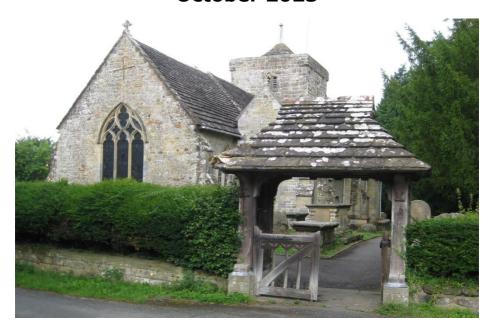
St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine October 2023







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 daily 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,

There is so much to be grateful for in this life, each and every day. But reality is that sometimes life's demands, struggles, and worries give more room to defeat than to a heart of thanks. Or we forget. We forget amid busyness and pressures just to pause and give



thanks, to give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives.

That is why the annual celebration of harvest remains so important. Not just as a right and proper thanksgiving for all the bounties of harvest that we enjoy, from field, from sea, from farm, from factory, from wherever! But more. As a reminder of the importance of giving of thanks more generally. Because such thanks can make a lasting difference.

With a heart filled with thanksgiving we realize that no matter what we face, God doesn't just work to change our situations and help us through our problems - he does more. He changes our hearts. He releases the grip that our struggles seek to have over us, and we're strengthened by His peace and refuelled by His joy.

Another writer has noted how 'God's Word is filled with many reminders of how powerful and vital a thankful heart can be in this world.' How true! And among my favourites are these words from Psalm 95: "O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." (Ps. 95:1-3)

With my prayers and best wishes

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Services in October 2023 HARVEST Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Sunday 1st October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Philippians 2: 1 - 13; Matthew 21: 23 - 32

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Philippians 2: 1 - 13; Matthew 21: 23 - 32

Holy Communion (CW)

6.30pm Open to God

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

Sunday 8th October HARVEST FESTIVAL (The Eighteenth

Sunday after Trinity)

9.00am 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15; Luke 17: 11 - 19

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Harvest Celebration Service and Lunch, held in the Church Centre

Morning Praise 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15; Luke 17: 11 - 19

Sunday 15th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Philippians 4: 1 - 9; Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Philippians 4: 1 - 9; Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Morning Praise

Sunday 22nd October The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am 1 Thessalonians 1: 10; Matthew 22:

Holy Communion (BCP) 15 - 22

10.30am 1 Thessalonians 1: 10; Matthew 22:

Holy Communion (CW) 15 - 22 with prayer for healing and wholeness

Sunday 29th October

The Last Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Morning Praise

1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8; Matthew 22 : 34 - 46

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Harvest Meal at St Peter's

In the past we have had a Harvest Supper as part of our Harvest celebrations. This year we are doing something a little different and having a Harvest Lunch. This will hopefully enable people to come who, for instance, do not drive at night. It will be on Sunday $8^{\rm th}$ October in the Church Centre, following the 10.30 service (this is also at the Church Centre.

NOTICEBOARD for October

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 2nd, 16th and 30th October in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 29th September from 10am - 12pm Ardingly College Café. All very welcome! More details from: office@ardingly.com or 01444 893000.

VILLAGE LUNCH: Wednesday 4th October in Hapstead Hall from 12.00 onwards. Tickets are £8 each and are available in the Village Shop.

Ardingly W.I. – Thursday 19th October.

Sir Archibald McIndoe, an eminent and pioneering plastic surgeon during WW1 (who formed a club called the Guinea Pig Club).

Ardingly Film Night: 26th October in Hapstead Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £7 from the Ardingly News or Fellows Bakery.



THANK YOU

A big 'Thank You' to St Peter's Centre Manager, Jill Veasey, who again organised an annual 'clean up' for the Centre last month. This is on top of the monthly clean it receives from Tracy, who also deserves our thanks. Thank you to all the volunteers, too, who worked so hard and made the place look much nicer, both inside and out.

News from Heather Johnstone (CMS)

Helping to empower the most disadvantaged women and children in Mara, Tanzania, through the Rehema Project.

After a busy start to the year, business [at the café] tailed off and we had very few customers from Easter until the end of June, which was very challenging. However, I'm delighted to report a bumper season over the last six or seven weeks with lots of volunteers visiting Musoma, mainly with the UK Christian charity Go MAD (Go Make a Difference in Tanzania). The Go MAD groups eat at Rehema four times a week, and our onsite craft shop also saw the benefit of having a lot of



visitors. Almost all the volunteers (over 120 people) had items of clothing made by our seamstresses, which is part of the volunteers' Tanzanian experience and also a real blessing for our seamstresses.

Our project has been in the doldrums for so long and the positive energy that has been generated because people are working and busy and happy is just wonderful to see. If only it could be like this all year round!

People often ask me what a typical day looks like for me in Tanzania and, although I do have a routine, it would be fair to say that there is no such thing as a typical or average day. Any day could include extreme challenges, heartfelt moments, unbearable sadness and absolute joy. I've learnt to expect the unexpected and to be extremely flexible in my day-to-day responsibilities and above all to know resolutely that God is with me every step of the way.

So, along with the good news of increased custom and activity, I also have some sad and challenging news to share.

Kibinda, a young man I know, was attacked by four youths as he was walking home from work one evening a few months ago. He was assaulted with knives, a large blade "panga" and an iron bar. He had multiple stab wounds and a huge slash across the back of his head and his shoulder. They stole his phone and left him for dead, but fortunately someone found him before he lost consciousness. He was in a precarious situation in ICU for some

time, but after three emergency operations he survived. He has a wife and two young children but had to move back home to his mother's house until he is completely rehabilitated. Please pray for Kibinda and his family. Give thanks that friends from the UK have felt called to assist him financially and prayerfully during this difficult time.

There are currently huge banners lining the main streets of Musoma detailing what the President of Tanzania, Ms Samia Suluhu Hassan, has achieved during the two years she has been in power. One of the big posters says, "Nani kama Mama" which translated means "who is like Mother?" or "who can you depend upon, but Mother?". Unlike Mama Samia (as she is affectionately known), I don't shoulder the enormous duty of being mother of the nation but nevertheless in my much smaller context "nani kama Mama" applies as much to me as it does to our esteemed president. All the women in our project call me Mama Rehema and turn to me as they would turn to their own mothers, in times of celebration, in times of grief and in times of need.

It was therefore no surprise when I got a call from Neema at 8.30pm one Friday evening. She was very sick and needed me to accompany her to hospital to get medical treatment, her own mother living many miles away in Mwanza. This followed soon after the attack on Kibinda and friends had warned me not to take unnecessary risks and go out at night, so I was very conflicted when I got the call. I was able to mitigate the risk by ringing my motorbike taxi driver and arranging for him to fetch Neema from her remotely located house and take her to hospital, and then to come and fetch me as the hospital isn't far from where I live. Thankfully, Neema was processed quickly and diagnosed with malaria and an aggressive UTI that she received meds for, and we were able to return to our respective homes within the hour.

Another day, another trip to the hospital, with Sweet-Beth who was eight months pregnant and experiencing stomach pains. She had an ultrasound and was kept in for observation but was given a clean bill of health and discharged after a couple of days. However, when she went into labour a few weeks later, she went to a local clinic and there were difficulties. Neither the clinic nor the medical staff were equipped to deal with the complications, and tragically she lost the baby.

The next day I visited Sweet-Beth at home to commiserate with her and I was shocked to hear friends and neighbours tell her to stop crying and thank God that she is alive. I suspect that is a coping mechanism as the reality is far too many babies and mothers die in childbirth. The infant mortality rate is 34.168 per 1,000 live births in Tanzania. The maternal mortality rate is 500 per 100,000 live births.

Life has no quarantees and is not plain sailing, but I also have so many encounters that warm my heart and in closing I'd like to leave you with one such moment. When I was visiting her grandmother in the village recently a young girl pressed something into my hand and ran off. She had roasted three cashew nuts in the fire for me. I am extremely humbled by this gift from the heart from someone who has so little.

Heather

FSW HARVEST FOOD BANK





FSW would welcome donations of any of the following items*:

BISCUITS CANNED FRUIT **CANNED TOMATOES** CANNED TUNA/FISH CANNED VEGETABLES READY MADE JELLY CFRFAL CLEANING PRODUCTS SANDWICH PASTE **CRISPS** COFFEE, TEA **FRANKFURTERS** FRUIT & CEREAL BARS TINNED MEATS HOT CHOCOLATE **KETCHIP** MAYONNAISE WASHING UP LIQUID

NUTS & DRIFD FRUIT PACKET NOODLES/RICE PASTA SAUCE PEANUT BUTTER RICE PUDDING SAVOURY SNACKS SPAGHETTI HOOPS TINNED MACARONI CORNED BEEF **TOILETRIES** JAM/MARMALADE **CUSTARD** MULTIPACK CHOCOLATE BARS

Please place in the box at the back of church

FSW September 2023 update

Dear Friends,

I seem to write this in every update, but we really are incredibly busy at the moment. With things returning to



routine after the summer, our practitioners are hugely involved in very complex cases and trying to help families achieve lasting change in very challenging circumstances. Financial hardship, mental health issues and parenting challenges are the three most pressing problems at the moment, none of which are quick to resolve. We have received over 20 new referrals in the last month which we are having to put on waiting lists as demand is still exceeding our capacity.



Harvest season is upon us and we know that many of you will generously be collecting items for our foodbank, for which we send enormous thanks. Our stock levels are still pretty low so we are in need of most items. The list opposite will hopefully be of help in this regard.

Thank you for all your continued support and prayers for our work.

August's work in numbers:

- 201 individual visits and 1017 calls with families supporting 220 adults and 215 children
- 17 supported meetings with other agencies
- 53 group sessions held supporting 806 parents and 531 children
- 127 food deliveries made

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association



You may recall that, as a direct result of our visit to The Gambia in March of this year, we had the opportunity to witness how well the Old Jeshwang Health Centre is progressing and to discuss future priorities.

These were identified and agreed to be - the extension of the building to provide an additional Delivery Suite, two vital items of equipment for the Path Lab. and, in due course, some changes to

the water heating system to take advantage of solar power.

While we are still awaiting detailed competitive quotations for the envisaged extension and modification of the building to accommodate the second Delivery Suite, I am pleased to report that the Path Lab. equipment has been sourced, purchased, and has now been delivered to the Clinic for immediate use!

Cherno's email (below) shows how greatly the receipt of these items is appreciated:

Dear Lynn,

We are very excited and appreciative to you and your community for all the efforts you are making to assist us in our endeavours to have an impactful healthcare service for our community. With these two important pieces of equipment, we will be able to provide a better quality of healthcare premised on accurate and reliable tests and diagnoses. We represent the community and extend our gratitude to the good people of Ardingly for their continuous support and magnanimity.

May God bless you all Cherno Yaddeh

Finally, may I extend our invitation to you all to attend our Annual General Meeting, Saturday 28th October, 2.30pm. at the Church Centre. Refreshments will be available.

Lynn Wilson

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES



LINDFIELD Saturday 7th October 10am - 1pm United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HL

FOREST ROW - Saturday 21st October The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ. 10am-1.00pm with last orders at 12.30.

TURNERS HILL & CRAWLEY DOWN – Saturday 28th October 10.30 – 12.30 The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ

What happened to the Post Card?!

A post card that you've sent to me Causes me to smile with much glee! I can't have the blues As I read the news Of your time with the sun and the sea!

I love how it lands on the mat, So it's there when I hang up my hat; And no more time passes 'Ere I reach for my glasses And happily read all your chat!

A message by text's not the same. And Facebook is all just a game. I know some will say It's the new modern way, But the lack of a card? It's a shame!

By Nigel Beeton



HARVEST AROUND THE WORLD

In Britain, Harvest Festival is usually at the end of September or beginning of October. However, in other countries customs differ:



In **Italy**, they celebrate the olive harvest with a feast and a priest blesses the new oil.

In **Poland**, people celebrate by lighting bonfires and throwing flowers into rivers.

In **America** and **Canada**, they have 'Thanksgiving' in October or November.

In **Barbados**, they have a special 'Crop Over' sugar cane harvest in June with concerts, dancing and competitions.

The **Jewish** people celebrate the "Feast of Booths" and give thanks for the harvest in an 8 day festival coming shortly after the High Holy Days of the New Year celebration.



In **Argentina**, they harvest wine grapes, hold colourful parades and enjoy festivals with music, food, entertainers, dancers, a Harvest Queen and fireworks.

In **West Africa** they celebrate the end of the rainy season with 'The Festival of Yams', usually in August, accompanied by dances and parades.

In **Thailand**, the locals of Chanthaburi have a fruit harvest with competitions, art displays and floats made from fruits and vegetables.

In **Indonesia** the rice harvest usually follows the New Year. They wave bright flags and make simple bamboo temples and small rice dolls.

In **China** and **Vietnam** they celebrate the Harvest Moon Festival with picnics, bright lanterns, moon cakes and puppet shows.

(Source – internet)

St. Peter's C.E. Primary School

Holmans, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6UQ

Open Morning

Tuesday 26th September & Tuesday 7th November 9.30am and 10.30am





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www.st-peters.sch.uk Telephone: 01444 892 314 Email: office@st-peters.school

ART AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Chichester Cathedral is thrilled to be hosting artist Peter Walker's immersive installation, Peace Doves from 30th September to 14th October and 21st October to 12th November.

This artwork is made up fifteen thousand individually handmade paper doves which are suspended above the Cathedral's historic Nave. Each dove contains a message of peace, love and hope, written by local community groups, schools and members of the public.



NOT TOO SERIOUSLY...

Mother to her son: "Martin, last night I put two apples in this cupboard and now there is only

one. Can you explain that?"

Martin: "I expect it was so dark I couldn't see

the other one."



A friend to his mate: Who are you working for nowadays?

Mate: Same people. The wife and four kids.

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookstore, a man in front of me asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters



WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for 'What would Jesus do?', and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions.

The man pondered for a moment, then replied, "I don't think He'd pay £17.99 for that hat."

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Q: Why was the apple grower sent to prison?

A: For in-cider trading.

Q: Why do birds fly south for the winter?

A: It's too far to walk!

Q: What kind of apples should be used for cider served at a ball?

A: Gala apples.

Q: What's the best thing to put into pumpkin pie?

A: Your teeth!

Q: What is a pumpkin's favourite sport?

A: Squash!

Q: Why did a scarecrow win the Nobel prize?

A: He was outstanding in his field.



### LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOXES

This is the month for us to prepare shoeboxes for Link to Hope to distribute! If you are able to make up a box for a family or an elderly person and need the form/list of contents please let me know. Alternatively you can download the form and find helpful information on the website www.linktohope.co.uk

Boxes need to reach me by the end of October, if possible, so that I can deliver them to the collection centre in this area by 5<sup>th</sup> November. I have a few spare shoeboxes, if anyone needs one. (Sue Laker - 01444 892117).







## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### THANK YOU!

A big Thank You must go to HANSONS ARDINGLY!! Ardingly Connected Together received a brilliant food/ provisions delivery one day in late August, donated by the Hanson's team based in Ardingly. That meant that ACTS were able to support some village families who are struggling a bit at the moment - thank you so much, HANSONS! Kathy James

### **Historic Churches Ride and Stride 9<sup>th</sup> September**

It was a shame that St Peter's had no visitors or participants in this event this year. The weather may have played a part, as it was one of the hottest days of the year! We did, however, have visits by a few individuals and a group of 11 walkers who had set out from Balcombe earlier that morning and arrived very hot! They were grateful for a rest in the cool of the church, and for some squash and biscuits! From these visits we received a few small donations for St Peter's.

### **CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

This year at St Peter's Church we would once again like to make the Carol Service ( $17^{th}$  December, at 6.30pm) a truly village affair, and would like to invite any singers who would like to, 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  $15^{th}$  November. This allows enough time to learn anything new and be confident with the music.

If interested, please contact Jill Veasey (892442) or Lynn Wilson (07713 324620).



## **か**刀隊 Ardingly Community Choir **隊**刀か



It's up and running - or should that be 'up and singing'??!! It's very exciting to be part of a new venture in the village, our Community Choir. We had a taster session just before the summer holidays and now we are meeting regularly.

We meet in the school hall of St Peter's Primary School in Holmans at 8pm on Monday evenings. It's free of charge (donations are always welcome!!). There are about 20-25 of us and we have fun! Please do come and join us. There is no upper age limit - although, probably because of timing, we think a lower limit of round about 10 yrs of age? There is no requirement to read music nor to have sung before. It really is open to all.

We have a short warm up, to make sure our voices are ready to sing, then we learn our songs. Amazingly, already we are singing in harmony. We meet for an hour, which simply FLIES by! Come and join us, if and when you can. We'll look forward to seeing you soon. Kathy James

### Need a helping hand?

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



### AT YOUR SERVICE

Call 892442 or 892307 A community project managed by St Peter's Church

### **OLD PENS**

Most of us have some old pens somewhere which do not work! Or some that we haven't checked for a long time and when we do try

to use them we find that they have dried up! These can be recycled if placed in the green Terracycle bin outside the Stand Up pub in Lindfield. Just pop them into a small bag and into the green bin. Felt pens, biros and highlighters are all acceptable.



### Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register for the past month



### **PRAYFR**



Dear Lord and Creator of all things,

In this fast-moving and high-tech world, help us to slow down sometimes and appreciate the rhythms of Your creation; the beauty of the colours of autumn; the annual ritual of falling leaves and darkening evenings. All part of Your cycle of the year that we often take for granted.

Help us to put our trust in You and to accept our responsibility for caring for the world You created.

In Jesus' name, Amen

by Daphne Kitching

#### Flower Rota

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - All flower arrangers please. (Harvest) Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Ann

### **Meeting Point Rota**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Belinda, Alison and Sue October 16<sup>th</sup> - Adele, Diana and Dilys October 30<sup>th</sup> - Jill, Deb and Kathy

### **Brass Cleaning Rota**

28th October - Adele Collins and Judith Rae



### **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. Cheques should be made out to *St Peter's Church, Ardingly* and please email the editor if you need our bank details.

**HOME GROUPS** meet for bible study, prayer and fellowship on various afternoons/evenings 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 £13.00 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 OCTOBER 2023

"The Lord is near to all who call on Him" (Psalm 145 v 18)



- 1 Our services today. Pray for God's blessing on them
- 2 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 3 Countries suffering from floods, fires and earthquakes
- 4 The Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal this Autumn
- 5 AOJA plans for the extension and modification of the clinic
- 6 Rishi Sunak, his Cabinet and all Members of Parliament
- 7 Ukraine, Sudan and other countries where there is conflict
- 8 Our Harvest Festival services and lunch today
- 9 Prisons Week. Pray for all who live and work in prisons.
- 10 The 'RAAC' situation in schools and other buildings
- 11 The Cross Channel migrants their welfare and future
- 12 Andreas and Bambi and their work in S.E. Asia
- 13 Justin Welby and our local bishops, Martin, Ruth and Will
- 14 World Hospice & Palliative Care Day. Pray for our local hospices
- 15 Our services today. Praise God for all he has done for us
- 16 The NHS and all who work in it
- 17 The outreach of Christian Unions in schools and universities
- 18 Praise God for his creation and the beauties of the seasons
- 19 Samara's Aid, helping thousands of vulnerable people in Syria
- 20 Those who have no food, no home, no job, no hope
- 21 Coastguards, RNLI and all who rescue people in trouble
- **22** Our services today. Pray that more people will discover God's love
- 23 Meeting Point: Belinda and all who help and attend
- 24 Milan & Shusma and the Christian Church in Nepal
- 25 Pray for healing and help for all who have health problems
- 26 Deb, Alison and all FSW staff, supporting families who are struggling
- 27 Heather Johnstone and the ladies of the Rehema Project
- 28 All who suffer for their Christian faith
- 29 Bible Sunday: give thanks for God's written word
- 30 CPAS, training clergy and evangelists and supporting parishes
- 31 Praise God for his immeasurable love and mercy

The deadline for copy for the November magazine is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October