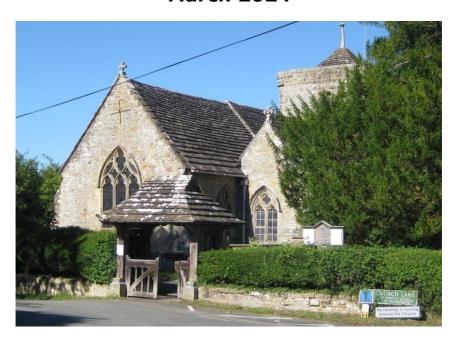
St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

March 2024



EASTER
He is Risen!
HALLELUJAH!





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 daily from 10am to 4pm for private prayer

See the following pages for full details of all this month's services

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We are all meaning making creatures. By that I mean that we all have a mental framework to help us to make sense of life. For me, that is my Christian faith, although many others would describe their mental framework as a "world-view." And there is quite an array of faiths,

beliefs and world-views for us to choose from nowadays.

Many are 'materialists.' They believe that what you see is what you get. For me, the trouble with this view is that it only satisfies today, has no answer for tomorrow, and ignores the fact that he who dies owning all the toys - still dies! Then there are others who argue that there is no God, no "grand design", that we are stuck with our past, that the future looks bleak so all we can do is to make the best of the present moment. But this is surely a counsel of despair that raises more questions than it answers. It's why I find the Christian option so much more satisfying - intellectually and emotionally.

In the person of Jesus Christ we find tremendous resources for understanding ourselves and finding our identity and purpose. Belief in Jesus provides answers to those timeless questions such as "where can I find security," "what is the meaning of life" and "what on earth am I doing here?" It provides the answers because it is based not on people's ideas and theories but on historical facts and over 2000 years of human experience. Quite simply, it works! And it works because at the heart of the Christian faith is the person and heart of Jesus and especially His death on the Cross and His Resurrection. The discovery that Jesus truly is alive today assures us that his promises are trustworthy and that faith in him is a living faith that makes all the difference.

In him the past need no longer blight the present, whilst the future is secure and becomes something to anticipate with joy.

For me, choosing Jesus offers not only his way of seeing things, but his very self to accompany me through life - past, present and future. No wonder the Easter shout of praise is: "Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With my very best wishes to everyone this Easter.

Lent Prayers and Studies

During Lent the Rector is leading prayers in church at 4pm every Monday-Thursday afternoon. All are welcome.

Also, on Wednesday afternoons, up until Pentecost, the Rector is leading a series of studies on Romans in church at 3pm. These take the form of a dvd and discussion. All are welcome. (This 10 week course began on 21st February but please feel free to come along anyway)

EASTER LILIES

At Easter the flower team decorate the church with lilies and other flowers in memory of loved ones. If you would like to remember a family member or friend in this way please let me know by 16th March so that we know how many flowers to order. Lilies cost around £3-£4 each. A donation of between £5 and £20 will enable us to make the church look lovely.



Many thanks. Belinda (892368)

World Day of Prayer 1st March 2024

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Each year the liturgy is prepared by women from a different country.



There will be a service at **St John's Church, Crawley** at 11.00 a.m. and they will be using a Liturgy which was prepared by the women of Palestine a year ago. The theme is "I beg you... bear with one another in love," based on Ephesians 4:1-7.

There will also be a service at **the Ascension Church** in Haywards Heath at 2.00 p.m.. Here the service will not use the Palestinian liturgy but will be focusing on prayers for world peace instead.

FSW SPRING SUPPER

Friday 15th March 7.00 for 7.30pm Wivelsfield Village Hall, RH17 7QH

Come and celebrate St Patrick, Spring and Family Support Work

Enjoy home-cooked traditional Irish food and amazing puddings Cash and card bar and raffle on the night

Entertainment courtesy of Scaynes Hill Community Choir

Tickets £17.50 from your FSW parish rep Or phone 01273 832963

Services in March 2024 and for HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Sunday 3rd March The Third Sunday of Lent

9.00am Romans: 1: 18-25 & 2: 1-6; Holy

Communion [BCP] John 2: 13 - 22

Romans: A Dose of Realism

10.30am Romans: 1: 18 – 25 & 2: 1 – 6;

Morning Praise John 2: 13 - 22

Holy Communion [CW]

5.00pm A service of evening prayer and quiet

Open to God reflection to end the day

Sunday 10th March MOTHERING SUNDAY (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

9.00am 1 Samuel 1: 20-28; Matthew 12: 46-50

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am 1 Samuel 1: 20-28; Matthew 12: 46-50

Sunday 17th March The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

9.00am Romans: 3: 21 – 31; John 12: 20 - 33

Holy Communion [BCP] *Romans: The Miracle of Righteousness*

10.30am Romans: 3: 21-31; John 12: 20-33

Morning Praise Romans: 3: 21-31; John 12: 20-33

Sunday 24th March PALM SUNDAY

9.00am Psalm 118: 19 - 28; Mark 11: 1 - 11

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am Psalm 118: 19 - 28; Mark 11: 1 - 11

Holy Communion [CW]

With prayer for healing and wholeness

Thursday 28th March **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.00pm

As we remember how Jesus and the disciples gathered in the Upper Room to share the Last Supper, we will gather in the Church Centre for supper followed by a celebration of Holy Communion.

Friday 29th March **GOOD FRIDAY**

11.00am For God so Loved the World A short service for everyone held in the Church Centre

2.00pm A Service of Prayer and Reflection for Good Friday A service that through music, word, quiet reflection, prayer and meditation, and images, will help us to focus upon the death of Christ on the Cross.

Sunday 31st March **EASTER DAY**

9.00am Acts 10: 34 - 43; John 20: 1 - 18

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am **Holy Communion [CW]**

"Hallelujah, hallelujah. He is Risen!" A service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday morning



NOTICEBOARD for March

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 4th and 18th March from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.





Mothering Sunday 10th MarchDo come and bring all the family!

Help in providing flowers and greenery for the Mothering Sunday service, and in putting together posies, would be very much appreciated by the St Peter's flower arrangers! Please bring any contributions and meet at St Peter's Centre at 10.00am on Saturday 9^{th} March. Thank you. Belinda

Ardingly History Society Annual General Meeting

In Hapstead Hall Tuesday 19th March at 7.45pm To be followed by a talk on Street Lane

Ardingly Evening W.I.

Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm A talk by Anthony Smith about the Priest's House in West Hoathly followed by the Annual Meeting.

For your diaries: The next Village Lunch will be on May 15th

ARDINGLY FILM NIGHT

"Wicked Little Letters"
Thursday 28th March, 7pm for 7.30pm
Tickets from the Village Shop, Fellows Bakery or online
at www.ticketsource.co.uk.

PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all those who have paid their subscriptions for 2024, especially those who have given more than the minimum $\pounds 3$ and those who have very generously sent additional donations. These are much appreciated.

It would be really helpful if folk who have not yet paid could do so soon, so that I can budget for this year's costs. You can either let your deliverer have your subscription, or pop it through my door (19 Ardings Close) or Michael's (35 High Street) with your name and address on the envelope.

Many thanks, **SUE**

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It is time once again for our annual collection of the boxes that you have in your homes in order for us to send off the money to the Children's Society. We would be grateful if you could bring your boxes to church during



March, if this is convenient. We normally attend the 10.30 service, but if it is easier for you, we are happy to collect the boxes from you. If you would like us to arrange a suitable time to collect your box from you, please contact us by telephone (01444 415317) or email us. Thanks again for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

Jean and Tony Jeffery (<u>jeanandtonyjeffery@hotmail.com</u>)

The photos included in the magazine are black and white but they look much better on our website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

NEWS FROM NEPAL

Greetings to you in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus from Nepal. We hope you are doing well by His grace.

It is our joy to share some of the exciting things God has been doing in our nation and in the Church. Also all our girls are doing well in their studies.

During Christmas there were many programs and most of the Aanandit churches invited others to the Carol singing, Children's Programme and also the main Christmas Day where the Gospel has been preached and the love of God shared. In many places public Christmas programmes were organized and the President, Prime minister, Govt. officials and Political Leaders also sent their wishes to the Christian community in Nepal. We also took every opportunity to share the Gospel through messages, gifts for children and food for all after the Christmas services.

In recent months and weeks, we had several programs at Aanandit Churches to empower families and to help others. Recently we had a sponsored walk and a day retreat program. Also, a one day program was held at our church about good parenting and to understand children's emotions and to manage that accordingly. Praise God!!



There are now 12 Aanandit churches across Nepal. The main one, in Imadole Lalitpur, started 21 years ago and has around 170 believers. It is very active in outreach and in supporting those in need. Other churches are very small, one has only 6 believers. Across the 12 churches there are 493 believers.

Two churches, in Mankha and Tanahu, need a hall to worship, and we appreciate your prayers for this. We have prayers, heart desires and plan to plant more churches in the future so please pray and help us in any way you can. If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact us. As always, we love to be in touch with you.

May God bless you and be with you.

Love, Milan and Shusma Adhikari

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

LINDFIELD

Saturday 2nd March
10am – 1.00pm
United Reformed Church,
52 High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HL



FOREST ROW - Saturday 16th March 10am - 1.00pm The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

CRAWLEY DOWN – Saturday 23rd March 10am – 12pm The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

Thank you so much for all your shoeboxes and donations. The final total was 26,417 Family & Elderly Shoeboxes. Every year a small team from the UK goes and visits one of our project managers in Eastern Europe and helps them deliver shoeboxes. It's very important for us as a charity to see how the shoeboxes are delivered and to whom. In 2023 a small team went out to Romania and they have written a Shoebox Delivery Diary to update you on what happened when they were there. For this and to see photos go to https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-delivery-diary-2023/

We paid a quick visit to one family who had been evicted from their derelict building along with five other families. The only offer they had was to go and live in a corrugated shed in the middle of a field. The mother was ill and lying on a mattress, there were two boys – 10 and 14 and a father. A farmer had let them use him old tool shed. It was extremely cold.

We then went to a house with eight older children whose parents had left years before when they were all very young. There were only two people in the house when we visited however they took the shoeboxes with delight.

Next we climbed a steep hill to visit a mother with 8 children and their neighbours who had a new born baby.

In Garcin, the largest Roma village in Eastern Europe, we met three sisters who had been living in squalid conditions. The local church helped move them to a one roomed house, simple but warm. Two were disabled and the one sister who is not, goes and gets the food.





However there is only one set of shoes between the three of them!

We visited many other families all with problems and health conditions.

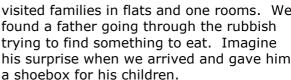
We gave your shoeboxes out to so many people and these are just a few of the photos.

One lady had missing fingers, no electricity and no sanitation. It was pitched black and she lives in one room to keep warm.

We visited a grandfather who lives in one room with his wife, his daughter, his son in law and his grandchild. The room measured 4 m x 4m and there was a tiny bathroom to

one side.

We then drove to a more built up area nearer the town and



visited families in flats and one rooms. We found a father going through the rubbish trying to find something to eat. Imagine his surprise when we arrived and gave him

It is indeed a privilege to be your hands and feet when we hand the boxes over to people living very different lives to the ones most of us do. You can feel helpless or you can feel that you are at least giving joy and showing love, even for a short while to those that

Thank you to everyone that made a shoebox for us, donated, knitted, created, prayed, packed, drove, gifted, sacrificed and coordinated for us. We simply couldn't do it without you.

Visits to WSCC Waste / Recycling Centres

According to the WSCC website and newsletters, the "Book to Recycle" scheme has expanded across West Sussex and you will now need to book a [30 minute] slot to visit any of the Waste / Recycling Centres. You can make a total of five visits in a calendar month.

You can book on the day you want to visit (subject to availability), or up to 14 days beforehand. You need to provide the registration number of the vehicle you will be attending the centre in. You also need to provide your email address so that confirmation of your booking can be sent. Proof of address is required on the day.

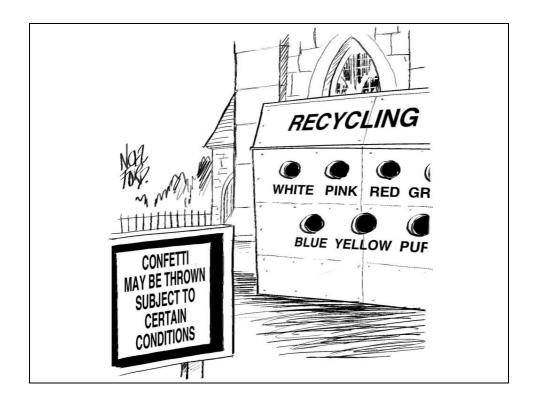
The WSCC eNewsletter for residents January 2024 states: "A review showed that most sites with the scheme recycle more materials, reducing the overall amount of waste processed, making the sites more efficient and helping to lower the cost of disposal."

Changes in Recycling

Recycling of Terracycle items at the Stand Up Inn stopped 28th January. However, since October 2023 Sainsbury's now offer **flexible plastic packaging** recycling, including crisp packets, food pouches, salad bags, biscuit and cake wrappers and carrier bags.



Many charity shops do not accept **electrical items**, although they may be in perfectly good working order. Age UK and the Children's Trust, both in South Road, Haywards Heath, are the exception and do have a licence to accept these items.



BIBLE FUN

- Q. Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?
- A. Adam, because he was the first in the human race.
- Q. Who was known as a mathematician in the Bible?
- A. Moses he wrote the book of Numbers
- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
- A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. When was the first tennis match in the Bible?
- A. When Joseph served in Pharoah's court.
- Q. How did Noah see inside the ark?
- A. He used floodlights.

Why buy when you can borrow?!

This is the question asked by a new organisation called **Share Haywards Heath – a 'Library of Things'**. These 'things' can all be borrowed by the public for a very small fee.

It is a community project that lends out a variety of items, ranging from garden equipment to kitchenware and DIY tools, plus a whole lot more. The idea is based on the sharing economy and is a way to save money and the planet at the same time.

The charity is based at the 1st Lindfield Scout hut on Eastern Road, Lindfield (RH16 2LP) and is open on Tuesday mornings (9.30am to 11am) and Saturday mornings (9am to 10am).

A catalogue of items can be found here: https://sharehh.lend-engine.com/products

After registering on the website you will be able to reserve and borrow items for a small fee. All items must be collected and returned at the Lindfield Scout hut during opening hours.

A few items are not stored at the Scout Hut due to space constraints. If you want to borrow an item where the location is showing as 'offsite' you will need to book it at least 24 hours before you want to collect it so that it can be brought to the scout hut for you to collect.

There is also a 'wish list' on the website, so that items can be donated to the scheme.

If you have any comments or questions you can send an email to contactsharehh@gmail.com. Share Haywards Heath is also on Facebook and Instagram.

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

A man was decorating his new 'man-cave' and decided it was a good place to display all the awards he and his two sons had won at various athletic competitions. When he had filled two



whole walls, he remarked to his wife that it was a shame she had no awards to contribute. The following day, she produced, neatly framed, the birth certificates of their two sons, and added them to the display.



A woman was confiding in her neighbour just how hard it was for her to get her teenagers out of bed in the morning. The neighbour replied that she never had any trouble at all with her son. "I just open the door and throw the cat on the bed," she explained. The woman was puzzled, and asked how that might help. "Easy. My son sleeps with the doq."

Underneath a street sign 'St Matthew's Close', someone had added: 'Well, I can't see him.'



A Yorkshireman wanted an inscription on his wife's grave to read: 'She was Thine'. The engraver mistakenly put 'She was Thin'. The man wrote to explain that they had left off the 'e'. The next attempt read: 'E', She was Thin.'

My boss calls me "The Computer." Nothing to do with intelligence - I just go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.





AROUND THE VILLAGE

There are lots of changes around the village to report this month!

STORM DAMAGE

We've had a few storms recently and Storm Isher seems to have caused the most damage. A sizeable tree blew down in the Recreation Ground but thankfully there are no reports of any injuries to people. Other people had fence panels down and similar problems.



PAVEMENTS and KERBS

Most of the news about this is covered on the Parish Council pages, and clearly they have put a lot of work into upgrading the Pavilion in the Rec and organising improvements to the pavements and kerbs around the village. The section of road and pavement near Holmans looks very neat and now has what I believe are called 'tactile pedestrian dropped crossing' points to help disabled people and anyone with a buggy. The pavement on the Oak Green has been resurfaced and also has dropped crossing points. There is more to come – next stop the High Street!

WATER

For weeks there has been a considerable amount of water draining across College Road and it was particularly dangerous during the icy weather we had in December. Several people have reported the matter to the Water Authorities, and they have declared that it is not their responsibility. The Parish Council say that a formal notification has now been made to Highways, who have assessed the situation and scheduled the unblocking of the drains along College Road, as these appear to be the cause of the problem. The Council is being kept up to date about the situation.

TREE FELLING

What a lot of small and medium sized trees have been cut down south of the river, opening up the side of the wood considerably. No longer do the trees form a canopy overhead, although I'm advised that "they will soon grow back".

Clocks go forward by an hour at 1 a.m. on 31st March





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ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

With snowdrops around and daffodils coming out, there are glimpses of spring and the sunshine's hinting at what's to come!

With the previous inclement weather, however, came a fallen tree in the recreation ground. Many thanks to the Hughes family, who kindly put their chainsaw to work and carted the fallen tree away. This not only saved the parish money, but also lent a spirit of community. Should anyone want to get involved in helping around the village, there are always jobs to do, so please contact Lee, our Parish Clerk, and he can put you on our newly formed volunteer working party list.

At the top of this list is a need for painters to join our Pavilion decorating team. We now have newly plastered ceilings and walls and, to make the best use of our funding, we are painting everything ourselves. If you can spare some time and enjoy working in a team, please let us know as we need help in the coming weeks.

The WSCC Highways pedestrian works are progressing at a pace and shall soon move to the centre of the village. This will create a level of inconvenience for a period, but it will be a first step toward making this area a better hub of our community. There will be an impact on a couple of temporary parking spaces, but this was a trade-off to ensure safe passage of pedestrians. The pavements around the area will also be resurfaced up to the bus stop. We will continue to work with WSCC Highways on the next phase as we look to improve access to the entrance of Hapstead Hall and resurface the pavements along the High Street up to the recreation ground and Pavilion.

We have made some inroads, but progress is slow. Thank you to Joyce Day whose commitment to the cause is being noticed!

It is also worth sharing that progress has been made with the team leading the redesign project for the area around Hapstead Hall and the British Legion/Village Club which will further augment these developments. Through a clever linkage with Plumpton College, a number of plans have been developed and Wakehurst has been involved in providing insight and feedback. More on this soon.

And finally a large thank you to Brian Strutton who has recently resigned from the Parish Council, having long served as a councillor. He is perhaps best known for his dedication to Remembrance Day and regular surveying of the playground. Our thanks go to him and we wish him all the best.

This leaves a position of Parish Councillor vacant. Should you be interested in becoming actively involved in contributing to the village and its future direction, please let us know! We will commence a formal process shortly and welcome all applicants.

Next Full Council Meeting: Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm

www.ardingly.org

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

Parish Register March 2024

The funeral of Edna May Lovejoy, formerly of Priceholme, Ardingly who died 23rd December 2023 aged 89 years, was held at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on 5th February 2024.

Father God,

Thank you for restoring me to a loving relationship with you through Jesus.

Thank you that the curtain has been torn and I am yours forever.

I long to see your restoration in every area of my life and for people around the world.

Fill me with hope and faith in your power to restore all things.

In Jesus' name Amen

(Tearfund)

Flower Rota

Friday 1st March – Pat and Sheila Friday 15th March – Jean Friday 30th March – all flower arrangers please (Easter)

Meeting Point Rota

4th March: Belinda, Alison and Sue 18th March: Adele, Diana and Dilys

Brass Cleaning Rota

16th March - Deb & George Ruse



General Information

ANGELS & URCHINS: At St Peter's Centre on Thursdays, 9-11.00 during term time. Contact Jill Veasey (892442) or Jane Taylor Cheater (892769).

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: 2024 Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (if posted the cost is £14.00 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 FOR MARCH 2024

"You are good to us and forgiving, full of constant love for all who pray to you" (Psalm 86 v 5 GNB)



- 1 World Day of Prayer. Praise God that he hears and answers us when we pray
- 2 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- **3** Our services today. Pray for the church in Ardingly
- 4 Meeting Point. Pray for Belinda and her helpers
- 5 Pray for peace in the Middle East and the future of Gaza
- 6 The Lent meetings and the course on Romans
- 7 King Charles and all the members of the Royal Family
- 8 All who are frail, housebound or lonely
- 9 Samara's Aid. Dr A and the work of the Medical Centre
- 10 Mothering Sunday. Pray for all mothers and those with none
- 11 Those at home and abroad who do not have enough to eat
- 12 Belinda and the IMARA team. The new school in Uganda
- 13 Pray for peace in Ukraine and for the Ukrainians in Ardingly
- 14 All who have learning difficulties; their teachers and families
- 15 St Peter's Flower Arrangers & all who look after the church buildings
- 16 Pray for all who work in Social Services
- 17 Our services today. Pray for all church leaders
- 18 Our government and Prime Minister
- 19 AOJA and the Clinic in the Gambia
- 20 All who are preparing for marriage this year
- 21 Schools and other organisations struggling to balance their books
- 22 Foodbanks, ACTS and other organisations supporting those in need
- 23 Young people and the pressures of social media
- **24 Palm Sunday**. Our services today and preparations for Easter
- 25 Bambi and Andreas and their ministry in S.E. Asia
- 26 Our local hospitals and Care Homes. All in the NHS
- 27 Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith
- 28 The Maundy Thursday meal and service this evening
- 29 **Good Friday**. Give thanks for the cross
- 30 Praise God for his many blessings
- **31 Easter Day**. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

<u>Deadline for copy for the April magazine is</u> Friday 22nd March