, assisted by some of our ringing friends from neighbouring districts, rang our bells, 'fully muffled', on Friday morning, 9<sup>th</sup> September after which we proceeded to West Hoathly and rung 'half muffled' there. Our intention is to ring a Quarter Peal here (lasting some 45 minutes) with the bells in this way on the day of the funeral. As I understand it, very few towers in our area managed to ring 'fully muffled' (some opting to keep to the normal 'half muffled' routine) so it is especially pleasing that we here managed to comply to the official request and properly to mark the passing of our Queen after such a long reign.

**Lynn Wilson**

## **World Hospice & Palliative Care Day is on 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

Here is some news from one of our local Hospices, St Catherine's:



The steel frame of our new building at Pease Pottage is now complete, bringing architect's drawings to life and showing the scale of our new hospice. Everything is on track for us to welcome people to our new state of the art facility in Autumn 2023.

Our larger building will enable us to provide more care to even more people.

It overlooks a village green, a childrens' play area and is next to a community hub which will become home to a coffee shop, village store and meeting rooms.

The new building has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the local landscape and minimally impact the environment

Although our new hospice has 60% more floor area than our current building at Malthouse Road, by following 'Passive House' design principles, our energy consumption will be less. A main heating plant will generate power for our site and green planted ward roofs will house solar panels.

The pandemic has meant that many of our fundraising events and activities haven't gone ahead in the last two years, so we're facing a severe shortfall in our funding.

Contact details: 01293 447361 or email [fundraising@stch.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stch.org.uk)

## ST PETER AND ST JAMES HOSPICE



St Peter and St James Hospice, too, has been affected by the pandemic and been unable to hold the usual fundraising events. However, this summer over 50 supporters have kindly opened their garden gates to reveal pretty plants, ponds and peonies, woodland, wildflowers and water features, all in support of St Peter & St James Hospice. Proceeds from tickets, refreshments and plant sales will go towards providing the best possible care for the right people at the right time.

Other fundraising events include the South Downs Overnight Trek on 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This is a 42km trek starting at Firle Beacon and walking until morning to see the sun rise over the beautiful white cliffs of the Seven Sisters. Following part of the South Downs Way, the terrain will be demanding, with rolling chalk hills and cliff tops that lie between Firle Beacon and Beachy Head, and the elements can't be guaranteed! There should be, however, breath-taking views across the South Downs and beautiful starry skies.



Another fund-raising activity is the London Marathon on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Seven runners have so far signed up for this, and there is plenty of space for more!

Contact details: [fundraising@stpjhospice.org](mailto:fundraising@stpjhospice.org) or call 01444 470710.

## ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY

Back to school again! Exciting times for everyone, our children, families and staff. It is lovely to greet our new families, both in reception and also throughout the school. All the children returned to school ready to learn, play and grow. We have lots of exciting things planned for them - watch this space!



Already we are thinking about our current y6 pupils moving to Secondary school next year! They have the opportunity this term to visit local schools to decide where they want to take their next steps on their educational journey. At St Peter's School we too are holding open mornings. This allows prospective families to visit the school and take a look around. Our y6 pupils are all ready to do guided tours and looking forward to sharing their experiences in school. If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, do please come along to one of our open mornings - October 4th and November 2nd. If you or anyone you know would like to book a place at one of the open mornings, please contact Ms Griffin in the school office.

Our calendar of events is already looking packed, with swimming, sports events, music lessons and, for Swallow Class, an exciting residential visit to Hindleap Warren later this term. All the work of the school is supported and overseen by the school's governing body. Our two parent governors are coming to the end of their term of office and we will be inviting applications to fill the vacancies. Exciting times ahead!



Kathy James

## INSECT FACTS!

Without insects, ecosystems would collapse and life on earth would no longer be possible!

Scientists estimate that insects make up 90% of all species of animals on the planet and more than half of all living things. In fact the total weight of all the insects in the world is estimated to be about 70 times more than all the people!

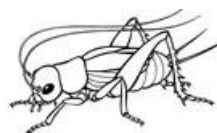


For many, insects are a highly nutritious and important source of food. Compared to other sources of animal protein, such as cattle and pigs, they have a very low carbon footprint. For example, pigs produce up to 100 times more greenhouse gasses per kilogram of bodyweight than mealworms.



Through cooking demonstrations, song and drama, people in the Democratic Republic of Congo are being taught how to cook edible caterpillars in a way that maintains both taste and nutrients. This includes special recipes for infants and young children.

Ugandans prepare bush crickets in various ways, though the most common way is to fry them with onions, garlic and salt. The insects are an excellent and important source of protein, vitamins and minerals.



Insects are very important to agriculture. They pollinate crops, recycle nutrients, control other insects and improve soil fertility. (Of course when insects start to damage crops, they may need to be managed.)

Bees, when disturbed, can give a nasty sting, so communities in Malawi are hanging beehives made from earth pots, baskets, tins and plastic buckets from trees in areas they want to protect. The buzz of these busy creatures is helping to keep intruders away, with the added benefits of honey, pollination and forest regeneration.



(source: Tearfund)

## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ....



A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mummy," the child said to her mother.....Then she added, "Mummy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's just hitting the bottle."

*Teacher: "How old is your father?"*

*Boy: "As old as me."*

*Teacher: "How can that be?"*

*Boy: "He became a father only when I was born!"*

On their 50th wedding anniversary, a couple were asked the reason for their long and happy marriage.

The husband said, "I have tried never to be selfish. After all, there is no 'I' in the word 'marriage.'"



The wife said, "For my part, I have never corrected my husband's spelling."

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A harassed mother answered the doorbell to find a young minister who said, "I'm collecting donations for the new children's home we're building. I hope you'll give what you can."

"To be sure," said the beleaguered woman. "I'll give you two boys, two girls, or one of each."

## Happy 5th Birthday Repair Café Forest Row



In October 2017 the Repair Café Forest Row became the 3rd Repair Café to open in Sussex in their bid to help prevent broken household items going into landfill. With just 13 items brought in on that first session, and with a small team of volunteer repairers keen to support, they have now gone on to repair an impressive 2,100 items with an average success rate of 70%.

During the 5 years since they opened, the dedicated volunteer team led by Coordinator Sara Smart has grown to 35 skilled volunteers giving up their time each month, with some of them still there from day one. Skills include mending clothes, teddy bears, electrical appliances, computers, bicycles, ceramics, toys, watches and clocks. The admin team supports visitors as they arrive, and the very important café team serve delicious homemade cakes throughout the morning to volunteers and visitors.

Everyone is greeted with a friendly smile and visitors often comment on the positive attitude of all involved and the wonderful buzz created by the team as they work hard to fix the items brought in. Several moments stand out over the years and some items brought in have reduced the team to tears, including the repair of a very special 100-year-old bear.

Independently run by a volunteer committee, the Café is totally dependent on donations to support the work they do. They are often asked how much to donate, which is difficult to answer as every job tackled is different and has a value to the owner that is so individual. Each volunteer says that knowing they have been able to help someone is why they volunteer. With the cost of living crisis hanging over many, it makes having a Repair Café in a community so important to help save people money.

To help celebrate their 5 fantastic years they have also now launched their new branding which will be seen all round the Café from October.

The Repair Café is held in the Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ on the 3rd Saturday of every month, except December, from 10am to 1pm.





## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

After a long delay work has finally begun on the plot of land opposite the entrance to Holmans. The soil should be good - it was allotments when some of us went to school!



Last year Wakehurst created a new American prairie grassland, with 12 million seeds, 110 different plant species and more than 50,000 live plants sown into six acres of landscape, and this summer, one year on, the results have been on display.

The aim was to create landscapes that move away from the conventional form of gardening, which requires lots of irrigation, weeding and mulching, to developing landscapes which are more resilient to the changing climate and increasing temperatures.



## **CHURCH CEMETERY**

Since the death of my wife last year I have, as you would expect, been a regular visitor to the Cemetery.

I am in the fortunate position to be able to attend to her grave and a few others of my relatives.

Two volunteers very kindly attend to the row of graves and area nearest to the Church Cottage and I know relations appreciate this.

Contractors regularly mow the paths and these are always in good order. Recently the hedge and graves in the new section have been cut and it all looks so much better.

I am aware that not everyone is in a position to attend to their family graves, and I am suggesting that relations make an annual donation to the Cemetery Fund. This would then avoid worry and concern and hopefully give assurance that the graves of loved ones were being attended to.

Please call me on 483363 if you wish to discuss this further.

## **ROY TESTER**



# Parish Register

## Weddings

Mark Alister Wigmore and Esther Dorothy Walker both of Munnion Road, Ardingly were married at St. Peter's on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.



*Dear God,  
Thank you for your innumerable blessings.  
Help me to desire the right things in my life,  
and to share what I have with others.  
Amen*

*(a prayer from Christian Aid)*

## Flower Rota

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Belinda

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Jean

## Meeting Point Rota

3<sup>rd</sup> October: Belinda, Alison & Deb

17<sup>th</sup> October: Lyn & Jill

31<sup>st</sup> October: Adele & Diana

## Brass Cleaning Rota

5<sup>th</sup> November: Adele Collins



## 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 for OCTOBER 2022

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11 v 9 NIV)*



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2** Our services today and the Silver Tea Party
- 3 King Charles and the whole of the Royal Family
- 4 The cost of living and the energy situation
- 5 The flooding in Pakistan and Aid Agencies which are helping
- 6 Our new government and Prime Minister
- 7 The war in Ukraine. Other places where there is conflict
- 8 World Hospice Day. Pray for our local hospices and their staff
- 9** Praise God for His grace and mercy and our freedom to worship
- 10 Prisons Week. Pray for all inmates, prison staff and chaplains
- 11 Countries experiencing drought and famine
- 12 A solution to the Cross-Channel trafficking of migrants
- 13 Bambi and Andreas in S.E. Asia – their work and their family
- 14 All who are unwell or grieving for a loved one
- 15 Refugees facing winter in temporary shelters
- 16** Our services today. Pray for Renewal in Ardingly
- 17 Samara's Aid and the Autumn Appeal. The situation in Syria
- 18 Our Parish Council, District and County Councils
- 19 The Air Ambulance and all who rescue people in trouble
- 20 Give thanks for all who look after the church & St Peter's Centre
- 21 AOJA and its work in The Gambia
- 22 CPAS and all who train clergy and evangelists
- 23** Bible Sunday. Pray for our services & give thanks for God's word
- 24 Refreshment for all teachers and pupils on half term this week
- 25 Give thanks and pray for family and friends
- 26 The pupils sponsored by IMARA; Belinda, Kevin and other leaders
- 27 Farmers facing a difficult winter following the summer heatwaves
- 28 The Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal
- 29 The NHS and all who work in it. Local hospitals and GP's
- 30** Our services today. Praise God for His love and forgiveness
- 31 Thank God for the blessings of the past month

**Deadline for copy for the November magazine is**  
**21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**