

St. Peter's Ardingly

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St Peter's Church, Ardingly

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

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

**The church is also open daily
from 10am to 4pm for private prayer**

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

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,



The month of November is a month of remembrance. It is the moment when we stop, remain silent and take a moment to live in the light of remembrance. We do this as we remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country and in defence of the freedoms we enjoy today. But we do this too, when we remember with thanks all of those who have shared our lives, shaped our lives, but who are no longer with us.

Each year we hold a service of personal remembrance, a service known as a 'Commemoration of the Faithful Departed' to use the proper church title for such a service. For me, it is a moment to stop and to remember all of those we have loved and lost and who we see no more; to give thanks for all they have meant to us and to hear afresh of God's love and strength as we continue the journey of life without them. For the last few years we have held this service in the graveyard of the church so as to be in the place where so many memories rest, to pray in that place in a solemn moment, but also, I hope, as a time to focus on the hope of the resurrection, both theirs and ours and to give thanks for their love and faithful testimony. This year this service will take place on **Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm**. It will be quite short and as we have done previously, there will be a chance to share a cup of tea afterwards in the Church Centre. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Our annual **Service of Remembrance** and **Act of Remembrance** will take place on the Recreation Ground on **Sunday 9th November**, beginning at **10.45**. As we look back and remember we will be praying in thanks for the peace that we now enjoy but also praying for the peace of our world and for reconciliation between all people. It is clear beyond all question from the teaching of Jesus and his apostles that Christians are called to peace and to be peacemakers. It is all part of the truly radical way of living that Jesus taught us and showed us in the Kingdom of God. We are actively to 'pursue peace,' we are to 'strive for peace with all people' and so far as it depends on us, we are to 'live peaceably with all.' And this all calls for prayer. Something we can all do.

In such prayer we are asking to share in the true nature of God, seeking to overcome evil with good, and hatred and fear with love. I hope that you can join us for this service too.

In this season of remembrance I like to recall how in the Old Testament the people of God, the Israelites, were forever being called by God to remember – to remember who they were and, where they had come from. But it was also a call to a future that could be different. When we remember, we too need to have a vision for the future. As we read of it in the Book of Revelation, God's ultimate promise for us is that God will dwell with us, that there will be no more mourning, no more crying, no more pain – we will get out of our cycles of violence and war because all of that has been gathered up in Christ who has shown us a different way. That future starts with us now and in our prayerful honouring and remembrance.

With my prayers and best wishes,



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### **CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Our Carols by Candlelight service will be on 21st December this year, at 6.30pm. We would once again like to make it a truly village affair, and would like to invite any singers who would like to, to join our choir for the occasion. We will mostly be leading the congregation in singing well known carols, but also singing one or two items on our own. Practices will be at 7.00pm on Wednesdays in the Church Centre, beginning on 19<sup>th</sup> November. This allows enough time to learn anything new and be confident with the music. The last practice, on 17<sup>th</sup> December, will be the most important, and this one will be in church.



If interested, please contact Jill Veasey (01444 373091) or Lynn Wilson (07713 324620).

## Services in November 2025

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am **HC [BCP]** 2 Thessalonians, chapter 1; Luke 19: 1- 10

10.30am 2 Thessalonians, chapter 1; Luke 19: 1-10  
**Holy Communion [CW]**

**3.00pm Open to God:** "Remembering those we have loved and lost"  
A Service to be held in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church.

*We have already commended those we have loved and lost to God, but now we show our continuing love as we remember with gratitude the gift of their lives to us. This short act of worship and remembrance will be held in the graveyard of the church (weather permitting)*

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.00am **HC [BCP]** Job 19: 23 – 27a; Luke 20: 27 - 38

**10.45am "We Will Remember Them"**

*A short service and Act of Remembrance to be held on the Recreation Ground, Ardingly.*

*"fear not, for I am with you;  
be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41: 10*

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November -THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am [Morning Prayer] 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

10.30am 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19  
**Morning Praise**

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November CHRIST THE KING [The Sunday next before Advent]

9.00am **HC [BCP]** Colossians 1: 11 - 20; Luke 23: 33 - 43

10.30am Colossians 1: 11 - 20; Luke 23: 33 - 43  
**Holy Communion [CW] with prayer for healing and wholeness**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9.00am **HC [BCP]**

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5; Matthew 24: 36 - 44

10.30am

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5; Matthew 24: 36 - 44

**Morning Praise**

*Today we are pleased to welcome Heather Johnstone of The Rehema team - CMS*



**ARDINGLY**  
CHORAL SOCIETY

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ORGAN - DAVID MOORE  
CONDUCTOR - ROBERT HAMMERSLEY

**Mid Sussex**

# **Remembrance Concert**

*Haydn - Te Deum*  
*Fauré - Requiem*

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2025**

7.30PM - ST WILFRIDS CHURCH  
HAYWARDS HEATH

in aid of  
**The Royal  
British Legion**

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Traditionally a time when we celebrate the gathering in of the harvest, this year we held our Harvest Festival with Morning Praise, followed by lunch in the Church Centre.

Those of us well used to the quality and quantity of fare at these events wisely resisted anything but a sparse breakfast which did not aid us when we discovered that we were seated for the service in full view of a veritable mountain of donated foods, fresh, packaged or tinned, which was being assembled for eventual distribution by Ardingly Connected Together to those in our parish most in need. As this was to be added to the next day by contributions from St. Peter's School at their own Harvest Service, the distribution itself must have been a huge logistical exercise!



It was a real pleasure to welcome at the service a couple, all the way from Dubai, returning to the church where they were married 30 years ago. Originally residing in Gowers Close, they joined us for the post-service refreshments and reminisced about their former time with us in Ardingly.

As if formally to bid farewell to Summer and, at the same time, welcome the Autumn, the first course was prepared by Nigel on the barbeque while desserts, brought by diners and shared amongst us all, comprised a huge range of delicious dishes all of which did nothing for any self-imposed diets.

It was a well-satisfied group who eventually wended their way home, with grateful thanks to Nigel, Jane, John and Sally and all those who made this year's Harvest Festival so enjoyable.

Lynn Wilson

## ***NOTICEBOARD for November***

### **Meeting Point Coffee Mornings**

These will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



### **IMARA COFFEE MORNING**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in Hapstead Hall  
10.15 – 11.30

Beautiful handmade cards, books and other items will be on sale.  
Come and join us for coffee and delicious homemade cakes.  
All proceeds will support the work of the charity

### **AOJA AGM – date change!**

Please note that we have had to change the date of our AGM which will now be held on week later, that's **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**, starting at 2.30pm. Lynn Wilson

### **ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY**

Tuesday 18th November  
at 7.45pm in Hapstead Hall  
Mark Wigmore will be speaking on  
"The Owners and Tenants of Wakehurst"

### **PCC MEETING**

There will be a PCC Meeting at 9 o'clock on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in St Peter's Centre.

### **Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal**



If there is anyone who has not yet given me their shoeboxes, could I please have them by 3rd November? Please let me know if you need them collected.  
Many thanks. Sue Laker (892117)



### **The Hapstead Jam Tarts WI**

The Hapstead Jam Tarts WI will be making Christmas wreaths with help from one of their members in readiness for the festive season at their meeting on 19th November at 10am at Hapstead Hall.

Visitors are always welcome to this friendly WI. We meet every 3rd Wednesdays in the month and also have a thriving craft group every month. Please call 07513411893 for details.

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

Ardingly Evening WI - On November 20th at 7:30pm Jane Green, the renowned astronomer, will be coming to give 'A Tour of the Universe'. Visitors (including men!) are most welcome to come too (cost £5) and members can bring their husbands or a friend for no charge. There will be a 'cosmic' raffle too.

### **VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Village Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December in Hapstead Hall. Tickets are £12 and will be available from the Village Shop. ***Please buy your ticket early*** in order to be sure of getting a place, and also so that the caterers know how many to cook for!

### **FSW TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS**

As in previous years, FSW is inviting everyone to donate small gifts (especially LEGO!) for children so that at Christmas they can be given to families within our Deanery who are supported by FSW. Gifts do not need to be wrapped and wrapping paper and cellotape is not needed this year. They can be brought to church up until midday on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, after which they will be collected. Thank you. Deb Ruse



### **MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

2<sup>nd</sup> November: 3pm All Souls service in the Graveyard

9<sup>th</sup> November: 10.45 Act of Remembrance on the Recreation Ground

27<sup>th</sup> November: Film night



## HAPSTEAD HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's Fair will take place on Saturday 6th December in Hapstead Hall. Stalls of all types will be selling cards, gifts and other produce for Christmas and also fundraising for local organisations.



St Peter's Church will be having our usual Handmade & Homemade stall, so offers of goods to sell will be very welcome, as well as offers to help set up and/or man the stall for an hour or so.



If you can help please contact Jill Veasey (373091) or Sue Laker (892117) Thank you!

### **Music & Mince Pies : Wednesday 3rd December**

An event for the senior citizens of Ardingly. Join musicians from Ardingly College for individual & group performances at 11.00am in the Recital Room, Music Department, Ardingly College, RH17 6SQ

Transport starting at 10:35a.m. from Turnpike Court, then from the Village Hall car park & Priceholme.

RSVP for attendance & transport: [Debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com](mailto:Debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com) or Tel. 01444 893289. Admission is free. All welcome.

### **Lindfield Repair Café**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10am-1pm  
United Reform Church, High Street,  
Lindfield, RH16 2HL

**REPAIR CAFE**

### **Forest Row Repair Café**

Saturday 15th November 2025, 10am – 1pm  
At the Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ.

### **East Grinstead repair café**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November , 10am – 1pm (last repair at 12pm)  
Glen Vue Centre, Railway Approach, East Grinstead RH19 1BS



**IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND**

**COFFEE MORNING  
AT HAPSTEAD HALL  
ON**

**MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER  
FROM 10.15 TO 11.30 AM**

**BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS,  
BOOKS AND OTHER ITEMS WILL  
BE ON SALE.**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND  
DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES.  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE  
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## NEWS FROM S.E. ASIA

Dear friends,

I can't believe it's already the '-ber' months, which in my home country more or less signals that Advent is approaching. It's a season to look forward to despite natural disasters and the evils in this world, to think about the goodness of mankind – well, that's how my countrymen usually feel about this season.



### House Fellowship



We continue to study the bible with local women and the studies are helping erase some of the doubts that they have had. One lady is really blossoming into a woman of God, aware of her sins and really wanting to live for Jesus.

### Social Media

Our media ministry is running smoothly. Our digital responders and virtual follow up team are committed and responsible. We have had some changes in personnel but we haven't felt overwhelmed with the number of people that come to our page.



One man got baptized a few months ago and another is being diligently disciplined. Their families are also now hearing the good news.

About 100 people hear the good news each week though not many are open to studying about Jesus. Some are just not serious but others are really seeking.

### Family

Our son and his girlfriend came to visit us for 3 weeks recently. Our son wanted to show his girlfriend where he grew up and wanted her to taste many of the foods he used to enjoy. They have a long distance relationship because they study in different cities. He is just beginning the third and last year of his bachelor program.

Our daughter was not able to join her brother on his visit to our place but we're glad that she could enjoy a week in Slovakia with a friend instead.

### **Events in November**

In November we will host a team doing a 'vision trip'. Then we will go to a prayer conference. Afterwards we will go on Home Assignment. We thank the Lord for his practical provision for all of these and pray that the conference and our time back home will give us a clear perspective on things but most of all draw us closer to the Living Water who can satisfy all our longings and needs.

Blessings

A & B

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### **A thought about stress**

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 2 to 5 pounds.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it."

He continued, "If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight. But the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.

"And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down."

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

## **SAMARA'S AID NEWS**

At the Outreach Centres in Syria Samara's Aid provides education, food and activities for poor and vulnerable children, including many orphans. Samara writes:

We have 40 – 50 sixteen year old girls who have been very neglected and have never been taught how to read or write, but who really want to learn. We are helping them learn literacy skills.

Many children who couldn't even write their names began coming to us and have also started going to school. Our team have been helping them learn and catch up. They are progressing in leaps and bounds and have improved in such an incredible way. We have needed to employ a number of additional teachers, who are doing a great job working with these children and helping them improve quickly.

Our team have recently registered a number of beneficiaries who were imprisoned in the notorious Saydnaya prison. They come with chilling stories and bear the shocking scars of horrendous torture. They weep as they tell their stories, and our team weep with them for what they have suffered.



## **NEWS FROM NEPAL** (received in September)

Greetings in Jesus' precious name from Nepal.

First of all we really want to thank God for our 3 weeks' visit to the UK during July/August. It was our great joy to visit Northern Ireland for the first time. The conferences, meetings and visits have all been such blessings to us. We are refreshed and renewed.

As you know, in August in Nepal unimaginable events took place caused by the Zen Z movement in Nepal. Their demand was digital freedom and the resignation of the Government and it is reported that 72 precious lives were lost and billions worth of properties were destroyed and damaged. We are sorry and saddened by all the losses. We offer our condolences and prayers to the grieving families and for those who are still in hospital. As the new Government is taking formation please pray for them.

As a family and Church we are all safe; thank you so much for your prayers. Now the situation in Nepal is getting better and schools are reopened.

We celebrated Aanandit's 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on 30th August. We thank God for His faithfulness and your prayers in helping us come so far. The Aanandit Charity's 18th anniversary and Social Audit have taken place too. The Children's Home, Girls Hostel, Day Care, Tailoring, Micro Business program and Scholarship program are all doing well.



Our one month's Leadership Training is going to start from 1st October. The Annual Conference for all Aanandit Pastors and Leaders will take place in November. We continue to plant churches too.

Please pray that we continue to receive God's strength, provision, wisdom and peace. Thank you.

God bless, Milan and family

## **PILGRIMAGE WALKS: WE MADE IT!**

On Saturday 11th October a group of six walkers left St. Mary's Church, Singleton having travelled by train and bus to this, the starting point of the final stage of the pilgrimage from St. Peter's Church, Ardingly to Chichester Cathedral. We set off with the sound of Handel's "Messiah" ringing out as a choir rehearsed in the church.

Almost immediately the footpath started up the incline to the "Trundle", a high point on the Downs, topped by an iron-age fort. Eight or more Red Kites searching for thermal currents soared above us giving good reason to stop and watch, or, just get one's breath back! Further along the path Stonechats led the way flitting ahead from one fence post to another encouraging us on with their chatter.

Then the path emerged onto Knight's Hill with Goodwood racecourse and its grandstands seen nestling into the hill. A steep but shorter section brought us onto the mound of the ancient fort with 360 degree views and, somewhat hazily, our end point, the Cathedral, visible in the background.

Following the path around the perimeter we began the descent, stopping for a packed lunch and hot drink before picking up the West Sussex Literary Trail. This led gently downwards across open fields before running through the Lavant valley. Avoiding the bridal party coming from East Lavant's Church, (we weren't quite dressed for the occasion!) an easy route took us across fields into the outskirts of Chichester.



Coming into Oaklands Park there was time for a cup of tea and loo stop at the Festival Theatre cafe. Meeting up with those who had travelled down later in the day the group walked through the streets to the Cathedral's west door. Here we were met and welcomed by Canon Nigel who led us in a short service in front of the shrine of Saint Richard. A very fitting end to the series of walks begun in March.



Time was now at a premium for those who were intending to fit in a meal, attend the evening prayer service, then change out of walking gear to go to the Sir John Rutter Concert being held as part of the Cathedral's 950 anniversary celebrations. Wonderful music in a beautiful setting.

For those who have taken part in this challenge much has been learnt along the way about the county we live in, about ourselves and about each other. A real pilgrimage! However, few of the walks would have been possible without those who gave lifts to or from start and finish points. Our grateful thanks to everyone who provided this generous support and also to those who gave sponsorship. Monies are in the process of collection and the final amount will be announced next month.

Glynis and Esther



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



The autumn term is well under way and it feels like we have never been away, let alone have a summer break! Coming to school is fun (most of the time!) and we look forward to learning, seeing friends, finding lots of new things to do - all within the caring environment of our school.

Autumn, of course, means harvest time and we held our harvest service at St Peter's church. The theme of the service was 'Harvest around the World', which Cuckoo class had been studying in class. They shared with everyone the importance of the various types of harvest, with lots of hearty singing too! Our donations which were made at the service were handed to Ardingly Connected Together, to be shared amongst families in the village.

This is also the first term of the school being part of Bright Futures Federation, together with St Giles School in Horsted Keynes. This is an exciting venture and we are looking forward to seeing the relationship grow and prosper. Keep watching for news as we move ahead!



And so we start again - our 'newbies' have already become part of the St Peter's family. Our year 6 pupils are starting to think about moving on to secondary school. All the while, school life continues to be filled with things like maths, English, RE, music, playing, visits, clubs..... everything that helps make each child in St Peter's school's care grow into the splendid young people and adults that we know they can be.

Kathy James

***"Beauty is God's handwriting"***

*( Ralph Waldo Emerson )*

**TOP TIPS FOR PETRIFIED PETS ON 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Fireworks seem to be getting louder and louder and pets can be very frightened by them. Last year the pet food brand Judge’s Choice put together a simple advice sheet for pet owners who are worried about keeping their pets safe during the fireworks season.

Advice included:

- Create a safe space for your pet
- Avoid leaving your pets alone
- Close windows, curtains and blinds
- Keep your pets indoors
- Walk your dog early in the evening (before the dark skies are filled with bright lights and loud bangs)
- Feed your pet early while it’s still light
- Use white noise or music
- Provide distractions like toys and treats

Classic FM will again be playing a special pet-friendly show called *Pet Classics* on Bonfire Night, November 5th. The program is designed to help calm anxious animals with soothing music and tips from the RSPCA. This is the second of two special shows for 2025. The first one will be on Saturday, November 1st.



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Did you know that you can light a candle in church, maybe in memory of someone or just to help some quiet reflection or meditation? The church is open daily, during daylight hours.

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## **ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL**

As the leaves turn and the seasons change, there's been plenty of activity happening quietly behind the scenes by the Parish Council. We've been working to strengthen our partnerships with both Wakehurst Place and the South of England Agricultural Society. Excitingly, we're exploring new joint projects with Wakehurst, and they remain closely engaged with the ongoing development of Hapstead Garden.

We've also had constructive discussions with the South of England Agricultural Society to review the summer's events and explore ways to reduce their impact on the village. As part of this, they have reaffirmed their responsibility for maintaining the boundary hedges and will be renewing their efforts to keep them tidy, particularly from the High Street through Street Lane to keep the path to St. Peters Primary School clear.

You may have also spotted some recent improvements around the village. We have had Mid Sussex replace the parking sign in the centre of the village, and continue the regular hedge maintenance by parish councillors to keep the area looking neat and welcoming.

In addition, two new benches and a commemorative sign have been installed to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.



This project was made possible through grant funding secured by the collaborative efforts of the Parish Council and the Hapstead Hall Management Committee. The bench in front of the British Legion has also been beautifully repaired—our thanks to Martin Angus for his work on this.

Looking ahead, we're preparing for the Remembrance Day service on **9 November** at the Pavilion. We're pleased to share that, after productive talks with Mid Sussex regarding the damage caused to the memorial gates by their lorry, funding has now been provided. Combined with Parish Council contributions, this will allow us to fully replace the memorial gates to the recreation ground.

And finally, **save the date – 6 December** – for the Christmas Fair, the lighting of the oak tree, and our much-loved Carols and Christingle service.

We hope to see you there!  
Margaret Meldrum (Chair)

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## WSSC's Recycling survey results

There were more than 3,000 respondents to WSSC's recent "Think before you Throw" survey and 92% said that recycling is "very important". The survey also revealed there's still some confusion around recycling plastics.



In West Sussex, we can recycle all colours of plastic bottles, pots, tubs, and trays, as long as they're clean, dry, and loose.

Plastic bags and wrapping, like crisp packets and carrier bags, cannot be recycled in our blue bins due to the way the recycling facility works. All these, including bubble wrap, should be taken to one of the local supermarkets such as Sainsbury's or Waitrose.

## FSW UPDATE received in October

Dear Friends,

September is always a busy month here at FSW as children return to school and parents are faced with the challenges that this brings.

As the new term starts with children moving into new classes, we are seeing an increase in the number of referrals coming through from schools.



The highlight for our families in September is the weekend at Dalesdown at Dial Post near Horsham. We had 12 families stay with us for the weekend, with a wide range of activities taking place. There were opportunities for the families to try their hand at archery, thanks to the Rev James and Rev Lucy Hollingsworth and their helpers. Focusing on a theme of festival, the families enjoyed time outdoors, as well as opportunities for crafting and Saturday evening songs and games around the campfire.

We were also pleased in September to hear that the Diocese has reinstated the FSW support grant of £36,000 for the next financial year. This is a great help to our finances, and we are very pleased that the Diocesan Board of

Finance has been able to reinstate the grant.

Finally, as we are celebrating, we are grateful for all of you who donate food and money at Harvest time and through the year. The food donations at Harvest help us keep the food bank stocked for at least the next 6 months and is essential to our work.

Martin Auton-Lloyd CEO

[www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)

## **BEATITUDES FOR CAREGIVERS**

Blessed are those who sleep poorly  
because they're worried about their loved one or because  
their loved one wakes in the middle of the night and needs help.  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are those who mourn  
because their loved one, though still alive  
is slipping away because of dementia.  
For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek  
who force themselves to speak up and speak out  
to make sure their loved one receives the help he or she needs.  
For they will inherit the land.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for answers  
to why this is happening to their loved one  
and how much longer it will go on.  
For they will be satisfied.

Blessed are those who show mercy, kindness and compassion  
to their loved one.  
For they will be shown mercy, kindness and compassion.

Blessed are those who keep clean a loved one  
who is physically or mentally unable to keep himself or herself clean.  
For they will see God.

Blessed are those who help their loved one find moments of peace.  
For they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are misunderstood, not appreciated,  
and taken for granted in their role as caregiver.  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you whose caregiving efforts are unjustly criticized  
or who are falsely accused of not caring about others  
because of your love for your care-receiver and your love for God,  
who has asked you to help his beloved son or daughter.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

*By Bill Dodds*



## ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER

This month, we have been concentrating on planning and also food deliveries. Planning is revolving around Christmas (hooray) and other such fun things. Let us know if there is anything that you think we ought to be doing!



The food deliveries have continued around the village. We have been really blessed by being able to distribute the harvest donations given to St Peter's Church and St Peter's CoFE School as part of their harvest services. It was wonderful to be able to share the produce around with families in need of a little support at this time.

Ardingly Connected Together (ACT) is pleased to support Ardingly Community Choir. The Choir meets every week during term time at St Peter's School. Come along and join them on Monday evenings at 8pm for an hour of singing and FUN! Whether you've sung all your life or never sung at all, you will be very welcome.

ACT as a group works together to try to bring joy and happiness to all of us living in the village. If you can think of anything that would be fun and beneficial for the whole Ardingly community, don't hesitate to contact us: [kathrynjames7@sky.com](mailto:kathrynjames7@sky.com)

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## BIG SLEEPOUT at Chichester Cathedral

At the end of September 55 people slept out on Chichester Cathedral Green during The Big Sleep Out. Throughout the day passers-by could also enjoy the talents of local musicians, dancers and a magician.

The Big Sleep Out event helps to raise awareness, foster empathy and bring the community together to reflect on the challenges of rough sleeping.



Through sponsorship these 55 people raised over £7,800 to support services to the homeless.



## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ....

Sign seen on a door in Istanbul: American dentist – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Teeth extracted by a new Methodist.



*I love flying. I've been to almost as many places as my luggage.*

Economics exam question: "In any given year, and to the nearest ton, how much wheat did the United States export?"

Confident student's answer: "In 1492, none."

*While visiting a cathedral recently, I couldn't hear the service over the chatter of the two people sitting in front of me. Finally, I tapped one of them on the shoulder. "Excuse me," I said, "I can't hear." The reply was swift and indignant. "I should hope not! This is a private conversation."*

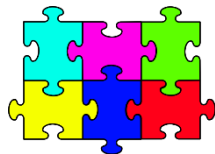


The only thing that wakes you up faster than coffee is spilled coffee.

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

*Two men came into the retirement home cafe whooping and cheering and excitedly slapping each other on the back as they were getting their food.*

*The assistant asked what they were celebrating and they announced, "We finished a puzzle in only four months!"*



*The attendant, a bit bemused, said, "What's the big deal?"*

*One of the men joyfully answered, "The box cover said '2 to 4 years'!"*

# Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register this month

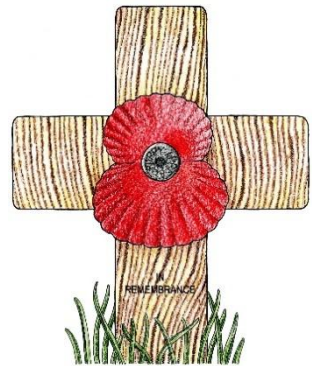
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## A Remembrance Day Prayer

God of truth and justice,  
We hold before you those men and  
women who have died in active  
service:

In the World Wars, the Middle East  
and elsewhere.

As we honour their courage and  
cherish their memory,  
may we put our faith in your future,  
for you are the source of life and  
hope, now and for ever. Amen.



### Flower Rota

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November : Pam and Jean

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November : Belinda & Jill  
(Advent/Foliage)

### Meeting Point Rota

10<sup>th</sup> November: Jill, Deb & George and Sue

24<sup>th</sup> November: Adele, Diana & Kathy

## General Information

**ANGELS & URCHINS:** At St Peter's Centre on Thursdays, 9-11.00 during term time. Contact Jill Veasey (373091) 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 (373091).

## PRAYER DIARY for NOVEMBER 2025



*" 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 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Our services today. All clergy and bishops and New Archbishop Dame Sarah Mullally
- 3 IMARA coffee morning today. All the sponsored students
- 4 Pray for lasting peace in the Middle East and Ukraine
- 5 Bonfire night: pray for fun and safe celebrations
- 6 Link to Hope Christmas shoeboxes, being transported this month
- 7 Ardingly College & St Peter's Primary: pupils, staff and governors
- 8 Praise God for his love and the beauty of creation
- 9 **Remembrance Sunday.** Pray for services today & world peace
- 10 Our Home Groups and their leaders
- 11 Our Armed Forces: chaplains, new recruits and the injured
- 12 Pray for rain to replenish Ardingly reservoir
- 13 The problem of rubbish and plastic around the world
- 14 AOJA and the work of the clinic in The Gambia
- 15 All who are suffering from abuse or addiction
- 16 Our services and John Witherington, leading them today
- 17 Give thanks and pray for family, friends & all who encourage us
- 18 Ardingly Connected Together, supporting village families
- 19 Our Prime Minister and government and all who advise
- 20 The Salvation Army and other charities helping people in crisis
- 21 The Mid Sussex Councils, juggling needs and finances
- 22 PCC meeting this morning. Pray about church finances
- 23 Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 24 Meeting Point – all who help and attend
- 25 All who live with dementia, and their care-givers
- 26 Jill Veasey and the choir, preparing the Christmas music
- 27 Angels and Urchins. Fun and faith for all who attend
- 28 The homeless and charities which help
- 29 The NHS and our local hospitals and GPs
- 30 **Advent Sunday.** Heather Johnstone, visiting today

**The deadline for copy for the December/January magazine is  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**