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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,



"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world" wrote theologian Karl Barth. And that is true. But it is also, I believe, an invitation to listen. To listen so as to widen our vision such that we begin to see as God sees, to *love* all that God has created and to *view* life's situations as God does.

To this end St. Benedict required all who followed his rule to pray seven times each day ("*Seven times a day I praise you*" Psalm 119: 164) reminding them of the need to set aside their own preoccupations so as to give the necessary time and space to be present to God and to be led more deeply into a relationship with God, through Jesus. For Benedict, God's intervention in this world through Jesus Christ is an absolute reality that permeated not merely his view of the world but also his entire existence, right down to his very nerve ends. And it did so twenty-four hours a day. And so again and in Barth's words: "Prayer is in essence a rebellion - rebellion against the world and its fallenness, the absolute and undying refusal to accept as normal what is pervasively abnormal."

Such prayer is, I believe, the recognition that God in Christ has given us everything that we seek for and everything that we long for. We don't have to rush after it, or struggle for it. It's there all the time. All we need to do is give it time in prayer, regularly each day and throughout the day, and it will make itself known to us – or rather he will, Jesus Christ. Not in some airy-fairy mystical way, but in the midst of ordinary life, calling us to be the people God made us to be and reminding us that we are totally loved and secure in this wonderful and yet so often dangerous and difficult world.

Prayer like this requires our willingness and our perseverance. It frequently requires struggle and sacrifice. But without any doubt, the more that we learn how to pray in this way the more we will become sensitive to the Spirit at work in our hearts and so in turn the more we will come to know the true love of God for all humankind from which grows the love of humankind for God and for one another. Truly then, an uprising against all that disorders the world.

With my prayers and best wishes



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL IN TOP 17



Chichester Cathedral has been rated on the *Which?* list of the UK's 17 best rated museums, galleries, cathedrals and other historical sites that are free to visit, proudly representing Sussex.

Over 4,000 people took part in their survey of the UK's best museums and more than 3,000 told them about their favourite historic attractions.

The Festival of Flowers at Chichester Cathedral in June was attended by over 10,000 people and raised an impressive £186,000 to support the work of the Chichester Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust.

Services in September 2024

Sunday 1st September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am
Holy Communion (BCP) James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

10.30am
Morning Praise (CW) James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Sunday 8th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am
Holy Communion (BCP) James 2: 1 - 10; Mark 7: 24 - 37

10.30am
Holy Communion (CW) James 2: 1 - 10; Mark 7: 24 - 37

Sunday 15th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am
Morning Prayer (BCP) Psalm 145; 2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 15

10.30am
Morning Praise (CW) Psalm 145; 2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 15

Sunday 22nd September The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am
Morning Prayer (BCP) Psalm 112; 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15

10.30am
Morning Praise (CW) Psalm 112; 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15

Sunday 29th September The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am James 5: 13 - 20; Mark 9: 38 - 50

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am James 5: 13 - 20; Mark 9: 38 - 50

Holy Communion (CW)

with prayer for healing and wholeness

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### **LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024**

St Peter's will again be supporting this LINK to HOPE Shoebox Appeal this Autumn.

The Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992 and over 1 million shoeboxes have been delivered to hundreds of different locations in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine. Shoeboxes go directly to people who are poor and marginalised in Eastern Europe: families, the elderly and people that literally struggle to survive on a day to day basis. A simple gift of a shoebox shows love and care for people who would otherwise have very little hope.

We are asked to complete a shoebox either for a family (not just a child) or an elderly person. The list of items we can send includes different items, ranging from soap, shower gel/shampoo, family games, stationary items, small gifts for mum and dad as well as sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc.

Shoeboxes need to be ready by the end of October. If you would like a form listing what can be put into a shoe box (each box needs one for Customs purposes) please do let me know.

Sue Laker (892117)



## ***NOTICEBOARD for September***

### **Meeting Point Coffee Mornings**

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



### **Angels & Urchins**

For babies, pre-school children and their carers  
Thursday mornings in school term time  
0900-1100 at Peter's Church Centre (front door)  
Start date for the new term: 5<sup>th</sup> September

### **PCC**

The next PCC meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm at St Peter's Centre

### **DEANERY SYNOD**

The next Deanery Synod meeting will be at the Church of the Ascension on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### **ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY**

**September 24th 7.45pm in Hapstead Hall**

Mike Turner – "Gardens: A Very British Passion.  
Gravetye Manor and Great Dixter"

**Film Night:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September in Hapstead Hall  
7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets available from the Village Shop, Fellows Bakery and online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

### **More Dates for your Diary:**

8<sup>th</sup> September – Village Fete on the Recreation Ground  
9<sup>th</sup> October – Village Lunch

## **Ardingly Evening WI**

We have had a busy summer with our annual members BBQ, the county WI quiz and a visit to the Open Air Theatre in Brighton to see 'Jeeves and Wooster'. We were delighted to raise £234 for Breast Cancer Now, from our sales of tea and cakes at Village Day. Thank you to all who came and supported us.



**Our next meeting is at Hapstead Hall on Thursday 19th September at 7:30pm when we will have a speaker from The Guide Dogs Association.**

Do feel free to contact us for more information about our WI, which meets on the third Thursday evening of every month. As well as the monthly meeting we have a monthly book club, monthly crafts, and lots of extra visits and activities throughout the year.

Email: [ardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk](mailto:ardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk)

## **Hapstead Jam Tarts Ardingly WI**

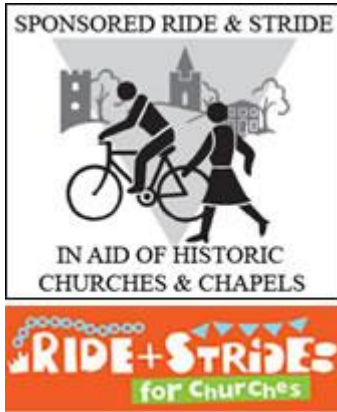
We are a newly formed WI in the village and welcome all women from 18 yrs to visit, join us and see what we do. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at Hapstead Hall from 10am till 12pm. We enjoy craft, occasional motivational speakers and have a friendly and lively group, built on friendship, connecting and supporting women.

**Our next meeting is a talk on colour analysis on 18th September** and a talk about Breast care from Macmillian specialist, Debbie, on Wednesday 16th October.

More plans are in the pipeline for this active and friendly group. For details please call Fiona 07513411893, or email [hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk](mailto:hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk) or check the notice board on the side of the hall near the bus stop or just pop in to Hapstead Hall where you will be made very welcome. There is no charge for visitors.



# Sussex Historic Churches Trust



## **Sponsored Ride and Stride 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

This annual event enables us to help in raising money to preserve the historic places of worship across Sussex.

As usual St Peter's will be open all day to enable riders and walkers to visit the church while participating. Sponsor forms and lists of places open will be available soon for walkers and riders who wish to participate in this annual

event. Sponsor forms will also be available for those who assist by manning the church and welcoming visitors during the day.

If you have any queries please contact me on 01444 415317.

Jean Jeffery

### **Community Choir**

The Ardingly Community Choir continues to go from strength to strength! We were fortunate to be invited to take part in Ardingly's Village Day on July 20th and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves performing to a 'packed crowd' in Hapstead Hall. Hopefully, our audience enjoyed it too!

We are taking a well-earned break over the summer and will be back singing again on September 23rd. If you are interested in coming to sing with us, or just to try out an evening with us, come along! We would love to see you on Monday evenings during term time at St Peter's CofE Primary School in Holmans in the village. We meet for an hour, between 8 and 9pm, and welcome anyone who wants to come and have fun.

## NEWS FROM S.E. ASIA

Dear friends,



As many of you know, in April my mother passed away. She had been battling with cancer and was ready to meet her Maker. After almost a month in the Philippines I quickly got back into the swing of things here in our host country.

I am thankful that the women in the **house fellowship** continue to meet to study the Word and have started sharing and studying the Word with their friends. I have been involved in discipling them since 2021. Sometimes, even after confessing faith in Christ, baptism and studying the Word, there is still unbelief. But complete faith in Christ, especially for people with this background (very poor, with drug use), can take a while.



**7 people** are studying the Word with these ladies. They have seen the change in them and they want to change too. We pray that the Lord will start adding to their number daily those who are being saved (Acts 2:47).

We are encouraged by our recent evaluation of our **social media campaign**. We praise the Lord and pray for more national believers to help with filtering those who enter our page. We also praise God for 5 men who have said that they believe in Christ, though we don't know what this means yet. They are being disciplined virtually.

We were grateful for a **short-term worker** who helped A with his work at the university for 6 weeks. His work ethics and background were just what was needed and his contribution, even though he was here for such a short time, had an impact in the department.

Our **teammates** will return next month from their home assignment. We are praying for unity and better communication so that we can be a more fruitful team. We are still in touch with old contacts and neighbours.

We would like to **move** to a town called Pleasant Port, still in the same province where we live. We are hoping that the new technical institute there will give A a work permit. We are praying for wisdom and direction.

Daughter Y has finished her time at her Orientation School. She will begin her studies in Electrical Engineering in October.

Son T is feeling overwhelmed with a lot of things - including his extra-curricular activities. May he learn to discipline himself and prioritise. Praise the Lord, he has a sense of belonging with his housemates.

Thank you for your prayers. May the Lord draw us closer to Himself and give us the strength to face our challenges with joy that only comes from Him.

Blessings in Christ,  
B & A

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### **LINDFIELD**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

10am – 1.00pm

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

**REPAIR CAFE**

### **FOREST ROW – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

10am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

### **TURNERS HILL - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

10am – 12pm

The Glebe Centre, Vicarage Rd, Crawley Down RH10 4JJ

## **Samara's Aid - OUR SYRIAN CINDERELLA FAIRYTALE...**

Recently I heard some incredibly touching, happy news. It is our own Cinderella story! Few young men remain in Syria compared to young women. So many have been killed in the war and so many others have fled the country to avoid mandatory conscription to the army. For the young women in the country their prospects of marriage have diminished. For many in the west, this might not feel like as big an issue, but life in Syria is tougher for unmarried women who may not have the same rights or opportunities and may be excluded from some social situations. Regardless, for many this is a lonely life that most wouldn't have planned.

Over the last few years we have been donated some beautiful new clothes from a well known UK fashion retailer, who have been so generous. They had a few really gorgeous evening dresses and asked if we'd like them. I was happy to accept them as although they aren't the items needed most, there might be special occasions that our beneficiaries are invited to, and I know that they would be too poor to be able to buy a dress to go a wedding or party. At the time I talked with Dr A's wife, sending her some photos of the dresses, and she said she could just imagine some of our orphans having their engagement wearing one of them. Any woman knows what it means to an older girl or young woman to have something nice to wear to a special occasion. For these poor people, engagements and weddings are likely to be some of the only parties they get the chance to go to, and to meet people. There will always be a hope that perhaps, just perhaps, they might meet someone special...



One such young woman was invited to her friend's engagement party recently. She is so poor, she had nothing to wear to a party, and no money to buy a dress. She was able to borrow one of the dresses for the occasion. She looked so beautiful, all made up and wearing this light blue, sequinned and chiffon dress. Sometimes people in the UK are surprised to think that a Muslim woman might dress like this, but there are different expectations and customs among different groups. Among her group, which is Alawi, the women tend to dress in a liberal way, as do Christians in Syria, much like us in the UK.

When she went to the party, she caught the attention of a handsome young man who was very taken with her. They got on so well that evening. He is someone who seems to have good career prospects and is well thought of. Afterwards, he and his parents went to visit the girl's father to ask for her hand in marriage. They accepted!

It reminds me of the story of poor Cinderella having nothing to wear for the ball, but her fairy godmother gave her what she needed, just for a few hours, but for long enough to catch the attention of her Prince Charming. This is our own little fairytale - our Syrian Cinderella. My prayer is that they too will have their happily ever after.

Thank you to all of you who helped us to get these and all the other clothes out to Syria - this is an unexpected and lovely story among the many stories of people needing warm, practical clothes - just the absolute basics to survive. But people need other kinds of hope too: the hope of love, marriage, starting their own families and living normal lives. Please pray with me that this will be a healthy, happy marriage.

Samara Levy

## **BRIDGING THE AGES CAFÉ**

Bridging the Ages will resume at Ardingly College on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30 to 2.30pm

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## St Peter's C.E. Primary School



There is always something going on at school - we are always busy, and the summer term is no exception! Although we are heading towards the end of the school year, we are all learning still and moving forward.

As well as our usual lessons, we have had sports day, swimming competitions, music performances and, of course, the end of term school play!! This year, all of our pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2) took part in the production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. The swashbuckling adventures involved pupils singing, acting, stage managing, sound production, dancing.... all carried out with total aplomb! It was a brilliant production and the audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Our swimmers went to the NEARS swimming gala and were amazingly successful! They swept the board, winning not only the boys' and girls' trophies but taking the overall NEARS trophy! Sporting prowess is always encouraged at the school and next term, we are looking forward to

our fencing club happening again. This, along with all our other clubs, makes sure that our children have lots to do in and out of school!

Of course, the end of the academic year does mean that our children in year 6, most of whom have been with us for 7 years, left to move on to secondary school. Although coupled with sadness, it was a very exciting time for all of us as we wished them Bon voyage! Now we have our summer break and then we will look forward to welcoming our new reception children into our school family.

If you will be looking for a school place for your child in 2025, do come to one of our open mornings in the autumn term. This will allow you to address any queries you may have and also to tour the school with our year 6 pupils. The open mornings will take place on 8 October and 5 November at 9.30 and 10.30 on both mornings. Please call the school office to book a session or, if these dates are not convenient, to look for an alternative date to visit.

Kathy James

## FSW August 2024 update

Dear Friends,



With the summer coming to an end, it has been another few weeks full of activity here. Our annual Warnham Park visit, as well as another trip to Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation, took place in glorious sunshine, and the many trips to beaches, parks and nature reserves have kept all of our families occupied. Behind the scenes, we have been using this slightly quieter time of year to welcome our new Trustees and Chair, and start to make important plans for next year.



We know that activity will really ramp up in September when children return to school, and we expect to be adding even more families to our existing waiting lists. It is a sad reflection of the times that so many families are finding that we are their only source of potential support, and desperate for us to work with them.

We still have very low stock of some of our foodbank staples, but we hope that this will improve over the coming weeks and we will be able to resume our full foodbank delivery schedule – recently we have had to cut some of our deliveries due to not having enough food.

With many thanks for your continued support and prayers.

**Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing**  
[www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)



## Annoyed with bottle tops?

A friend and I were discussing recently the new style of caps on bottles and cartons, where they are 'tethered' by a thin strand of plastic and do not come off completely. This can be a bit awkward because the lid can get in the way, and if you attempt to drink from the bottle the cap can scratch your nose! Apparently there is a good reason why caps are now tethered. WSCC Waste Advisor Colin McFarlin explains that "each year 583 billion plastic bottles are produced, each with a cap, but bottle caps are now the fifth most common item of plastic debris found in the sea. Litter pickers have also found that bottle tops are a huge problem and a danger to animals and birds. So this is why most manufacturers now produce plastic bottle and cartons with caps which are attached. After use the bottle or carton can be recycled complete with its cap. SUE



"How thoughtful, wearing something  
all the wedding guests could shelter  
under in case of rain."



## **ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – AUGUST 2024**

The summer holidays for the Parish Council were anything but a holiday as many projects continue to be progressed.

We are again in the midst of recruitment for a Parish Clerk/RFO. We would like to wish Lee Dunkley all the very best and hope to fill the position shortly. Everything continues to tick along thanks to the additional efforts of our Parish Councillors, but some of our admin is behind so thank you for your patience as we navigate this period. The telephone number is answered and the email [clerk@ardingly.org](mailto:clerk@ardingly.org) is monitored, so please don't hesitate to contact us as normal. Another step forward is that we have co-opted Councillor Steve Korniotis just before the summer holidays. We would like to welcome him to the council and hope to co-opt the final vacancy at our September 11th meeting which will bring us up to our full 11 members.

Please note that we have shifted our monthly meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of every month. We have also limited in-person surgeries to once a month. All of the Council is available at any time by phone or email in the interim, but as so few people attend the surgeries it seemed prudent to focus the time accordingly whilst still offering an in-person opportunity.

In other news, the Ardingly Sports Pavilion has shown what a lovely venue it can be for outdoor gatherings with the successful events of Ardingly Cricket Club and as part of the Ardingly Connected Together (ACT) Village Day alike. Thanks to everyone who helped to make those events possible as it is wonderful to have such lovely opportunities to meet together as a village.

Next up on the calendar is the Village Fete. It is set for 8th September and should be another chance to come along and not only enjoy the day, but also see the improvements to the Pavilion.

We also learned what an asset our Public Loo is to people throughout the area as, due to a renegotiation of cleaning contract by Mid Sussex, we were faced with costs which were well outside of our budget. The current contract ended and the doors were closed for a few weeks whilst we urgently implemented a short term fix and work toward a long term more cost effective solution. They are now open every day from 9am to 7pm. We have taken on the cleaning locally so we would ask you to please use them respectfully and if you notice any issues, please email [clerk@ardingly.org](mailto:clerk@ardingly.org).

WSCC have been again busy, now with the installation of three new electric car charging points on Street Lane. In an effort to encourage the County to focus on environmentally positive choices they have facilitated this development and, understanding the pressures on parking in Ardingly, they have not constrained the parking. Anyone can park in these spaces. Should they want to change the status of these spaces to be limited to Electric Vehicles they will have to conduct a consultation. We are separately investigating expanding the parking at Recreation Ground and near the Tennis Courts to improve the traffic during school drop off and pick up times.

Hope to see you at the Fete!

Margaret Meldrum (Chair)

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## **A Sad Loss to the Village**

It was with great sadness that we heard the news recently that Pam Dennis has died. She played a very active part in the community for many years and will be remembered with much affection by a lot of people. Our sincere condolences go to Tobin and the rest of her family. Pam's funeral will take place at St Peter's on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00 noon.



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

### **Townhouse Farm Cottages**

Demolition of the two semi-detached cottages at the bottom of Church Lane, which overlooked the reservoir, has taken place. Planning has been given for the construction on that site of a detached four-bedroom 3 storey house plus a basement, together with a detached two storey garage (garage below ground level) with home office above.

### **Summerfest**

The Showground had perfect weather for the Ardingly Summerfest on 10th August and judging from the very long tailbacks of traffic on all 4 roads into Ardingly that day, they had a LOT of visitors! It wasn't quite so much fun if you were trying to get home from Sainsbury's at midday – it took one Ardingly resident an hour and a half to get from Lywood to Gowers Close! Others abandoned their car and walked home, retrieving their car later!

### **NEW FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**

After a very successful trial of food waste collections in Mid-Sussex everyone will now be receiving a green food waste collection caddy by the end of August. All kinds of food waste can be put into it and a leaflet explaining everything we need to know will be delivered with the food waste caddy. The scheme is set to begin on 11<sup>th</sup> September and this will see a change in normal collections of landfill waste. The new service will be:

Every week: food waste collection

Every 2 weeks: recycling collections (our blue-lidded bins)

Every 3 weeks: rubbish collections (our black-lidded bins)

## ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER



Ardingly Connected Together (ACT) has been together as a small group (of six or seven people) for almost four years now! We've been involved in doing all sorts of things, all designed to bring joy to the village - Carol singing, Christmas gifts to families and older folk on their own, evenings at the Ardingly Inn, the Village Day, to name but a few and, of course, let's not forget the Hub. Throughout the whole of the time we have been operating, we have been delivering food and household provisions to people in need at any particular time.

From the start, ACT has had no direct funding and we rely on successful grant applications and donations to fund whatever we do. People and organisations (including St Peter's Church and Mid Sussex Council) have been very generous and enabled us to continue the work thus far. To make sure we are reaching out to people in need, initially we communicate confidentially through the school and preschool to those families who are in receipt of free school meals or otherwise known to the school/preschool. We offer an intermittent delivery of basic items, should they think this would help. Also, people are invited to contact us directly, again in confidence, should they (or someone they know) be in need of support.

Once we have a list of the families who need some help, we draw up our shopping list. We aim to provide basic things like beans, tomatoes, soup; fresh fruit and vegetables - apples, potatoes, carrots; long life protein (tins of ham, tuna, curry, pies) and household items, including toilet rolls, toothpaste, shampoo. One of the ACT team will do the shopping, either online or in person, and then begins the job of separating the items out into individual family bags! Where families are happy for us to know their addresses, we deliver direct to them. Otherwise, the deliveries take place through school or preschool or whatever confidential route is appropriate.

It is an amazing opportunity to deliver these parcels and to be able to support folk, even in a small way. At the moment, we are considering what grants we can apply for so that we can continue the work of ACT in general and food deliveries in particular.

Kathy James



SPOT THE WEED! (There aren't any!) This was the churchyard after two working parties in July to clear the drainage channel around the church and remove weeds elsewhere. A splendid job done!

### **New at Wakehurst is the Bee Bank!**

In the heart of the Children's & Community Garden, you'll find the new bee bank. It's the first in the UK that's recording more than just pollinator diversity or increasing nesting sites, as it's part of a hypothesis-led experimental scientific project, 'Nature unlocked'.

Built of 52% sand and 48% soil, the bee bank is the perfect home for burrowing, solitary bees, which are often difficult to find and study. It's south facing, which gets lots of sunlight to keep the bees warm. The other side houses a wildflower meadow, with roots that keep the bank together and provide food for the bees.



## EZEQUIEL'S BEES – a story from TEARFUND

Throughout the Bible, honey is used as a descriptor for lovely things. And for millennia, honey has been associated with beauty, with abundance, with wellness, with enjoyment and goodness.



In the Democratic Republic of Congo, where around 87% of the population lives below the poverty line, bees are providing a man called Ezequiel with a healthy, sustainable job that benefits the local ecosystem.'

Ezequiel started with six hives and after receiving some financial assistance from Tearfund, he has been able to grow his bee enterprise.

Ezequiel says, 'I realised there was a shortage of honey, and the little that we could find at the market was poor quality or was mixed with other things – and this was harmful for people's health. So, I had this desire in my heart to bring pure honey to people who need it.'

'We start by making the hives,' explains Ezequiel. 'They are made out of bamboo and cow dung, and when the hives are ready, we go and find the bees to put inside.' From then on, the bees are closely monitored and cared for and about six months later, the first honey is ready to collect from the hives to take to market.

The bees in each of Ezequiel's hives can produce five to ten litres of honey every six months, and because honey is in demand in the market, Ezequiel finds it very easy to sell what his bees provide and he says he loves to do this.

Looking ahead, Ezequiel hopes to be able to build more modern hives that will last much longer – even up to 20 years – creating a safer environment for his bees as they work.

## **FIVE BRAIN-TEASERS**

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?
2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?
4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?
5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

## **THE ANSWERS TO ALL FIVE OF THE RIDDLES ARE BELOW:**

1. The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. That one was easy, right?
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry (shot; held under water; and hung).
3. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
4. Yes you can name three consecutive days: yesterday, today, and tomorrow!
5. The letter 'e', which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph.



## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

A young couple moved into a new neighbourhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbour hanging the washing outside.



"That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better detergent." Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbour hung out her washing, the young woman would make the same comments.



About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean load of washing on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her?"

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

In dire need of a beauty makeover, I went to my salon with a fashion magazine photo of a gorgeous, young, lustrous-haired model. I showed the stylist the trendy new cut I wanted and settled into the chair as he began humming a catchy tune and got to work on my thin, greying hair.



I was delighted by his cheerful attitude until I recognized the melody. It was the theme from "Mission Impossible."

### True Story

My father had a medical condition that meant regular visits to hospital. The local funeral director was a good family friend, and had been very helpful giving dad lifts to and from the hospital. On one occasion, a few hours before he was due to come home, the ward sister approached my father with a grin. "Your wife is on the phone," she said. "She wants to know what time you would like the undertaker to collect you?"

# Parish Register

Albert Jonathan Hamilton Crutchley of Allington Crescent, Newick, was baptized at St. Peter's on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024, by his grandfather!

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Lord,  
Help me to remember that  
nothing is going to happen today  
that you and I  
can't handle together.

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## Flower Rota

6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Belinda and Jill

20<sup>th</sup> Sept: Pam and Jean

## Meeting Point Rota

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: Adele, Diana and Sue

16<sup>th</sup> Sept: Jill, Deb & George, Kathy

30<sup>th</sup> Sept: Belinda, Alison and Dilys



***God is our shelter and strength,  
always ready to help  
in times of trouble***

(Psalm 46 v 1)

## 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 SEPTEMBER 2024



*"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every  
morning; great is Your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3 v 22-23)

- 1** Our church services today. Pray for God's blessing
- 2** John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 3** The Prime Minister and government, facing so many challenges
- 4** Teachers and pupils, starting the new term this week
- 5** The situation in the Middle East. Pray for peace
- 6** Belinda and the IMARA team and scholars
- 7** The Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal
- 8** Pray for our services today and all who come
- 9** Safety on our streets. Pray for the police and first responders
- 10** Ardingly businesses, clubs and other organisations
- 11** Cross Channel migrants, especially the unaccompanied children
- 12** Church finances and the future of St Peter's Centre
- 13** AOJA and the new Outreach clinics
- 14** Historic Churches Ride & Stride today. All who participate
- 15** John Witherington and the music group, leading worship today
- 16** Samara's Aid and Dr A's team. Pray that needs may be met
- 17** Ardingly Connected Together, supporting families in the village
- 18** King Charles and the Royal Family
- 19** Deanery Synod, meeting this evening
- 20** The South of England Autumn Show taking place this weekend
- 21** International Day of Peace. Pray for the world and its leaders
- 22** Our services today. Pray for Renewal and growth in this country
- 23** All who are unwell or suffering in any way
- 24** Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- 25** The team from St Peter's who take services at Compton House
- 26** Milan & Shusma and the work of the Aanandit Church in Nepal
- 27** Macmillan & Marie Curie nurses. All who care for others
- 28** Prison Fellowship. All who live and work in prisons
- 29** Church services today. May all Christians grow in love and faith
- 30** Give thanks for prayers answered this past month

**The deadline for copy for the October magazine  
will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**