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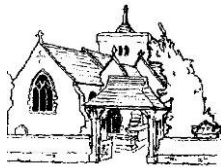
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## **St Peter's Church, Ardingly**

### **Who's Who at St Peter's**

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### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion**

**10.30 am Morning Worship – our main service – see Services page**

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

## RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As we look into the months of July and August and so to the promise of fine Summer weather, for many of us it is a time for a change of tempo. It is a time to slow down from the usual rush. A moment to forget those deadlines, targets, and the usual timetable. A moment to put it all aside for at least a short while and as we take some time off for a holiday - either going away to somewhere different or maybe just staying at home and catching up on some much-needed sleep. It is a moment to rest.



Certainly, our work fixated, success focussed, demand driven culture denies to many the sleep that they need. Research has shown that too many people nowadays do not sleep long enough or well enough so as to be at their best. That need for proper rest is built into us, made as we all are in the image of God. In three days, says the Book of Genesis, God had formed the world. Then, in three parallel days he wonderfully filled it with the light of the sun and moon and stars and with the trees and plants and creatures of the deep, with the birds of the sky and all the animals that roamed across the earth. The apex of his work was the creation of humankind and: *God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!* But then, having finished his work of creation, he rested. On the seventh day he rested from all his work.

That rest would not have included sleep. As the psalmist says when speaking of God's great care for us: *the one who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps (Psalm 121: 3 - 4)* Which is a reminder that God not only made the hills, the heavens, and the earth but that he also watches over us, never diverted nor distracted. We can never outgrow our need for God's untiring watch over our lives. But that 'watch,' that care and provision of us includes God's recognition of our need for rest. So, our need to take a moment of rest, a day of rest in biblical terms, became a commandment.

Jesus himself demonstrated our need for rest and our need for sleep. In Mark's Gospel we're told how he took his disciples away to rest after they had completed the work he'd given them to do (*Mark 6: 31*). And in Luke's Gospel we read how Jesus slept even as a storm raged around the boat on which he and his disciples were travelling (*Luke 8: 23ff*). It calls to my mind some other words that we read in the psalms: *God gives sleep to his loved ones (Psalm 127: 2)*. So, rest and sleep are God given gifts. But they are more. They are moments to let go and to remind ourselves that God is in control.

I hope and pray that you will all know something of that rest (and chance to catch up on some quality sleep!) over the Summer and that whatever you are doing, it will be a time of real blessing, peace, and relaxation. But don't leave it at just that few days or couple of weeks. Remember that our need to rest 'a day each week' is built into us and indeed that not only can we rest on one day of the week, but we are invited to rest in Jesus every day, at *any* time: *Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11: 28)*

With my prayers and best wishes,



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### **Thank you from the Editor**

At this time of year it's time to say a big '**Thank you**' to all those who contribute to, print, proof read, sort and deliver the magazine on a monthly basis. Without you it wouldn't happen! I hope you have a good break during the summer.



Preparation for the September magazine begins again in August. If you'd like to contribute anything please send it to me by noon on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The email address is [emails4sue@gmail.com](mailto:emails4sue@gmail.com)  
Many thanks! Sue Laker

## Services in July 2025

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

6.00pm

*A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day*

### The Third Sunday after Trinity

Galatians 6: 7 – 16; Luke 10: 1 – 11  
and 16 – 20

Galatians 6: 7 – 16; Luke 10: 1 – 11,  
and 16 – 20

### Open to God

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Holy Communion (CW)**

### The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 1: 1 – 14; Luke 10: 25 – 37

Colossians 1: 1 – 14; Luke 10: 25 – 37

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

### The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 1: 15 – 28; Luke 10: 38 – 42

Colossians 1: 15 – 28; Luke 10: 38 – 42

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Holy Communion (CW)**  
**with prayer for healing and wholeness**

### The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 2: 6 – 15; Luke 11: 1 – 13

Colossians 2: 6 – 15; Luke 11: 1 – 13

## ***NOTICEBOARD for July & August***

### **Meeting Point Coffee Mornings**

These will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



We will be having an outing in August – provisionally on 18<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced soon.

Belinda Maclean

### **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)  
Last session before summer: 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Start date for the new term: 11<sup>th</sup> September

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

**17<sup>th</sup> July:** Meeting in Hapstead Hall 7.15 for 7.30 pm. Tricia Raney will be talking about Sustainable Floristry and showing us how to make a door wreath to enhance the home this summer and we will be raffling the wreath at the end of the meeting.

**9<sup>th</sup> August** afternoon: Summer Barbecue for members and their guests in Andrea & Jeremy's garden.

### **Hapstead Jam Tarts W.I.**

**16th July, 10-12 noon:** Yvonne Price will talk about the history of perfume - a 'Scent of History'. The hall will smell lovely! Visitors are very welcome.

**20th August, 10-12 noon:** A celebration of British Flowers by Alison Brown from the Cut Flower Garden in Slinfold. Alison will bring along a selection of her blooms and show us all how to make and take home a hand tied bouquet. Members only for the bouquet making, due to planning the event, but visitors are very welcome to come and watch and learn some new skills. Contact

[hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk](mailto:hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk) for more information.

### **Village Lunch**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Hapstead Hall. 12.30 for 1.00 pm  
Tickets £8 from Ardingly Village News.

### **WALKS WITH ESTHER AND GLYNIS**

Leg 5 of the Pilgrimage Walks will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July.  
Leg 6 will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. More details on page 13.

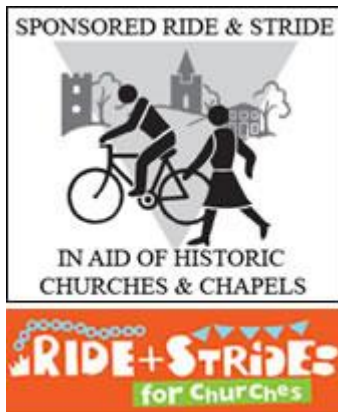
### **OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Village Day:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Children's FunFest:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August (more on page 17)

**Mid Sussex Play Day** (free): Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August (see page 17)

## **Sussex Historic Churches Trust**



### **Sponsored Ride and Stride 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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 event.

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

## Services in August 2025

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

6.00pm

*A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day*

### The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 3: 1 - 11; Luke 12: 13 - 21

Colossians 3: 1 - 11; Luke 12: 13 - 21

### Open to God

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Holy Communion (CW)**

### The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

### The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Holy Communion (CW)**

**with prayer for healing and wholeness**

### The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 12: 18 - 29; Luke 13: 10 - 17

Hebrews 12: 18 - 29; Luke 13: 10 - 17

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

9.00am

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

### The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

## NEWS FROM NEPAL ...

First of all, we'd like to thank God that it is going to be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our marriage on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have a family get together. Also, our eldest daughter has just finished her BA in IT Engineering and is waiting for the result. She has joined an office to gain some experience.



We are all travelling to the UK in July/August for 3 weeks to attend the Ichthus Conferences and visit. We also plan to travel to Northern Ireland for a few days where we have never been before. Before that, Shusma is travelling to Canada to attend our partner organization's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Ontario.

### **April-June News:**

We thank God for the Baptism on Good Friday of 12 people and 3 weddings in May and June.

The Churches in Kathmandu Valley had an Easter rally and we joined to witness to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. There were many such rallies and gatherings around Nepal. Praise the Lord.

We had a small team of Bible Training Students from London/Ichthus, named "Rooted", who spent almost 8 weeks with us. They were involved in painting the building, preaching, praying, helping, teaching etc. It was great to welcome them.

Currently we are in the process of building 3 Churches in Nepal.

In May there was a Children's camp for 3 days for 125 children. Also 3 days of training at Aanandit Churches for Sunday School Teachers.

Now the monsoon season is hitting Nepal. There has been lots of rain and very hot, extreme weather. Please pray.

Thank you so much for your prayers and love.  
Every blessing, Milan and Shusma

## **NEWS FROM SAMARA'S AID**

Times remain extraordinarily difficult in Syria, but the Samara's Aid team remains focused and committed to serving the poor and vulnerable, and their services are needed more than ever now. They have seen a massive, concerning increase in needs in recent months.

### **OUTREACH CENTRES**

The city Outreach Centre is now inundated with children in need and is now functioning above its ideal capacity. There are around 180+ children coming every day - the highest numbers since opening five years ago. There is widespread neglect and need in the new children and families coming and the staff are doing the most incredible work with these damaged and vulnerable children.

### **CITY MEDICAL CENTRE**

Every new child registering at our city outreach centre is now being given a medical assessment at our new medical centre, which is seeing between 1,000 - 2,000 patients per month. Many children display malnutrition and stunted growth, and there is significant incidence of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease - a preventable poverty related disease. The mothers are also offered medical assessments and our team are seeing infections and diseases related to neglect, deprivation and poor hygiene.

The new groups of people returning have specific cultural and religious customs and don't feel comfortable in many places, but feel comfortable with our team, who respect their culture and treat them with the dignity and humanity that they have been deprived of for so long. For this reason the word of our centre is spreading.

We have recently bought the much needed x-ray for the new medical centre which we had been planning to buy last year. We have also bought four incubators, all equipped with the facilities to provide phototherapy for



neonates, one of which can offer a higher intensity of phototherapy. Our paediatrician describes them as being the best available in this city now.

## **HARVESTS**

Recently we harvested a whopping 1.6 tonnes of potatoes from our farm. They are currently being sent, little by little, to our city outreach centre to feed the increased numbers of children we are serving there. Our sheep have produced 850kg milk which our team have used to produce around 450kg of cheese. The team have harvested and are drying large amounts of beans (not weighed yet) and they are about to harvest chick peas which will serve the children in our centre for their lunches, along with 30kg of garlic.



Samara and the team

## **OPEN GARDENS in support of FSW**

**Luctons** (North Lane, West Hoathly RH19 4PP) will be open from 1.30pm to 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. Pre-booking is essential : <https://bookings.ngs.org.uk/book/11e29a4d-fd91-ef11-8133-00155d9dea00/>

Admission is £7 (children are free) and includes tea/coffee and cake (cash only).

## APCM Report

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) were held on a wet and windy evening on Tuesday 27 May. The poor weather had led to a reduced attendance, but 12 parishioners came to the Church Centre to help complete the business of the parish and to hear a report on the activities during 2024.



A summary of the evening's business is given below and the APCM pack containing the Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 along with other reports on the year's activities can be found on the church's web site [www.ardinglychurch.org.uk](http://www.ardinglychurch.org.uk).

- At the APM, Nigel Cheater and John Witherington were re-elected as Church Wardens. Nigel and John were thanked for all that they do for St. Peter's.
- At the APCM Glynis Doerr, having completed a three-year term of office, was re-elected as a member of the PCC.
- Jane Taylor Cheater was re-appointed as Secretary to the PCC.
- Grants and donations continue to be sought for the work necessary on the West Window and Tower. Sally was thanked for her work on this project.
- A reminder was given that Safeguarding was everyone's concern and that it is not only concerning young children but affects everyone who may be vulnerable. Safeguarding awareness courses are available at <https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/trainingintroduction/> They are available to all and are worth completing.
- The meeting was made aware that the PCC are considering the future of the Church Centre and whether it is financially viable to maintain ownership of the building. There are many matters to consider but as Trustees the PCC must act in the best interest of St. Peter's.

- It was noted with regret that the Church building remains closed when services are not taking place. Recent instances of vandalism and theft have led to this decision. Once suitable security can be implemented then it is hoped to have the building open for visitors and those seeking a place of quiet reflection.
- John was thanked for all his hard work as Rector and for his spiritual guidance over the past year.

Jane Taylor Cheater  
Secretary to the PCC

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## Where are all the butterflies?



Following the results of the Big Butterfly Count 2024, Butterfly Conservation have declared a butterfly emergency, and our help is needed more than ever before. By taking part in Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count - a UK wide survey - we can help assess the health of our environment simply by counting butterflies.

The Count is taking place between **Friday 18th July** and **Sunday 10th August** and it's easy to take part. A butterfly and moth identification chart can be downloaded from the Butterfly Conservation website :

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/charts>

Then just choose a place to spot butterflies and moths, watch for 15 minutes and then record which species you see on the website.

## PILGRIMAGE WALKS

One of the delights of taking part in these walks (apart from spending time with and chatting to fellow walkers!) is seeing the scenery of different areas and across changing seasons. We've experienced rain and muddy conditions as well as strong winds and hot sun. May's jaunt saw the group head out from the centre of Ditchling in bright



sunshine, along lanes with verges covered in cow parsley before following footpaths through fields full of wild flowers buzzing with insects. Thus, slightly lulled into a false sense of security, the ascent of the Downs was necessarily taken at a slower pace but the reward on reaching the top was well worth the effort. The amble along the ridge before reaching The Shepherd's Church at Pyecombe gave time to spot skylarks rising to sing at full volume. After a visit to the church a well earned pub lunch was had before some departed straight home and others walked the route in reverse back to Ditchling.

In June, a larger group completed leg 4, Pyecombe to St. Botoph's near Upper Beeding. On a very hot day there was a strong breeze blowing which kept the temperature pleasant for walking. Five, (not the famous!) set off and later met at Devil's Dyke those who wished to avoid the longer hill climb from Pyecombe.

The route then followed the South Downs Way, providing glorious views in all directions. Along the way we were able to encourage others headed in the opposite direction. Youngsters participating in D.of E.expeditions and runners competing in the Centurion Ultra Marathon. Surprisingly none of our group felt they were missing out by only completing 10miles! After a welcome stop for lunch at the YHA Tottington Barn hostel it was a gentle descent into the Adur valley, crossing the river to finish at the ancient church of St. Botoph, slightly weary and wind blown but happy after a day's walking.

Thank you to all those who provided lifts to and from drop off and pick up points. These walks would not be possible without your help.

**NB The date of July's walk has changed from July 19th to Saturday 26th July** to avoid a clash with Ardingly Village Day. This will be leg 5, St. Botoph's to Washington, just over 6miles. On **Bank Holiday, Monday 25th August**, the planned walk is from Washington to Whiteways, a stretch of 9 miles approx. through the Arun valley before the climb to Whiteways.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors. There is still time for others to contribute, all proceeds going to St. Peter's Church. Or, come and join in to walk the remaining sections of the pilgrimage.

Glynis and Esther

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### **Lindfield Repair Café**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
(no Repair Café in August)

**REPAIR CAFE**

### **Forest Row Repair Café**

19<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025

10am – 1pm

At the Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ. 10am-1.00pm

### **East Grinstead repair café**

12<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August,

10am – 1pm

Glen Vue Centre, Railway Approach, East Grinstead RH19 1BS



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## **Wakehurst Place Community Access Scheme (CAS)**

St. Peter's Church is pleased to announce that it has a membership to the Wakehurst Place Community Access Scheme.

The CAS allows free entry to the gardens to those who would otherwise be unable to visit or who would benefit from being among the beautiful, peaceful surroundings of nature that Wakehurst Place provides.

Would you or anyone you know benefit from this scheme? If you or someone you know are looking after a loved one, caring for someone living with dementia, physical limitations recuperating from illness or surgery or struggling with mental health and feel you would benefit by enjoying a visit to Wakehurst then do consider using this scheme.

For obtain access tickets and further information please contact Nigel Cheater on **01444 892769** or by email to Jane at [\*\*secretary@ardinglychurch.net\*\*](mailto:secretary@ardinglychurch.net)

The scheme allows access during normal opening hours and excludes special events. The cost of parking is also covered by the scheme, just take your ticket with you to the entrance desk.



## FSW June update

Dear Friends,



With half term at the end of the month we have seen several Practitioners run activity days encouraging parents and children to spend time together building those bonds that keep a family strong. At the same time we have seen the number of visits and meetings grow, highlighting that our work is in need all the time.

One of our Practitioners told me about the following work with a family that she is currently supporting:



A girl with Autism participated in a pony experience at Blackberry Farm. The child is very isolated due to her family situation. Her older sister will not leave the house unless it is to attend school and her mother has poor physical health, so she does not get the opportunity to enjoy activities outside of the family home. She absolutely loved the whole experience. It was amazing to watch how comfortable and confident she is around horses. We then got to enjoy the farm and she fed and petted lots of the animals. The Practitioner now takes her out fortnightly and during the school holidays to reduce the isolation and build her confidence and build positive childhood memories.

Work like this is essential to help children and young people develop positively and we can only do it because we have you supporting us.

Martin Auton-Lloyd CEO  
[www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)



## A Summer Update from Your Parish Council

We hope you're enjoying this lovely summer sunshine in our beautiful village!



### Parish Council Changes

We have some bittersweet news to share— our Parish Clerk has decided to resign to focus on her health and recovery. We're all grateful for her contributions during her brief time with us. We wish her a full and restful recovery and every success in her future opportunities.

We are in the process of recruiting a new Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer and hope to fill the position very soon. In the meantime, please bear with us. You can continue to contact us on [clerk@ardingly.org](mailto:clerk@ardingly.org) or 01444 220 499. The afternoon drop-in surgeries will be paused for the summer, but will restart in September.

There remains a vacancy on the council which we are keen to fill so that we can have a full team supporting the village. We'll be holding a friendly **Drop-in Session** for anyone interested in getting involved on Wednesday **2nd July from 7-8pm in the upstairs room at the Pavilion**. It's a brilliant opportunity to chat with current Councillors, learn what we do and ask questions in an informal setting. Should you be interested in applying, please send an email to [clerk@ardingly.org](mailto:clerk@ardingly.org). The deadline for interest is Friday 4th July and you will be invited to attend our monthly meeting held on 9th July at 7:30pm at Hapstead Hall.

### **Village Survey Extended!**

Thank you to everyone who has already filled in our Village Survey—it's proving invaluable as we plan ahead. For those who haven't yet responded, there's still time! We've **extended the deadline to 14th July**, and every household's input matters deeply. Your voices help shape our shared future.

### **SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE:**

#### **Village Day – Saturday, 19th July**

Village Day is just around the corner. Expect a day full of **fun activities scattered around the village**, perfect for all ages. The Parish Council is sponsoring activities from **2–4:30 pm** on the Multi-Sport Courts, led by Tiny Tekkers. Look out for full details.

#### **Children's FunFest @ Multi-Sport Courts – Friday, 1st August**

To further share the benefits of our refurbished multi-sport courts, we have organised a day of sports and fun activities from 9:30am–1pm for 7–11 year olds for just a £5 contribution.

Spaces are limited, so please register by contacting the Clerk on [clerk@ardingly.org](mailto:clerk@ardingly.org)

#### **Mid Sussex Play Day – Wednesday, 6th August**

In partnership with Mid Sussex District Council, the Parish Council is hosting and providing free refreshments for a **FREE** Play Day on the Recreation Ground. Tons of different activities will be available. More details coming soon!

Thank you all for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely summer getting involved and enjoying the exciting activities available around the village!

With best wishes,

Margaret Meldrum (Chair)  
[margaret.meldrum@ardingly.org](mailto:margaret.meldrum@ardingly.org)



## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ARDINGLY COMMUNITY HERO!

As part of the Mid Sussex Applauds Awards, Kim Patel and his family have been given the Ardingly Community Service Award 2025 by the Parish Council!

The award was given to Kim and his family for their outstanding service at the Ardingly News Shop. They were recognized for their dedication to supporting disabled and elderly residents, ensuring essential goods were always available, and providing delivery services during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Patel family's efforts were praised for bringing "the heart back into the high street". **Well done!**



### CYCLE RIDE

Once again the London to Brighton Bike Ride has passed through Ardingly. It causes some disruption for traffic but it's in such a good cause, typically raising over £1,000,000 each year for the British Heart Foundation. Over 14,000 cyclists took part in the 54 mile race and many of them have been practising for weeks (as you may well know if you've followed them along country lanes or up Ditchling Beacon!)

## VISIT TO MARGARET DALE

At long last, carrying some of your cards, photos, gifts and flowers, Pat and I managed to visit Margaret Dale on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June *en route* to Shrifnal, Shropshire.

Margaret is living in absolute luxury in her new home in Hagley where she has everything she may personally need for her safety and comfort with the added advantage of the freedom to come and go as



she pleases (she is transported to Sunday services at a local church and to home groups) and of course nowadays is in much easier reach for all her family.

It was wonderful to meet up with Margaret and some of her family and to see that she is so mobile and happy, although of course she misses Ardingly, her friends and neighbours after living in the village for such a long time. She is sad that her departure was so unexpected and sudden but much appreciates you all keeping in contact and receiving local news.

It's certainly a challenging journey from here, making a 'there and back in a day' trip difficult if not impossible, but Margaret and Jane insist that Jane's offer of overnight accommodation is genuine.

Margaret is determined once again to accompany me to The Gambia so that will give you some idea of how well she is doing!

Lynn Wilson

# Village Day – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Woo hoo! Village Day!

It's almost here - Ardingly Village Day 2025. Get the date in your diary and be ready for fun and games throughout the day!

Have you wondered what it's like inside Ardingly College? Why not go on a **guided tour**?

What about all those things lying around that you thought you might sell? **Table sale** is the answer!

**Afternoon tea** anyone? The WI will be serving in Hapstead Hall in the afternoon.

The **History Society** will be bringing interesting facts for us all to learn - Reading Room at Hapstead Hall is the place to go!

Come and hear the **Community Choir** sing while enjoying your tea...

**Bouncy Castle** at the Ardingly Inn, Tiny Tecs with **children's games** on the tennis courts, cricket match on the rec.... What's not to enjoy??

There's more to enjoy - oh, and did we mention the **BBQ??** (Hopefully, with music this time round!!)

See you there!

## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY.....

My husband, Ray, was attempting to build a patio for the first time. He bought 100 cement blocks. Laying them out in a pattern, he discovered the chosen area was too small.



He stacked the blocks against the house and cleared more space. The next day Ray put the cement blocks back down, only to find that the ground was too hard to keep the patio level.

He ordered a truckload of sand to be delivered the following morning. Again he stacked the 100 blocks against the house.

Observing all this, our next-door neighbour asked, "Ray, are you going to put your patio away every night?"

*A young boy was spending Sunday afternoon with his grandpa. Looking at pictures of his grandpa in his military uniform, the boy asked, "Grandpa, did you ever kill anyone in the war?"*

*"No, I never did."*

*"That's a good thing."*

*"You're telling me," said Grandpa, "I was the cook!"*

Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: "Oh, about half."

*Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.*

These (below) were sent in by Gina!

Apparently you can't use "beefstew" as a password. It's not stroganoff .....

Where do bad rainbows go?

To prism. It's a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.

## ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY

Summer is well and truly here and we are enjoying lots of activity in the sunshine. Our Sportsfest Sports Day took place on 18<sup>th</sup> June and we were blessed with amazing weather. The children had a great time in the Sports Arena on the recreation ground. Fortunately, they were able to shelter from the sun when they were not competing under gazebos. A lovely day was rounded off by ice lollies for everyone, kindly donated by FOSPS.



Outdoor activities are definitely key for us all and we like to get everyone involved. After the paddle-boarding enjoyed by year 6 at the reservoir, year 4 had a very special experience. They were able to join with year 4 pupils in St Giles school and have a night away, camping! What could be better than a night under canvas, campfires, new (and old) friends, toasting marshmallows, playing games.....making memories that will stay forever.



Did you know that Bluebell Railway is part of the celebration for 200 years of railway? Well, years 5 and 6 do! They were fortunate enough to go to spend the day at the Bluebell Railway, travelling from Sheffield Park to Horsted Keynes. A game of I-spy meant that they were able to search the stations for various artefacts. Steam trains have a magic for all generations and those on the Bluebell Railway are really special. What a lovely opportunity for all!



Not to be overlooked, year 2 visited the Brighton Toy and Model museum. They were able to see so many beautiful toys from times gone by. The imagination of all the pupils was fired up and they had lots of questions, all helping learning in the best possible way!

With all these wonderful things going on, we are delighted to announce that the school has been awarded the Platinum Schools Games Award - AGAIN! Three cheers for St Peter's School.

Kathy James

# Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register for the month of June

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## WHO IS THERE LIKE YOU

Who is there like you, God of mercy and grace,  
who loves us as you do?

Who knows and understands our actions as you do?  
Who hears the thoughts and words of our heart as you do?  
Who knows our joys and sorrows and shares them as you do?  
Who feels the pain we endure and comforts us as you do?  
Who hears as we confess our sins and forgives as you do?  
Who takes a broken heart and makes it whole as you do?  
Who finds a life that's lost and welcomes it home as you do?

Who is there like you, God of mercy and grace,  
who loves us as you do?

*(from Faithandworship.com)*

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## Flower Rota

4<sup>th</sup> July – Belinda and Jill  
18<sup>th</sup> July – Pam and Sheila  
1<sup>st</sup> August – Pam and Jean

15<sup>th</sup> August – Belinda and Jill  
29<sup>th</sup> August – Pat and Sheila

## Meeting Point Rota

14<sup>th</sup> July – Belinda, Alison, Dilys  
28<sup>th</sup> July – Jill, Deb & George, Kathy

## Brass Cleaning Rota

5<sup>th</sup> July – John & Sally Crutchley  
30<sup>th</sup> August – Jill Veasey and Jill O'Mant



## 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:** 2025 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 for JULY 2025

*"Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid." (John 14 v 27)*



1. John and Sally Crutchley and their family
2. Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine
3. The Prime Minister and his government, facing difficult decisions
4. All who do the flowers, clean and lovingly care for St Peter's
5. The many foreign students and summer visitors to the UK
- 6** Our services today. Pray for all clergy and Christian leaders
7. Our Home Groups and their leaders
8. Heather Johnstone and the Rehema craft shop and café in Tanzania
9. Pray for Ardingly Connected Together and all they do in the village
10. All who are unwell or suffering from long term conditions
11. Our bishops and General Synod, meeting in York this week
12. Give thanks for friends and family. Pray for those who do not know Jesus
- 13** Our services today. Pray for growth in every way
14. Meeting Point – the helpers and all who attend
15. Belinda and Adelaide, visiting the IMARA scholars this week
16. Pray for all who work in dangerous situations
17. The NHS and all who work in it. Give thanks for recent medical breakthroughs
18. Christians who suffer persecution for their faith
19. Village Day. Pray for fun, safety, good weather & successful events
- 20** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on St Peter's
21. Young people in the UK. Protection from crime, drugs & violence
22. Bambi & Andreas and their Christian community in S.E. Asia
23. Village Lunch. Pray for the team who prepare and all who come
24. Cross Channel migrants: their safety and their future
25. Church finances. Funding for the church building maintenance
26. All who serve in the Police Force, especially Joe Crutchley
- 27** All church services today. May God's Kingdom grow
28. Safety in travelling and on the beaches this summer. Pray for Lifeguards
29. Samara's Aid: protection and blessing for the team and projects
30. Teachers and pupils as the summer holidays get underway
31. Give thanks that God is "the same yesterday, today and for ever"

## PRAYER DIARY for AUGUST 2025

*"The Lord is a mighty God, a mighty King over all the gods. He rules over the whole earth" (Psalm 95 v 3)*



1. John and Sally Crutchley and their family
2. Praise God for the pleasures of summer
- 3** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 4 All beach missions and summer holiday camps
- 5 Milan & Shusma and the work of the Aanandit Church in Nepal
- 6 All who suffer from any kind of addiction
- 7 King Charles and all the Royal Family
- 8 Our churchwardens, John and Nigel
- 9 Street Pastors and the teams which patrol Beachy Head
- 10** Our church services today. Praise God for forgiveness and mercy
- 11 Our Parish Council and all who serve on it
- 12 AOJA. Pray for Cherno and the work of the clinic in The Gambia
- 13 Pray for all who run and use the Foodbanks
- 14 Farmers at harvest time. The challenges they face
- 15 VJ Day. Give thanks for the peace we enjoy in this country
- 16 The RNLI, Air Ambulance and other emergency services
- 17** Our services today. Christian witness in this country
- 18 The Meeting Point team and the summer outing today
- 19 Deb Ruse and the work of FSW
- 20 Our local hospices and Care Homes
- 21 Praise God for sight and sound and music
- 22 Teenagers, considering their future following exam results
- 23 Refugees around the world; the camps and all aid workers
- 24** Our services today. May God be glorified and lives changed
- 25 All who foster children and support them in crises
- 26 Tearfund, relieving poverty and suffering in very poor countries
- 27 The team from St Peter's who lead services at Compton House
- 28 Pray for the work of Church Army and the Salvation Army
- 29 Climate Change and our stewardship of God's creation
- 30 Our village schools & their staff as they prepare for the new term
- 31** Our services today. Praise God for all that he is to us

**The deadline for copy for the September magazine  
is Friday 15th August**