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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,



In his letter to the Galatian Christians the apostle Paul keeps on coming back to the cross of Jesus Christ. Eventually, and when writing the final chapter of his letter, he says: "*May I never boast, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" [Galatians 6: 14]. To some, that may seem an odd comment. But to understand it we just need to imagine for a moment that we are amongst a group of our closest friends and family and that they ask us questions like this: "What is the most important thing in your life?" "What is it that affects every other area of your life?" "What is it that you are obsessed with?" "What do you think about, read about and talk about most?" How would you answer those questions?

You see, Paul's answer to all of those questions would be both challenging and inspiring. It was what gripped his mind. It was what had become the centre of his life, faith and ministry to such an extent that he could never stop thinking about it. In short, Paul's answer to all of those sorts of question would be 'the cross of Jesus Christ.' And that has been the answer of the Christian church year on year throughout the ages.

The reason that Paul was obsessed with the cross and the reason that Christianity has remained obsessed with the cross is that Jesus himself was too. His whole purpose on earth was to die. Not because he was forced to, but because he wanted to and because it had a purpose: quite simply, the cross is how we are *accepted* by God and the cross is how we are *changed* by God.

And that amounts to a far greater purpose and so to a far greater transformation than anything we might achieve in our lives through our own efforts. Embracing the cross and boasting in the cross as Paul did brings about a total transformation in us.

It's not the sort of transformation that is beloved by so many TV programmes nowadays, where someone is given new clothes and hair and ends up looking completely different. The change that the cross brings is a change inside of us. It is a change that is in our heart. And it is change that will last and bring us into eternity.

Paul's words in Galatians 6:14 should certainly cause us to pause and think and to ask ourselves: what it is that is most important to us in our lives.

With very best wishes,



The Venerable Dr Edward Dowler appointed as new Dean of Chichester

The King has approved the nomination of The Venerable Dr Edward Dowler, Archdeacon of Hastings and Priest-in-Charge of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough, to be appointed as Dean of Chichester, in succession to The Very Reverend Stephen Waine, following his resignation.

Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester, says "His priestly ministry is primarily defined by pastoral care and thoughtful teaching that makes accessible the whole span of the Christian tradition. As an archdeacon he has become familiar with ecclesiastical law and the hard lessons of financial planning. He appreciates art and music and, importantly, has a probing sense of humour."

NOTICEBOARD for June

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 3rd and 17th June from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



PLANT SALE

Jean Jeffery is growing plants again this year and is planning to sell them outside St Peter's Centre after the morning service on **Sunday 9th June**. All proceeds will go to St Peter's.

Ardingly Evening W.I.

7.30 in Hapstead Hall on 20th June
Visit by West Sussex Fire Brigade



British Heart Foundation LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE Sunday 16th June 2024

The London to Brighton Bike Ride, from Clapham Common to Brighton Beachfront, is the oldest in Europe and seems to get bigger every year. Everyone taking part is helping to fund life-saving research into heart and circulatory diseases, and thanks to this research, deaths from these causes have halved in the last 50 years. On 16th June the road from Crawley Down to Ditchling will be one way only, Southbound, for most of the day.

Services in June 2024

Sunday 2nd June

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Morning Praise

6.00pm

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

The First Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12; Mark 2: 23 – 3:6

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Open to God

Sunday 9th June

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

The Second Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1; Mark 3: 20-30

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1; Mark 3: 20-30

Sunday 16th June

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Morning Praise

The Third Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 4: 6-10; Mark 4: 26-34

2 Corinthians 4: 6-10; Mark 4: 26-34

Sunday 23rd June

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

With prayer for healing and wholeness

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41

Sunday 30th June

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 4: 21-42

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 4: 21-42

Morning Praise

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***Some famous quotes about the Christian pilgrimage...***

God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. - *Billy Graham*

God knows what He is going to make of us. - *James Montgomery Boice*

Godliness is nothing but Godlikeness. - *George Swinnock*

Goodness is the only investment that never fails. - *Henry D Thoreau*

Man is most free when controlled by God alone. - *Augustine*

Of what does life essentially consist? The Bible answers that life is composed of relationships. - *Robert Horn*

Suspicious subtract, faith adds, but love multiplies. It blesses twice – him who gives it and him who gets it. - *CT Studd*

Prayer meetings are the throbbing machinery of the church. - *C H Spurgeon*

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray. - *S D Gordon*

*(from ParishPump)*

## CMS - NEWS from HEATHER JOHNSTONE

Dear friends,

We were blessed to have a team of five gap year students from the UK and Germany to support Rehema Cafe four times a week for almost 3 months from January to April. The team from Christian charity *Go Make a Difference in Tanzania* were, as my friend put it, full of the exuberance of youth, and they really bonded well with the



Rehema ladies. They had a lot of fun together and the team visited the homes of a few of the women and shared meals, songs, and stories with them. They also put in a regular appearance at our weekly prayer meetings at my house. We were sad to see them go.

I was fortunate enough to attend the CMS people in mission conference in Naivasha, Kenya, recently. It was a privilege to meet and worship together with colleagues from all over the continent of Africa as well as staff from our Nairobi and Oxford offices. It was particularly inspiring to hear the stories of those working in conflict zones, in areas longing for peace, like DR Congo, Sudan and South Sudan. Bisoke Balikenga and Bishop Martin Gordon (DR Congo), Bishop Hassan James (Sudan) and Sam Malish (South Sudan) are just a few inspiring people in mission, following Jesus to the edges so that more people can experience their world made new. If you're interested in reading the stories of how they, and others, are bringing the gospel to the edges please follow this link: <https://churchmissionsociety.org/about/people/people-in-mission/#africa>

I was asked to preach at my local village church last weekend. Inspired by our Bible studies at the CMS conference, I spoke about God of Hope. I told a story of an Armenian father who in the aftermath of the terrible earthquake in 1988, where at least 25,000 people lost their lives, remembered the promise he'd made to his son "No matter what, I'll always be there for you." He searched frantically through the rubble at his son's school for 38 hours and miraculously found him, still alive. His son said that he never gave up hope because of the promise his father had made him.



The point of the story I shared was to emphasise the good news that God has made the same promise to us in John 14:3. After the service, Jose, the choir master, came and asked me if the story was true because he wanted to write a song about it. I look forward to hearing the hope-filled song based on this story and Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit", being sung in church sometime soon.

Last weekend was also a challenging time as two of those close to us were involved in road traffic accidents. On Saturday afternoon, Cesi's teenage son, who was delivering a bucket of milk on his bicycle, was cut off by a car halfway down a very steep hill. He was thrown over the handlebars and lost consciousness when he landed on the road. He was admitted to the local clinic and later transferred to the main government hospital (the only hospital in Musoma with an x-ray machine). He was kept in for a few days as the concern was that he had internal injuries, but he has since been given a clean bill of health and returned home.

Then on Sunday afternoon, not long after I'd returned home from church, news reached me that Jeska, one of the Rehema women, had been involved in a hit and run while she was using the pedestrian crossing at our local village centre. She was flung to the side of the road and left barely conscious. Luckily a motorbike driver recognised her and ran to tell one of our seamstresses, Jane, who works in nearby premises. Jane rushed Jeska to hospital and spent many hours with her as she received treatment. There were concerns around Jeska's spinal health, and worries about internal injuries, but thankfully after a couple of days of observation and tests, she has returned home.

A timely reminder that when we experience situations that seem hopeless or problems that seem insurmountable, we can take comfort in the knowledge that our father is the God of Hope. And we can come to him with every need, concern, or worry we have, and no matter how small or large our issue, he knows what is going on in our lives and he provides for us.





In other news, another one of our very talented seamstresses, Ericka, had a baby girl a few weeks ago. Her name is Abigail, and it was a joy to visit her and welcome her to the Rehema family.

My work and residence permits expire on 23 May 2024, and I have started the process of applying for a two-year renewal. I'm not anticipating any problems, but please do pray that these permits are approved without any problems.

May God bless you all.

**Heather**

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When it was Mrs Jones' turn to do the flower arrangements, she always kept the vicar's hay fever in mind.

## FSW May 2024 update

Dear Friends,



FSW has been a hive of activity in the last month. Many of our practitioners have been running group sessions for their clients to support them in parenting issues as well as their normal day-to-day home visits. These groups are a really valuable way for parents to learn new skills when faced with challenging behaviour from their children, and have been a great success. We are also still receiving a large number of new referrals which we are trying to accept as quickly as we can, although waiting lists are still in place in most areas.

We were able to close a particular family in Newhaven recently, after supporting them since October. This is a relatively quick turnaround, as usually the challenges facing our families take much longer to resolve successfully. After the final meeting the parent sent this message to her practitioner:

*Having you to talk to has been invaluable. You have helped me make sense of things when I felt too muddled. You have given me tools to help work out my thoughts and feelings and know how to manage them better. You have helped me understand my options and given me space to talk about worries. I feel so much better now and I know I can come back in the future if I need to".*

Receiving this sort of feedback really gives us a boost when times can be very challenging, so it was wonderful to see the impact that we have had on this parent's life over the last 6 months.

We will be at the South of England Show again from June 7-9 so if you are planning on attending the Show, please do come and find us opposite the Norfolk Pavilion.

Our foodbank is currently running very low on lots of items so we would appreciate your support with any donations.

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



## **CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL'S FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS** **5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

The Festival of Flowers is a four day spectacular in the setting of Chichester's almost 950 year old Cathedral. Visitors to the Festival will have the opportunity to experience 60 floral arrangements, handcrafted by talented florists and flower enthusiasts from across the county. The theme this year is Creation.

The Festival will also see the return of celebrated Sculptor Philip Jackson, who will be presenting an exhibition of sculptures exclusively for ticket holders.

This year's patron is the British novelist, writer and broadcaster, Kate Mosse.

Tickets cost £18.00 per person. The Festival is open from 9.30am with the last entry session starting at 3.30pm.

*[Gina, Adele and I went in 2022 and were extremely impressed!  
- Sue Laker]*

## MediGive

It often happens that loved ones die and because of their health conditions there are hygiene/sanitary items which are often thrown away. There is a charity in Hailsham called MediGive which collects unwanted items such as bandages, catheters, urine bags, leg bag stands, stoma items, wipes, syringes, gloves, leg supports, slip sheets..... The list is endless. These items are passed on to medical institutions in low income countries, where they will immediately be put to good use.

The details of the charity are as follows:

Medi Tech Trust Reg. No. 1157837

Unit 6 Swan Barn Business Centre, Swan Barn

Road, Hailsham, BN27 2BY

01323.442211/<http://www.meditechtrust.org/>



*[Samara's Aid would love to receive any unwanted crutches, walking aids and incontinence items to pass on to Syria. Please give these to Sue 892117]*

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### LINDFIELD

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

10am – 1.00pm

United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HL

## REPAIR CAFE

### FOREST ROW - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

10am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

### TURNERS HILL - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

10am – 12 noon

The Ark, Mount Lane, Turners Hill, RH10 4RA

## ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are always very fortunate to be so close to Wakehurst. This is a fantastic learning resource right on our doorstep. The team at Wakehurst are always very welcoming and our children make good use of the facilities. We have participated in lots of different experiences there, making lanterns for Glow Wild, learning about the seeds and the plants and some of our pupils actually met the King when he visited (then Prince Charles)! Lately, we had the opportunity to explore the rhythms of life there, including a very exciting drumming workshop! Djembes at the ready, everyone!

Our strong connection to Ardingly College continues to benefit learning at St Peter's. From use of the swimming pool and mini bus provision to the 'hands on' visits from their year 12 pupils, the College's generosity is much appreciated. This term, we have the Little Big Sing to look forward to, as well as the Inspiring Young Minds workshops.



Of course, we are heading towards the end of the academic year when we will be saying goodbye to our year 6 pupils. We are so proud of all they have achieved, including powering through the SATs test. They are all looking

forward to their time at Ardingly Reservoir paddle-boarding, of course, and they are all proudly wearing their 2024 Leavers hoodies! All our love and support goes with them as they progress to secondary school and we get ready to welcome our new pupils, just starting out on their journey at St Peter's.

Kathy James

*"God loves you because of who God is and not because of anything you did, or didn't do"*

## **A Distant Grave** *By Nigel Beeton*

A distant grave, a foreign land  
Kept neatly, with respect  
Though not at all what they'd have planned  
Yet what they did accept.

These youthful lads were wrenched from home -  
No one of them was old -  
Joined thousands of their fellow men  
Fought up a beach, named 'Gold'.

And some survived, though many died  
Some fought their way through France  
And, though quite likely terrified  
To Holland they advanced.

Then 'Market Garden' – a quaint name  
For brutal deeds of war;  
But no-one heard those troops complain  
In darkest forty-four.

And yet more soldiers met their fate  
Their lives cut short too soon;  
As shells fell close, to detonate  
In war's demonic tune.

And so they lay, so far from home  
So far from kith and kin.  
But they, with fallen comrades showed  
The way to fight and win.



*This poem has been written to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landings on 6<sup>th</sup> June*



## **Alexander (Sandy) Hett** **23<sup>rd</sup> August 1928 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Friends and family came from far and wide for the funeral of Sandy Hett on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. And thanks to modern technology others watched the service on zoom from as far afield as Auckland in New Zealand. Hymns included The Lord's my Shepherd, There is a hope and Abide with me, and bible readings came from Ecclesiastes and Matthew.

Before the service began Lynn Wilson tolled one of the church bells 95 times, and the bell ringing team rang a Quarter Peal when the service was over.

Members of Sandy's family read 3 poems and an extract from Winnie the Pooh and loving tributes were paid by Neil Thompson and Gillian Hett before an address was given by the Rector, John Crutchley.

What a full and interesting life Sandy had lived! And what warm and generous tributes were paid to him. He had studied first in Haywards Heath and then in Oxford, where he became a prize-winning violinist. A classics scholar, he loved history and remembered things with microscopic detail. He was also passionate about art and studied it at the Royal College of Art in London, after which he became an Art Teacher. He also did his National Service, like lots of others at that time.

There was a lot more to Sandy than one might imagine! He loved the outdoors and enjoyed walking and cycling and the family's annual holidays in Scotland. His interests covered a wide range of things and he was a mine of information about nature, trees, wildlife and the village of Ardingly! He was generous and supported no less than 25 charities. This included making weekly trips to Haywards Heath to help with Talking Books for the Blind.

His family remember him as a great listener and having a lovely smile. Someone who was so interested in everyone and had a special care for, and understanding of, children. He was full of



stories and imaginative ideas, such as creating a full size igloo for his nephews and nieces one winter when it snowed heavily. Gifts were always very thoughtfully chosen.

The church in Ardingly meant such a lot to Sandy and he always strove to live his life in a way which was pleasing to God. He loved music and singing in the choir and Choral Society. He continued to attend St Peter's with his niece Fiona up until very recently. His church family are going to miss him a lot.

Words which were repeatedly used to describe Sandy were "kind", "humble", "thoughtful", "wise", "knowledgeable" and he was, in the Rector's words, "A man of rare and great quality".

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## **Watching birds is positively good for you**

So says a new study out of North Carolina State University. It goes on to say that watching birds is even more beneficial to us than watching other forms of wildlife.

The new study found that birdwatchers' recorded 'distress' levels dropped by 13.7 per cent, compared to that of nature-walkers' at 6.9 per cent.

The study suggests that the reason may be that birds provide their own narrative and sense of drama, which can be enough to lift someone watching them out of the everyday.

The author and presenter Kate Humble agrees. "There is something reassuring about life continuing and nature just getting on with it, even if it feels like the rest of the world is falling to bits. Birdwatching makes me feel part of a bigger, richer, beautiful picture."

"Birds give me an excuse to explore and find some solitude and calmness away from the bustle of life," says James Lowen, author of *52 Wildlife Weekends*. "It helps put me in my place."



## THE ETERNAL WALL OF ANSWERED PRAYER

"If ever our nation needed hope, it's now." (*Richard Gamble*)  
The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer will make hope visible!

Reaching 50 metres up into the sky, the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer is a huge Christian landmark that is being built in the heart of the UK, paid for by a crowdfunding campaign. It is due to be completed in 2026.

Over twice the height of the Angel of the North and large enough for Buckingham Palace to fit under its arch, the Eternal Wall will be visible from over 6 miles away. Adjacent to the M6 & M42 motorways, HS2 and the flight path of Birmingham Airport, this piece of public art will be seen by half a million journeys every week, encouraging a national conversation about prayer.

Every one of its million bricks will reveal a story from an individual, remembering how Jesus answered their prayer. The landmark will show the world that Jesus is alive, He listens and He answers prayer today. Using a bespoke app, visitors will be able to point their phone to a brick to explore the unique answered prayer it displays.

For each brick in the Eternal Wall, a brick will be donated to social housing - so not only is this landmark making hope visible; it is also planting seeds of hope that will meet others at their point of greatest need, and help change their narrative to one of restoration.



## **St PETER and St JAMES HOSPICE OPEN GARDENS**

From May till September you can visit beautiful gardens whilst at the same time supporting the St Peter & St James Hospice. The season started with the Hospice's own garden on May 18th and runs through until early September.

From pretty plants, ponds and peonies to woodland, wild flowers and water features, friends and supporters of the Hospice all across the region are kindly opening their gardens to raise funds for the Hospice.

Each Open Garden has its own unique offering from grand estates to village trails and this is a chance to look behind the hedges and see some truly beautiful gardens.

The Old Rectory, 79 Church Road, Newick , BN8 4JZ, is open on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm to 7pm. In the 10 acres of glorious garden there is a wild flower meadow, formal gardens, 'white garden', a magical moat and so much more. Refreshments , plants and Pimms will be on sale. There will also be a pop up vintage clothing shop and work for sale by local artists. Entry is £8 and children visit free.



Also in June there are Village Garden Trails in Ditchling, Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint, Bramley, Ringmer and Plumpton and many other events in July and September. For more information visit <https://stpjhospice.org/open-garden>



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

### **NORTHERN LIGHTS**

Anyone who was awake between 11pm and 2am on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May had a real treat if they looked up at the night sky and saw the Aurora Borealis. It's rare that it's visible as far South as Ardingly, but this was an exceptional event due to a huge solar storm and everyone was talking about it! It seems we might get another opportunity to see the lights at the end of the month, weather permitting.

### **COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Our numbers keep on growing and we are having a great time! Since September 2023, we have been meeting each Monday in term time to sing, forget about our day-to-day concerns and have fun.

We have learned to sing in parts and enjoy finding our way through different songs. At the moment, we're concentrating on a Beatles' number and one by Labi Siffre - but variety is the spice of life, as they say!

Do come and join us for a taster, if you feel like trying us out. You won't be disappointed! If you want to hear us first, we are planning on doing a short spot as part of the village day, so come along and join in.

We meet every Monday during term time, 8pm until 9pm in the school hall, St Peter's C.E. School, Holmans. See you there!

## LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOU ...

A clergyman phoned his rural dean. "I regret to have to inform you that my wife has just died. Could you please send me a substitute for Sunday?"



I had a ploughman's lunch the other day. He wasn't very happy about it. (*Tommy Cooper*)



The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone." Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

***OOPS!*** *The church notices that did not come out quite as they were meant to!*

We are delighted to announce that the youth group has raised almost £500 for drug abuse.

'Lunch will be gin at 12:15.'

Any church member over 18 is welcome to join our new lay ministry programme. It requires minimal training and time: just six weekly classes of about 200 hours each Tuesday night.

The Seniors group will have a picnic on Saturday. Meat and drinks will be provided but each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable, and a sweet, all in a covered dish.

Remember the church jumble sale. We have a gents' three-speed bicycle, and also two ladies for sale, in good running order.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Belzer; the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

# *Parish Register May 2024*

Felix Laurence Tonna of Stonehurst, Selsfield Road, Ardingly, was baptized at St. Peter's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

The funeral of Alexander Innes Hett ('Sandy') of High Street, Ardingly who died 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 aged 95 years was held at St. Peter's on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

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*Do not fear, for I am with you;  
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you:  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

*Isaiah 41 v 10*

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## **Flower Rota**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Belinda and Jill

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Jean and Pam

## **Meeting Point Rota**

3<sup>rd</sup> June - Jill, Deb & George, Sue

17<sup>th</sup> June - Belinda, Alison and Kathy



## 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](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. 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](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 JUNE 2024



*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8)*

- 1 John & Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Our services today. Pray for all bishops and clergy
- 3 Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and other places of conflict
- 4 All who help to keep the church and Church Centre looking good
- 5 IMARA – funding for scholarships, the new school and poor pupils
- 6 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day. Pray for all veterans & service personnel
- 7 The South of England Show and its staff. Ministry in The Sanctuary
- 8 Mission and the Romans course which finishes today
- 9 Our services today. Give thanks for our freedom to worship
- 10 All who are grieving, especially those in Ardingly
- 11 The NHS and our local hospitals and GPs
- 12 Samara's Aid: protection and blessing for Dr A and his team
- 13 The PCC and our churchwardens, Nigel and John
- 14 The Prime Minister, government and all MPs
- 15 Safety and fun for the London-Brighton bike ride tomorrow
- 16 Our services today. Pray that God's kingdom will grow in Ardingly
- 17 Heather Johnstone and her work in Tanzania
- 18 St Peter's Primary School, Pre-School and Ardingly College
- 19 Refugees at home and abroad and all aid agencies
- 20 Bible Society. Give thanks for the bible and all Christian literature
- 21 All who seek solace in our church during the week or ask for prayer
- 22 Bambi and Andreas and their children
- 23 Our services today. Pray for healing and renewal
- 24 All who work to alleviate poverty and suffering
- 25 AOJA and the work of the clinic in The Gambia
- 26 Our village community and businesses
- 27 International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services
- 28 Kathy, Sue and the pastoral team at St Peter's
- 29 Global Warming and countries suffering from its effects
- 30 Our services today. Give thanks for all God's blessings

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