

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

April 2026



EASTER!

**HE IS RISEN!
Hallelujah!**



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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,

Easter should be a moment to stop. A moment to stop in the midst of our usual busyness and in our anxieties, troubles and fears. A moment to stop whilst the clamour of war and of destruction, of injustice and suffering is ever present in the media. A moment to stop at a time when truth has become the victim again and again and again. Easter is a moment to stop.



And as we stop, Easter is a moment to stand in silence before the empty tomb of Jesus Christ. To breathe, and to remember. To remember as the heavenly messengers tell the women in Luke's Gospel, that: *He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."* (Lk. 24: 6 – 7) Easter is a time to stop and to remember that. To remember that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is beyond compare. That the resurrection of Jesus Christ is truly extraordinary. That the resurrection of Jesus Christ is unquestionably unique, certainly unmatched and without doubt unparalleled. That the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the victory of peace and of justice. Of hope and of truth: *He is not here; he has risen!* (Lk. 24: 6).

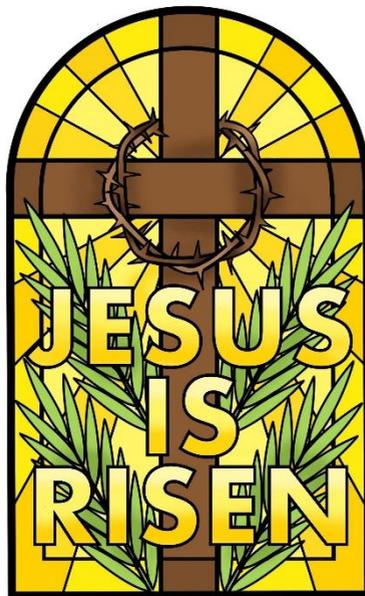
At Easter we need to stand with those we read of in the Gospels at the empty tomb and ask Jesus to make himself known to us. To reveal himself again as the one who died for me, for you, for us all. As the only one, who rose from the dead. Offering to all who will receive it from him the bread of life that alone will truly satisfy our deepest hunger and need. Easter is a moment to stop and to open our eyes, use our minds and so see the risen Lord Jesus Christ for ourselves. To see the risen Lord who wants to bring the fullness of God's love into our lives. A fullness that means peace, rest, freedom, and hope. Instead of fear, doubt, anxiety, and despair. At the start of the first Easter Day there was discouragement, there was defeat and there was fear. They're all feelings that may well be swirling around us right now and in our life for whatever reason.

But all those feelings began to change when the women were told by those heavenly messengers that: *He is not here; he is risen!* Then, they remembered all of Jesus' words.

So, will you stop? Stop for just a little while so as to stare into that empty tomb and 'see' where he was laid. And will you then hear the truth and accept that Jesus Christ is not there, he has risen! And in that knowledge, will you cast aside fear and doubt and despair and allow the joy of the resurrection, the joy of the Risen Lord Jesus to be revealed to you and so to overwhelm you.

Friends, we need to 'see' and to believe and so, experience for ourselves the heart-transforming experience that is the truth of Easter Sunday morning. Hallelujah! He is Risen! He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

With very best wishes for a blessed and Holy Easter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John'.

NOTICEBOARD for April

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 20th April from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt around the village on Easter Sunday, 5th April. More details on page 17.

Ardingly Evening W.I.

16th April, 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall
Spring Supper, Raffle and special guest Margaret Watson.

Ardingly History Society

21st April at 7.45pm in Hapstead Hall

Geoffrey Mead speaking on "Victorian Brighton's Public Health – cesspools and the new sewers"

Admission free for members, £5 for non-members. Refreshments provided.

Ardingly Film Night: "Mother's Pride"

Thursday 23rd April in Hapstead Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets available from the Village Shop, Fellows Bakery and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk

APCM

The Annual Church Meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm in the Church Centre. All are welcome.

Village Lunch: the next one will be on May 13th

Services in April 2026 and for HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Thursday 2nd April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm *As we remember how Jesus and the disciples gathered in the Upper Room to share the Last Supper, we will gather in the Church Centre for supper followed by a celebration of Holy Communion.*

Friday 3rd April

GOOD FRIDAY

11.00am **For God so Loved the World**
A short service for everyone held in the Church Centre

2.00pm **Words from the Cross – A meditation for Good Friday**
A service that through music, word, quiet reflection, prayer and meditation, and images, will help us to focus upon the death of Christ on the Cross.

Saturday 4th April

EASTER EVE

6.00pm *An **Open to God** service of evening prayer and quiet reflection on the eve of Easter.*

Sunday 5th April

EASTER DAY

9.00am Acts 10: 34 – 43; John 20: 1 - 18
Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am "Hallelujah, hallelujah. He is Risen!"
Holy Communion [CW]
A service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday morning

Sunday 12th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32; John 20: 19 - 31

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32; John 20: 19 - 31

Sunday 19th April

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Morning Prayer [BCP]

Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41; Luke 24: 13 - 35

10.30am

Morning Praise

Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41; Luke 24: 13 - 35

Sunday 26th April

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Acts 2: 42 - 47; John 10: 1 - 10

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

Acts 2: 42 - 47; John 10: 1 - 10



HE IS RISEN!

NEWS FROM NEPAL

Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name from Nepal!

First of all, I would like to thank you for standing with us in prayers over the years. We are very much grateful for the same.



Family: Praise God ! We all are doing well by His grace and continue in the ministry to serve God and the people in Nepal through the Church, Charity, School and so forth. I had a great and blessed time in England in January and also participated in the Ichthus Leaders Conference. Our Eldest daughter is now waiting for an unconditional offer letter from Roehampton University to do her Masters in Cyber Security. If all goes well she will start in September. Shusma has been busy with Aanandit work, also preaching, teaching and using her gifts from the Lord widely. Our two youngest daughters are both doing well in their studies and growing in the Lord too.

Ministries: In the last few months we have had many seminars, prayers, events and training activities. In February we had an Annual Aanandit Youth Conference for 3 days in Kathmandu. Our Ladies had Mountain Prayers. And beginning today (17th March) there will be a weekly Womens Bible course for 8 weeks at Aanandit. We also had a Global Leadership Summit Training day at Aanandit. Recently, 10 people have been baptised. A couple of weeks ago, we had two weddings. Our monthly Aanandit Men's Fellowship is thriving and we are going out for a day tomorrow (18th March). Our Church young people and kids are having music classes so that there would be enough worship Leaders. There will also be a 3 day children's camp from 7-9 April.

Shusma had a great time speaking at a Disabled Christians Conference in Pokhara in March. Also, there was a great program on the day of International Women's Day. I have received a few invitations to speak at the different Churches in Kathmandu. We would also like to let you know that Aanandit Charity has a new Van now.

The Aanandit Church and Charity would like to support Pastors who were once Pastoring in churches but are now bedridden or have long term illnesses. We are supporting two pastors who need help. There is so much to say but this is all for now.

Nation: The recent general election went really well despite fears and doubts. Now Mr. Balendra Shah, aged 35yrs, is waiting to be the next PM of Nepal. We really need prayers for him as he is very reserved and keeps himself away from the media etc. The recent conflict in Iran made fuel and gas less available. Also many Nepalis could not return to Nepal and also couldn't go to work in the Gulf countries. That makes unemployment so high so we'd appreciate your prayers.

Finally, our Easter Program is going to be held in Kathmandu valley with a Rally and big gathering at the Football Stadium. Please pray for this. This would be a great opportunity to witness to the Lord Jesus and His resurrection.

We wish you a very Happy Easter, HE IS RISEN !!

God bless, Milan (and family)



REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

LINDFIELD

No Repair Café in April
The next will be on 2nd May

REPAIR CAFE

FOREST ROW - Saturday 18th April

10am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

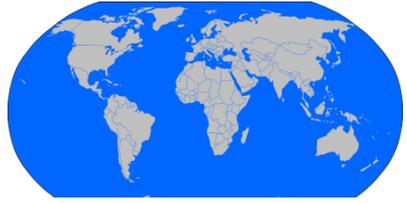
EAST GRINSTEAD – Saturday 11th April

10am – 1.00pm

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

NEWS FROM S.E. ASIA

A and B are currently on home assignment in Germany, staying with A's family. A has been busy writing sermons, bible studies and presentations in preparation for visits to supporting churches and groups in Munich. They are looking forward to seeing friends and prayer partners again.



B has just taken a German language test, which is a requirement for a long term residence permit which will allow her to be outside Germany for a longer period. It's 25 years since she had any German lessons and much of what she knows is just from listening to people or the media, so she was a bit unsure how it would go – especially the speaking part. She has to wait 4-6 weeks for the results.

On the way to Munich they plan to visit their son, who is just finishing his written exams.



Back on the mission field the women in the small Christian community in South East Asia continue to meet and study the bible and the media team continue with their social media outreach.

***Lord Jesus, the storm is life
and life is the storm
and there is no escaping it;
but what matters is that you
are in the storm with us –
a Beacon and a Presence
that is sure.***

(a prayer from Madagascar)

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION



We have in the past encouraged UK-based medical students to choose to spend time at our Clinic for their 'elective' – an important part of their training where they take part in the Clinic's day-to-day activities while at the same time focusing on a particular aspect or interest which is then written up as a thesis.

Brighton Medical School traditionally provided some of these students but the COVID period and other changes have meant that we have not had any students for the last few years.

Largely as a result of our website presence, we have recently had several enquiries for such electives and we now hope to have two students visiting this year and at least one for 2027. Students are responsible for their own travel and subsistence costs but we of course have a duty of care to ensure their wellbeing under the watchful eye of Administrator, Chernu Yaddeh who also ensures the correct protocols are in place with the Gambian Health Authority.

We very much hope that we may be able to encourage a student to come to our AGM later in the year to speak about their experiences.

Lynn Wilson

DAME SARAH MULLALLY **Archbishop of Canterbury**

Born in Woking in 1962, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother. She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She became a Christian at the age of 16.

Bishop Sarah was educated at South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London.



Before being ordained, she worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as “an opportunity to reflect the love of God”. She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed the Government’s Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health. She was the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.

While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, she discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St Saviour’s Battersea Fields, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her Government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as “the biggest decision I have ever made”.

1. **First Female Archbishop:** She makes history as the first woman to hold the senior office of Archbishop of Canterbury.
2. **Bishop of London:** In 2018, she became the first woman to be Bishop of London, the third most senior position in the Church of England.

3. **Family:** She is married to Eamonn Mullally, an IT and enterprise architect, and has two children, Liam and Grace.
4. **Theological Stance:** Seen as a moderate, she has supported the blessing of same-sex couples, emphasizing "pastoral provision".
5. **Marriage Doctrine:** She has maintained that, despite these blessings, the official doctrine of marriage as between one man and one woman remains unchanged.
6. **"Mutual Flourishing":** She is committed to supporting "mutual flourishing" within the Church, balancing traditionalist and liberal views.
7. **Focus on Safety:** She has expressed a commitment to making the Church a "safe place" and prioritizing pastoral care.
8. **Calm Leadership:** She has pledged to lead with "calmness, consistency and compassion" in a "fractured world".
9. **Addressing Hatred:** She publicly condemned violence and anti-semitism following the appointment.
10. **Election Confirmation:** Her election was formally confirmed on January 28, 2026, at St Paul's Cathedral.
11. **Installation:** Her official installation took place at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.
12. **Stipend:** As Archbishop, she receives a stipend of £95,630, according to 2025 reports.

Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, having been introduced on 24 May 2018.

She is Chair of Christian Aid.

She has dyslexia and has spoken openly about it, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.

In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

Taken from <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/about/sarah-mullally>

A lot of people with a new electric car (and it doesn't even have to be electric!) will relate to this!!

My New Car

My old car was a little tired;
It failed its MOT!
So then it was I felt inspired
To go PHEV.

It is a good car – nice to run
And helpful as can be!
But now my troubles have begun –
It's cleverer than me!

I used to press a button once
For music on CD
But now – I must be such a dunce –
I can't find BBC!

I got it playing from my phone
By Bluetooth link maybe?
But then what truly made me moan –
I spoke – it misheard me!

It turned my lovely music off
And played some awful sound;
I tried to speak, I tried to cough
But no way back I found!

So if you want to buy a car
To get from A to B,
Don't forget you first require
A technical degree!

By Nigel Beeton





Ardingly Choral Society
Forest Row Choral Society
Kidbrooke Park Singers
Sussex Chamber Orchestra

Elgar

The Dream of Gerontius

Conductors

Robert Hammersley, Rodney Earl Clarke & Diane Howard

Mezzo Soprano - Louise Callinan

Tenor - Rory O'Connor • Baritone - Rodney Earl Clarke

Ardingly College Chapel

7.30pm Sunday 12th April 2026

Tickets - £25 online & on the door

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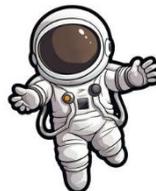
Life at St Peter's School is always busy and this term is no different. Because of the timing of Easter this year, the Spring term has been relatively short. However, that doesn't mean we have not done as much - we have just been extra busy!!



Music is very important at St Peter's and, of course, our Rock Steady concert is a regular highlight. This term we have also been fortunate to have a visit from Ensemble Reza, the Sussex-based orchestra. Robin and Swallow classes were treated to a wonderful interactive workshop, where they explored the music and dance of Latin America. The children were enthusiastic and musical participants and great fun was had by them AND Ensemble Reza.



How long is it since you built a model boat? Maybe quite a while! Well, as part of Science Week, Swallow Class spent time building powered boats, learning about stability, floating, design and lots of boat-related facts. A series of boat races demonstrated plenty of good-natured competition. Science Week for the other classes were just as busy, informative and fun too - astronaut training camp for Cuckoo Class, Fizz Pop Science for Robin Class and journeying into space for Greenfinch class!! Thank you to everyone who helped us provide such an exciting time for our pupils.



We want to give a mention to our parents' group, Friends of St Peter's School (FOSPS). They are such an amazing support to the school and do a marvellous job, fundraising and generally supporting us. The generosity and hard work of FOSPS is really appreciated by us all.

We've got lots of things happening next term too - sporting events, gift shops (!!), disco, camping overnight.... Oh, and some more learning too! We will also be having our Easter service (26th March) and our Leavers' Service too. More about all of this next time! In the meantime, enjoy the Spring and Easter.

BITS AND PIECES

THANK YOU

Once again the Seniors in the village received a lovely **Hyacinth bulb** in February, grown and delivered by the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. These colourful bulbs are now in bloom, bringing everyone a lot of joy, so thank you very much!

(If you know someone who has recently become a senior please let Deb Ruse know, so that they are added to the list. Tel 01444 892707)

The **Amaryllis bulbs** which the single seniors in the village received at Christmas have also been beautiful and brought lots of pleasure to the recipients. Thank you to Ardingly Connected Together for these!

DOUBLE AWARD WIN FOR THE CATHEDRAL



Chichester Cathedral has received two special awards. The 950th anniversary, Chichester 950, won Marketing Campaign of the Year award at Association of Cultural Enterprises Awards. The guest accommodation has also been recognised with a Traveller Review Award from Booking.com, following high scores from guests who stayed within the Cathedral Close.

ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

The original St Catherine's Hospice was in Malthouse Road, Crawley, for over 40 years. This site is now being sold to Preferred Homes, a specialist affordable housing provider. Working closely with Crawley Borough Council, they will be developing Extra Care Housing apartments for older people who require care yet still wish to maintain their independence.



AROUND THE VILLAGE

SPRING LIVE

Spring Live will be taking place at Ardingly Showground on 18th and 19th April. Highlights include the Alpaca Show, Pygmy Goat Show, lawnmower racing, a dog show (Sunday only), archery and axe throwing. New this year is the headline act RPM Biketrials Display with four performances each day, showcasing some of the amazing stunts that can be done with pedal power.

PROPERTIES changing hands

Several properties in Ardingly seem to be changing hands now that the better weather has come. Michael Denman's has a "Sold" sign outside, the Dandyllion shop has "Under Offer" outside and the Ardingly Inn has apparently been sold. Rumour has it that the Tarana Restaurant in Turners Hill have bought it, in which case we'll have an Indian eatery in the village.

POTHoles

A lot of people are talking about potholes at the moment. In fact one Ardingly resident's car has been written off after hitting a pothole. With all the rain that we've had this winter and the increasing number of heavy vehicles using the roads, it's perhaps not surprising that they are breaking up. It's good to see that repairs have been made to the pothole near Monk's Meadow and the roadside has been repaired just below Holmans. But there are still bad holes around, especially near the wood just North of the railway line. It's very easy to report a pothole online. Go to:

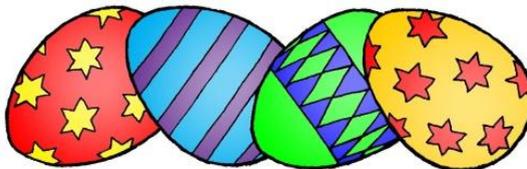
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>

ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER



And suddenly, just like that, Spring is here! Aren't we fortunate to live in a lovely village in a beautiful part of the country? Life can be busy though, so we need to make sure we take time to enjoy ourselves.

Ardingly Connected Together (ACT) is making plans to help us all enjoy our surroundings AND keep healthy. We are currently planning our Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday, 5th April. Come and join us at Hapstead Hall, pick up your map, start walking and get hunting! Lots of tokens will be around the village, find them, bring them back to Hapstead Hall and exchange them for an Easter Egg. What's not to like??!! Get the date in your diary NOW: Easter **Sunday, 5th April**, between 2.30 and 4.30, start (and finish) at Hapstead Hall. See you there!



Carrying on with the theme of enjoyment, we at ACT like to remember those at home on their own too. We are planning a little surprise for them at Easter. Hopefully, it will help them to know that as a village, we care about them and indeed, all the village residents.

Looking a little further forward, we have already started planning our Village Day for this year.. It's another date for your diaries - **Saturday, 11th July** - and we will have lots of things planned to meet everyone's needs. Watch this space for further information nearer the time.



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

You may have noticed that Ardingly Parish Council's precept has shown a decrease this year. In real terms, we have actually maintained the same overall budget; working hard to keep costs as affordable as possible during these challenging times. This has been achieved by the hands-on efforts of parish councillors and the invaluable contribution of community volunteers.

We are also delighted to warmly welcome our new councillor, Deborah Kirby, who brings a wealth of experience and completes our team of 11 councillors.

At the recreation ground, the new swings are now installed. Although recent wet weather has slowed grass seeding, we hope the area will be ready to open for all by Easter.

A replacement bench in memory of Mary Puckle will soon be installed by the playground on the recreation ground - a fitting tribute in a lovely spot that honours her contribution to the village.

Please remember to submit nominations for the Community Award to the Parish Clerk by the end of April. The award will be presented at the **Annual Parish Meeting on 7 May at Hapstead Hall** in the evening. Please do save the date.

The meeting will also include a talk from Wakehurst, along with an update from the Parish Council on our achievements over the past year and our plans for the year ahead.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret Meldrum (Chair)

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our church warden, to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.



A couple went to the county courtroom to get a marriage licence. They accidentally walked into the office that handled hunting licences.

"We're from another county," said the prospective groom. "Can we get a licence?"

The clerk replied, "No, but I can give you a three-day permit."

After dinner one evening, my dad started entertaining our dinner guest by playing the piano.



At one point he turned to the visitor and said, "I understand you love music?"

"Yes," murmured the guest politely. "But never you mind, you keep right on playing..."

One day on the way home from church a little girl turned to her mother and said, "Mummy, the preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true too?"

Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and he lives in us, how does he fit in?"

TEARFUND - helping poor countries deal with waste

Born in Juba, South Sudan, Alice Sabumi fled with her family during the civil war. She grew up in refugee camps in Uganda, and later moved to the US as a teenager.

'In my second year at medical school, I met Dr Wangari Maathai,' says Alice. 'She talked about the environment, and this is where it all ignited for me. I came home and said, 'I'm changing my degree to environmental science.'"



When Alice returned to Juba, she saw the issues of pollution, poor waste management, and tree cutting, and felt compelled to do something about it.

'If I don't do it, who will?', Alice said. 'There's not a lot of people working in the environmental sectors, and I really want to see an impact. And that's how EcoClean got birthed.'

With no official bodies to manage medical waste or recycling, most rubbish is openly dumped, creating major risks to health and the environment.

'We're a single-use country,' explains Alice. 'Five to six million water bottles are created every day, and they're not going anywhere. We're at the source of the river, and the waste goes straight there. There's no recycling facility.'

'Somebody will be drinking water in their car and just throw the empty bottle out the window,' Alice explains. 'Or they'll be walking along and throwing their rubbish on the ground.'

'We see the impact very slowly,' says Alice. But the signs of progress along the way encourage EcoClean and its employees to keep going.

EcoClean is committed to creating lasting environmental and social change in South Sudan in a number of ways:

- **Recycling** – Setting up the country's first plastic recycling plant and medical waste treatment and disposal sites.
- **Innovation** – Kickstarting a farming project that involves rearing flies to convert organic waste into low-cost, sustainable animal feed.
- **Sustainability** – Manufacturing eco-friendly products such as plastic lumber, boats, and construction materials.
- **Business** – Starting a plastic Buy Centre, run by women and youth, to collect plastic for recycling and selling.
- **Giving back to the community** – Paying school fees for around 300 local students each year and regularly distributing food to community members in need.

(taken from the Tearfund website)

THE PEREGRINE WEBCAM RETURNS AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

The much-loved peregrine cameras are now live, offering viewers around the world the chance to follow the resident falcons in real time. This year carries added significance: 2026 marks the 25th anniversary since peregrines were first regularly observed on the Cathedral.



This is the link to watch them live:

<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/chichester-peregrines>

FSW update March 2026

Dear Friends,

Despite recent staffing changes due to funding challenges, we are doing the very best we can to support families across Sussex.



A family of three - mum, dad, and their seven-year-old daughter - are living in a small one-bedroom flat. Mum has Spastic Diplegia Cerebral Palsy and other long-term health conditions, leaving her in chronic pain and with mobility challenges. Their worn-out mattress had deteriorated so badly that she was forced to sleep on the sofa, worsening her pain and exhaustion. Dad, who lives with Asperger's Syndrome and ADHD, is her primary carer and does all he can to support his family despite the strain of their cramped living conditions. Their daughter has also been affected. With little space of her own and disrupted sleep, she has sometimes fallen asleep at school and has recently been recognised as a young carer, carrying responsibilities beyond her years. Our practitioner was able to step in and provide a new mattress, offering immediate comfort and relief for Mum at a particularly difficult time. In addition, our practitioner is actively advocating for the family to be rehoused in more suitable accommodation and is working closely with the relevant agencies to pursue a move to a two-bedroom property. In the meantime, Family Support Work continues to support the family with their immediate needs, giving them the chance to rest and recover.

Hannah Rothwell
Digital Communications and Fundraising

Parish Register

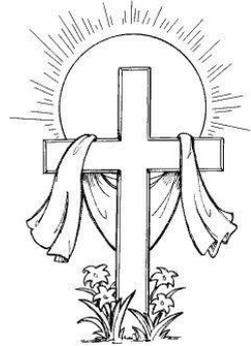
There are no entries in the Parish Register this month

Shout for Joy

*Shout for joy
you heavens;
Exult, you earth!
Break into song,
all creation!
Cry out in gladness,
all peoples on earth!*

*For the Lord has risen indeed;
risen to give life
to all those who believe in him.*

(from the Prayer Trust)



Flower Rota

Saturday 4th April :
All flower arrangers please (Easter)
Friday 17th April :
All flower arrangers please

Meeting Point Rota

20th April: Adele, Diana and 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

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: 2026 Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (if posted the cost is £15.00 for the year). **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

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 APRIL 2026



"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart" (Phil. 4 v 6 GNB)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Pray for peace in the Middle East and other areas of conflict
- 3 **Good Friday.** Praise God for his love and mercy
- 4 Easter Eve. Our service today. Pray for all who mourn
- 5 **Easter Sunday. Jesus is alive!** Praise God and give thanks
- 6 Esther, Adelaide and all who work in the NHS and Care Sector
- 7 World Leaders and the global effects of decisions they make
- 8 Samara's Aid. Blessing and protection for the team and projects
- 9 Village businesses. The future of The Inn and Dandyllion shop
- 10 Our Prime Minister and government: for wisdom, guidance and unity
- 11 Youth Pastors and all young people in this country
- 12 Our services today. Pray for the church family and for growth
- 13 Jamie Savage, the staff, pupils & governors of St Peter's Primary
- 14 The Royal Family and all its members
- 15 Heather Johnstone and her work with the Rehema Project
- 16 The record numbers of people sleeping rough
- 17 Our churchwardens John and Nigel, and members of the PCC
- 18 Ardingly Showground and the Spring Show this weekend
- 19 Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 20 Prison Chaplains and Christian ministry in prisons
- 21 IMARA Uganda. Belinda and Kevin and this term's new students
- 22 Our Home Groups and their leaders
- 23 Pray for friends and family who do not know Jesus
- 24 Climate Change and our response to it
- 25 All who suffer from abuse or addiction
- 26 Our services today. Pray for all who lead worship
- 27 AOJA. Pray for Chernobyl and the outreach work of the clinic
- 28 All who volunteer in Ardingly
- 29 Teachers and pupils, preparing for exams soon
- 30 Praise God for the difference he makes in our lives

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