

# *St. Peter's Ardingly*

## **Parish Magazine**



**SEPTEMBER 2025**



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

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

Rector	Revd John Crutchley	892332
Reader	John Witherington	892277
Wardens	Nigel Cheater	892769
	John Witherington	892277
Secretary to the PCC	Jane Taylor Cheater	892769
Treasurer	Jean Jeffery	415317
Organist	Jill Veasey	892442
Safeguarding Coordinator	Jane Taylor Cheater	892769
Church Centre Manager	Jill Veasey	892442
Church Centre Bookings	Carol Grossman	416707
Magazine Editor	Sue Laker	892117
Pastoral Care	Kathy James	891047
Authorised	Sue Laker	892117
Lay Ministers	Jill O'Mant	892464

### **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,

We have said farewell to some dear friends over the Summer and that has brought to mind some words of Jesus in John's Gospel, from chapter 14, where he says to his disciples "Do not let your hearts be troubled" and "Trust in God; trust also in me".



Which is very sound advice and not only when we are saying farewell to someone we have loved and lost. Because it is, I believe, a unique remedy for a far from unique illness. A unique remedy for what is actually a universal and common illness, an illness that I think of as 'spiritual heart disease.' Indeed, that is such a common illness that you may be astonished to discover just how many people find themselves suffering from it. But when you talk to people as I do, you find that somewhere, by some connection, almost everyone has a problem, or a worry in their lives. It may be illness, or pain, or worry for the future. It may be concern for a job, marriage, or money. Whatever it may be, the fact is that so many of us have hearts that are troubled.

To which the remedy says Jesus is 'have faith': "Trust in God; trust also in me." Something that many undoubtedly know, but as I have found, something that we can all too easily forget when events surround us, perhaps overtake us, and when spiritual heart disease strikes. It is at such times that we need to remember that Jesus is the only hope; that Jesus is the only way and above all, that Jesus is the greatest power. He himself promised his disciples that they would be able to do even greater things than he himself had done. Now, if you stop to recall all that he had done, that promise was quite extraordinary!

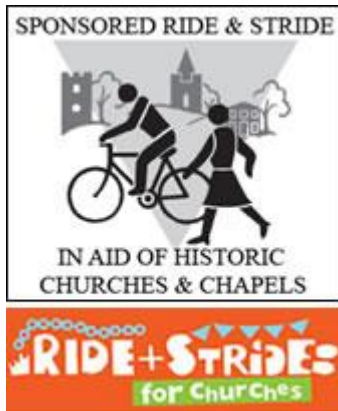
In making that promise, I believe that Jesus was anticipating the great gift that he left to all of his followers to help and encourage us. The gift of the Holy Spirit and that means His power; His presence; for all of our lives and forever. And with that power, nothing need ever overcome us again.

So when spiritual heart disease strikes, and when we are worried or anxious about any of the many things that can trouble us we need to remember the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives, through His Holy Spirit, helping us to stay true to Christ. We need of course to pray, and to ask others to pray with and for us as well, but above all we need to trust Him, knowing that in all of our troubles He is with us and bringing us comfort always. Jesus said: "Trust in God; trust also in me."

Yours in His service



## 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 September 2025

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

### The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Philemon 1 - 21; Luke 14: 25 - 33

**Morning Prayer BCP**

10.30am

Philemon 1 - 21; Luke 14: 25 - 33

**Morning Praise CW**

6.30pm **Open to God**

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

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

### The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17; Luke 15: 1 - 10

**Morning Prayer BCP**

10.30am

1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17; Luke 15: 1 - 10

**Morning Praise CW**

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

### The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7; Luke 16: 1 - 13

**Holy Communion BCP**

10.30am

1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7; Luke 16: 1 - 13

**Holy Communion CW**

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

### The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

1 Timothy 6: 6 - 19; Luke 16: 19 - 31

**Holy Communion BCP**

10.30am

1 Timothy 6: 6 - 19; Luke 16: 19 - 31

**Holy Communion CW**

**with prayer for healing and wholeness**

## **NOTICEBOARD for September**

### **Meeting Point Coffee Mornings**

These will take place on 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<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: 11<sup>th</sup> September

### **WALKS WITH ESTHER AND GLYNIS** *(read more on page 10)*

Leg 7 on Saturday 13th September, will be the penultimate walk of our pilgrimage and the longest to date, at approximately 11 miles. We will be walking from the Whiteways roundabout at Bury Hill to Singleton village, following the Monarch's Way and the South Downs way, before we drop down into the village of Charlton to finish at The Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Singleton. This will be followed by refreshments at The Partridge Inn. To enable planning for lifts, we need to know by Saturday 6th September if you wish to join us: [ewalker68@gmail.com](mailto:ewalker68@gmail.com) (07759 038823) or Glynis Doerr (01444 892431).

### **ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY**

September 16<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm in Hapstead Hall

"Research Evening" – Find your past

Non members: subscription 50% (which includes admission to the November meeting). Refreshments provided

### **PCC Meeting**

0900 hours at St Peter's Church Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> September

## **Hapstead Jam Tarts WI**

The Hapstead Jam Tarts WI have invited Sara Fay, the amazingly talented tailor from the village, for an interesting talk about her work and theatrical costumes at 10 am on the 17th of September in Hapstead Hall.

Visitors are always welcome. Just pop in , call 07513411893 or email [hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk](mailto:hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk) for details.

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

After a jam-packed summer of fun activities and interesting visits we resume our monthly hall meetings with a talk by Sarah Oldridge on the fascinating life of Marianne North, the Victorian explorer and painter who's work is displayed at Kew Gardens. Join us on Thursday 18th September 7:30pm at Hapstead Hall to find out about this amazing woman.

A big thank you to everyone who generously supported our refreshment stall on Village Day where we made just under £300 for the Mid Sussex branch of Parkinson's UK.

**Film night:** 25<sup>th</sup> September – "The Salt Path"

Doors: 7pm; Film 7:30pm at Hapstead Hall

Tickets are £8 and available at Fellows Bakery or Ardingly News Agent (*The Old Post Office*)

## **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES**

Thank you, Box Holders, for your generosity in helping to raise money for this worthy cause. This year we have managed to raise £433.01. Jean & Tony Jeffery

## **Sad losses to the village**

Since the last magazine there has been the sad news of the death of two well known members of our church and community. Michael Denman and Mike Veasey. There is more about Michael Denman on page 18 and we hope to have more about Mike Veasey in the next edition. Our sincere condolences go out to both their families.

# IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND



## Visiting Uganda

In July Adelaide Asibwa and I spent ten days in Uganda. Ugandan team leader, Kevin, had organised a full programme for us and each day was filled with school or home visits, time with our past and present scholars, being entertained with song, and taking part in meetings.

## St Mary Goretti Secondary School

This was our first visit to the school for the blind since it opened in February 2024. There are 43 students now, 9 totally blind, 13 partially sighted, one with sickle cell anaemia, 2 with cerebral palsy, 2 others with physical disabilities and the rest without disabilities. What amazing young people they are! They are learning that disability does not mean inability and they are talented and supportive of each other. So many of these young people come from the very poorest of families and we are supporting 15 with school fees grants so that they can be in school.



Every new gift of equipment is received with great excitement and appreciation and thanks to the support of friends at St. Peter's Church, Ardingly and Ardingly village, we were able to hand over 2 Braille machines, an orbit reader 20 and a large print Bible. Gradually the school is becoming furnished and equipped.

The construction of the dormitories for the girls has met with many challenges, but it was encouraging to see that some progress had been made. Washrooms were being added and there are 2 dormitories, a sick bay and a room for the matron. We are hopeful that the girls will move in next term.





Adelaide was given some beautiful Bible story books to take out and these were gratefully received by the children in Ngetta Primary School next door. We renovated the library in this school a few years ago so what a lovely gift for the library!

### **Visit to Gulu**

Gulu High School is a 2 hour journey away and we have 4 totally blind students there and one with partial sight. They gave us an enthusiastic welcome. Adjacent to the High School is a primary school attended by many blind children, mostly from the poorest families who have no hope of paying school fees. The children are encouraged to come to school where they board for the term and if they cannot pay fees they stay for free. Blind and sighted children learn together and they all learn Braille. A little boy who stole our hearts had no visible eyes.



### **Home visits**

We visited the homes of a boy from the slums of Lira and peasant families in rural areas. The homes of Sarah, a blind girl with 3 blind siblings, and Thomas who is lame were far from Lira and once we left the main road we travelled over deeply rutted dirt roads and tracks. Twice we were stuck in mud and had to be rescued by passers-by. We were saddened to learn that a 5<sup>th</sup> child in Sarah's family, a half-brother, is also blind in one eye and is not receiving treatment.

As always, we wish we could do so much more for this child, for the child with no eyes, for children still dropping out of school through poverty, but we praise God for the generosity of donors who have enabled us to build the school for the blind and support many children and young people with scholarships and school fees grants, giving hope for a brighter future.

**Belinda Maclean**

## THANK YOU

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Imara-Uganda Education Fund coffee morning and everyone who donated to enable us to buy two braille machines to take with us to Uganda for the new school for the blind. We made a massive £1211.70 + a euro! There were big smiles on the students' faces when they saw them.



Thank you, too, to everyone who supported the Table Top sale on Village Day. We made a total of £167 which will go towards supporting poor children in Uganda. Thank you. Belinda



## **Ardingly Connected Together**

continues to be busy! As well as the usual food deliveries and other things, we were delighted that we were able to organise Village Day again this year. We were also really pleased that so many people helped with the organisation and the delivery of the various events. Thank you to all involved AND to everyone that participated.



The Village Day tours were a resounding success. Thank you to Ardingly College, Heidelberg (formerly Hansons), St Peter's Church and Wakehurst Place for such a varied choice! Between bell ringing, climbing the College Tower, visiting the seed bank and having a tasty lunch with the factory tour, all of our participants had an interesting and fun time.

Our younger villagers were catered for by games organised by Friends of St Peter's School and also by Tiny Tekkers, funded by the Parish Council. Of course, the evening BBQ, cooked by the Scouts, didn't go unnoticed either! In between times, we had a table top sale, a fascinating History Society display and the WI afternoon teas, with entertainment provided by the Ardingly Community Choir. Even the weather was kind! It rained in the morning but then the sun came out at lunchtime and for the rest of the day and into the evening. Hardy villagers were still on the recreation ground having fun at 10pm! What a great day - we're already thinking about what we can do next year!!!

Talking about planning for future events, ACT will continue with its food deliveries for the time being. (Please contact [kathrynjames7@sky.com](mailto:kathrynjames7@sky.com) if you want more information.) We'll also continue the various other things that we do, like the hub, funding the choir, small gifts for elderly villagers on their own etc. We are doing some forward planning for Christmas. Are there any events that you would like ACT to organise? What would you like to see in the village to help spread Christmas joy and connect us together? Let us know (email as above) and we'll do our best to please you!!

## **PILGRIMS' PROGRESS - Stage 5 completed!**



Seven of us assembled at Bramble, being the nearest convenient spot to where we finished stage 4 of this pilgrimage from Ardingly eventually to Chichester. Within a very short distance, we joined the South Downs Way, which was to be our navigation all the way to Washington, some 7 miles away.

Planned by Glynis and Esther, these walks are an excellent opportunity to walk, chat and enjoy our wonderful countryside which we are so fortunate to have on our doorsteps. Those of us who have been on a few of these are now used to Esther's encouragement, so are well able to translate expressions like 'it's only another 2 miles' and 'we will be on level ground from now on' with a pinch of salt as indeed was the case this time when assured that Chanctonbury Ring was 'just over the next rise'!

Undaunted, we soldiered on and eventually enjoyed a welcome rest and lunch beside the Ring, overlooking the Wiston Estate far below where there was a 'Big Church' event taking place – a mass of individual tents, marquees, and cars – obviously very well attended.

A final drop down from there found us reaching our destination – a pub in Washington – where we enjoyed a much-needed refreshing drink before heading home. A huge thank you from us all goes to Glynis and Esther for dreaming up and planning these events.

The next stage (apparently 10 miles this time) is due to take place on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Lynn Wilson



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### **Lindfield Repair Café**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

10am - 1pm

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

**REPAIR CAFE**

### **Forest Row Repair Café**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

10am – 1pm

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

### **East Grinstead repair café**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

10am – 1pm

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



## STONEPILLOW BIG SLEEP OUT

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September will see another memorable day when the annual BIG Sleep Out is set to take place in the grounds of Chichester Cathedral.



### Why do people get involved?



**EXPERIENCE:** They spend a night outdoors in their own unique cardboard shelters, simulating the challenges faced by those without a home.



**RAISE VITAL FUNDS:** Their donations & fundraising efforts will directly support the charity's services in providing essential support to prevent homelessness and restore lives.



**CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY:** They join a group of like-minded individuals who are committed to making a positive change.

A participant of last year's BIG Sleep Out said: *"You have to try the BIG Sleep Out at least once! You make friends, memories and gain a deeper connection to a charity that does so much in our local community"*

Up to 100 people take part, securing sponsorship in a bid to raise over £25,000.

£495 funds an entire day at one of the charity's Day Hubs. With rough sleeping on the rise in our communities, Stonepillow is working hard to combat the issue; last year, they worked with over 1,000 individuals. Every night, they provide a safe place to sleep for up to 124 people. (More information on [stonepillow.org.uk](http://stonepillow.org.uk) )

## **Letter from God ....**

*"To My Child,*

*Good morning, this is GOD.*

*Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If you encounter a situation you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (Something For God To Do) box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours.*

*Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it nor remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution. Because I do not sleep, nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Please rest my child.*

*If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away. My prayer line is open 24 hours of your day. I love you and will always be with you wherever you may go. As with all good things, pass my message on.*

*Love, GOD"*

*(There seems to be no origin to this, which has been around for many years)*

## St Peter's C.E. School

As I write this, we are well into the summer holidays - halfway through, to be exact. The end of term was hectic as ever! Pupils were able to be involved with so many fun things and school continued to be a place to enjoy (well, most of the time!).



Of course, there is also a tinge of sadness when we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils. Attending the two leavers' services, one for the Diocese and our own at St Peter's Church, meant that they were given a great send off and reminded of the Christian ethos and values of the school.

The KS2 play, Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies, was excellently performed. We have some budding actors and singers in our midst! Both performances were played to packed audiences and extremely well received.

We are now looking forward to the start of next term. St Peter's and St Giles schools are now federated and for Bright Futures federation. This is an exciting move and we will see both schools able to support one another whilst maintaining their own unique style. At St Peter's, we will be welcoming a new reception class of children, ready to start their own education journey and, more than that, ready to grow into the strong and capable people we know they can become - we look forward to helping guide them on the way.



In the meantime, we wish all pupils, staff and school community the very best of summers - see you in September!!

Kathy James



## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY.....

A grandmother was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife:



"You come to the front door of the apartment complex.

I am in apartment 14T. There is a big panel at the main door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the lift is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow"?

"You mean you're coming empty handed?"

One Sunday morning when my son, David, was about 5, we were attending a local church. It was common for the preacher there to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon. He would bring in an item they could find around the house and relate it to a teaching from the Bible.

This particular morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector.



My child immediately raised his hand and said, "It means Daddy's cooking dinner."

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their services. When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear the woman who answered was not happy to see them. She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message, and closed the door in their faces. To her surprise, however, the door did not close; in fact, it bounced back open. She tried again, with the same result – the door bounced back open. Convinced these rude young people were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson. Just then, one of them said quietly: "Ma'am, before you do that again, you really need to move your cat."



## Ardingly Parish Council

With September upon us and school back in session, we hope the memories of summer holidays aren't too far behind you!

The Playground remains a key focus, and we hope you'll spot some exciting new additions over the coming weeks! A huge thank you to the **Ardingly Dads** for their fund-raising efforts and making this possible — we're truly grateful for their support and community spirit.

Thank you as well to everyone who completed the **Village Survey**. Your feedback is proving incredibly valuable as we plan for the future, and we look forward to sharing the results soon.

**Village Day** in July was a real highlight—the weather was kind despite a gloomy start, and it was fantastic to see so much happening all around the village. **Thank you to everyone**, especially ACT, who organised activities and helped to bring it all together! It is so appreciated, thank you! If you'd like to be part of the planning team for next year, do please get in touch with Ardingly Connected Together (ACT) via : [jimsloane054@outlook.com](mailto:jimsloane054@outlook.com) or [kathrynjames7@sky.com](mailto:kathrynjames7@sky.com) They'd be delighted to hear from you!

On the day, it was especially joyful to see so many children enjoying the playground and making full use of the multi-sport courts—football, basketball, and tennis all at once made for some delightful chaos! We also hosted a special **FunFest** day for a smaller group of children to enjoy organised sessions of football and tennis. A big thank you to Alison Winser, **TMU Sports** and **Tiny Tekkers** for helping to make the day such a success.

We're now working on a new **booking system** to make the courts even more accessible for everyone—watch this space!

Meanwhile, working in partnership with Mid Sussex, we had more than 240 people attend for the Summer Play Day held at Ardingly Recreation Ground, including 23 Ardingly families! A lovely sunny day enjoyed by all!

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you've had a wonderful summer, getting outside and enjoying the rural landscape and natural beauty of our village.

Margaret Meldrum  
(Chair)

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## SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025

St Peter's will again be supporting the  
**LINK TO HOPE** Shoebox Appeal this Autumn.



The Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992 and has brought smiles to thousands of people in Eastern Europe over the years. In fact, over 1,000,000 shoeboxes have been delivered to hundreds of different locations in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine!



We are asked to complete a shoebox for a family – not just a child. The list contains items for all family members and includes different items. These range 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November so that they can be taken to the collection point. If you would like a form listing what can be put in a shoe box (*each box needs one for Customs purposes*) please do let me know. Sue Laker (892117)

## **Michael Denman, 1935-2025**

The funeral of Michael Denman was held at St Peter's Church on 30th July. Michael had been a resident of Ardingly since 1963, a familiar figure around the village and a committed member of the church. He was also active in our History Society of which he was President from 2012. Its archives contain many of his photographs which he used to illustrate his talks to the Society about the many changes to the village he had seen.



It was as a photographer that Michael earned his living, working in (and eventually buying) a camera shop in the Broadway in Haywards Heath. He had developed this interest from a young age, working as a trainee photographer in his late teens in what is now Harare, Zimbabwe, where he had lived from the age of 14. On returning to England when he was 20, Michael did his National Service in the RAF, carrying out aerial photography from Lancaster bombers and being stationed in Aden during the Suez crisis of 1956.

After working for the prestigious photographic retailer Wallace Heaton in Bond Street, London, Michael moved his work closer to home to spend more time with his wife, Diana. They especially used to enjoy driving to Penton Hook Marina on the Thames, where they kept a small river cruiser, and taking themselves, family and friends for days out on the Thames, relaxing in the boat and local hostleries.

In the early 1980s, Michael was instrumental in pioneering a village CB-radio network organised by St Peter's. This enabled village residents to keep in touch with one another before the days of WhatsApp groups and provided a lifeline for the elderly living alone. Michael also took over the editing of the Parish magazine in 1984 and continued in this labour of love for 32 years. The format and style of content we know today still has Michael's stamp on it.

Michael was an active member of St Peter's. His faith grew stronger as the years went by and he was an enthusiastic contributor to his Home Group and hosted it in his later years. These were difficult at times as he became increasingly infirm, but he bore the pain and poor quality of life, the delays to his treatment and his failing eyesight with enormous courage and inspiring equanimity, upheld by his deep Christian faith.

He leaves behind a sister and brother, two nieces and two great-nieces. They, and all his family and many friends, will miss this lovely, generous, kind-hearted and engaging man. May he rest in peace.

*John Witherington.*

**Poetry and Audience Group  
(P A G)**

To meet in October

in The Reading Room

Hapstead Hall

This new group invites all poetry fans and poets (especially unpublished poets) to read/recite their work to the group.

7.30pm to 9.30pm once a month.

(First meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025)

Please call Richard Hughes  
to register interest:

07963226432



## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### WAKEHURST'S REDWOODS

The landscape at Wakehurst is looking rather different now, with the loss of one of the lovely Redwood trees.

This remarkable tree had a long and eventful life, surviving the Great Storm of 1987, enduring a lightning strike in the early 1990s, and eventually succumbing to honey fungus, a common yet destructive pathogen that ultimately led to its demise.

However, this isn't the end for Wakehurst's beloved redwood. There are plans to measure its carbon content as part of their Nature Unlocked research programme, to create a commemorative piece from the timber and propagate a new specimen from its seeds.



### CLASSIC CAR CHAOS!

These days the Showground is very experienced in organising traffic for the two main events each year and we know what to expect. However, the Classic Car event on 27th July was a different story! The Street Lane gate was not open, residents had not been asked not to park in the High Street and Street Lane and

when around 1,000 cars converged on Ardingly and all tried to make their way into the Showground, there was gridlock. Several cars - and not just older vehicles - overheated and came to a standstill with bonnets up, causing even more congestion. It took one lady two hours to drive from Copyhold Lane to St Peter's Church, by which time the morning service had long since ended. If the event is held again next year hopefully lessons will have been learned and things will be different.

## Meeting Point Outing and Tea in August



The Meeting Point outing on 11<sup>th</sup> August was to Haskins Garden Centre, where some of us looked around and all of us enjoyed tea and either cake or some very large scones! It was a very hot day but the very nicely laid out table which had been set aside for us was in an area where there was air conditioning, and that was very welcome.

Thank you, Belinda and Diana, for organizing it for us all. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

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### The Apple Rhyme

Apples ripe and apples red,  
Grow they high above my head.  
Alack-a-day! For I am small  
And apple-trees are mostly tall;  
Deary me. But what is sadder,  
Nobody can find a ladder!

*From a poem by Madeline Nightingale*



# Ardingly Community Choir



Love to sing? Want to meet friendly, like-minded people?  
Come and join the Ardingly Community Choir!



When: Monday evenings (term time)



Time: 8–9pm



Where: St Peter's C of E School, Ardingly

No auditions. No experience needed.  
Just bring your voice and enthusiasm!

A warm welcome, uplifting music, and great  
company await you.



For more information, contact:

[tam\\_nel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tam_nel@yahoo.co.uk)

[kathrynjames7@sky.com](mailto:kathrynjames7@sky.com)



## **WORKSHOPS AT WAKEHURST in SEPTEMBER**

Wakehurst are advertising Accessible lantern making workshops tailored to your group's needs, with Glow Wild artist Michelle Dufaur.



### **Dates:**

12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September

### **Times:**

10.30am – 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Booking via email to [h.woodcroft@kew.org](mailto:h.woodcroft@kew.org)

The following rhyme was sent in by a reader:

*I'm Wallace the worm  
Just having a squirm  
And I put all the blame on my mother.  
'Cos when I look back,  
There's something I lack;  
I can't tell one end from the other.*



# Parish Register

The funeral of Michael Robin Denman, of High Street, Ardingly, who died 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 aged 89 years was held at St. Peter's Church on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

The funeral of Michael Veasey, of Munnion Road, Ardingly, who died 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 aged 93 years was held at Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St. Peter's Church on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

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*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

(from the hymn by Thomas O Chisholm)

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## **Flower Rota for September**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Pam and Jean

## **Meeting Point Rota for September:**

1<sup>st</sup> September: Adele, Diana, Sue

15<sup>th</sup> September: Belinda, Alison, Dilys

29<sup>th</sup> September: Jill, Deb & George, Kathy



## General Information

**ANGELS & URCHINS:** At St Peter's Centre on Thursdays, 9-11.00 during term time. Contact 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 Sue Laker (892117).

## PRAYER DIARY SEPTEMBER 2025



*"Trust in God at all times, my people. Tell him all your troubles, for he is our refuge." (Psalm 62 v 8 GNB)*

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 The situation in Ukraine and the Middle East
- 3 Places which have suffered natural disasters recently
- 4 Our village schools as term begins
- 5 Our Prime Minister, government and all MP's
- 6 Street Pastors, helping people in trouble on the streets at night
- 7** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on them
- 8 Ardingly businesses, clubs and other organisations
- 9 Refugees worldwide and Cross Channel migrants
- 10 Our Home Groups and their leaders
- 11 The Link to Hope Shoebox appeal
- 12 Belinda and the IMARA team. The pupils and the new school
- 13 Historic Churches Ride & Stride today
- 14** John Witherington and the Music Group leading worship today
- 15 All who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- 16 The media and all who work in it
- 17 Samara's Aid, its team and its projects in Syria
- 18 Young people and the knife crime culture
- 19 Bambi and Andreas, reaching out in S.E. Asia
- 20 The U.N. International Day of Peace tomorrow. Pray for world leaders
- 21** Our services today and the witness of the church
- 22 Our local hospitals, GP's and other healthcare workers
- 23 David and Emma and all who care for children with special needs
- 24 AOJA and the work of the clinic in The Gambia
- 25 Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses. All who care for others
- 26 The South of England Autumn Show taking place this weekend
- 27 The PCC meeting this morning
- 28** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 29 Our local Foodbanks and those who use them
- 30 Praise God for all that he has done for us

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will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**