

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

May 2026



PENTECOST

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St Peter's Church, Ardingly

Who's Who at St Peter's

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

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

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

The Rector is on holiday at the moment so there is no Rector's Letter this month. Instead, the article below is taken from 'parishpump' – a resource for all parish magazines.

THE POWER OF PENTECOST

The celebration of Pentecost this month could be described as a birthday party for the church, when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples (*Acts 2:1-13*). What are we celebrating?

God's Promise:

The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions as they gathered in the Upper Room: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised' (*1:4*). They met expectantly in prayer for God's promised gift. Just as we look forward to birthday presents, how eager are we to receive more of the Spirit in our lives?

God's Power:

'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (*4*). The disciples needed the power of the Spirit to be different: not fearfully gathered behind locked doors, but instead energised to make Christ known. The Spirit can transform our lives into the likeness of Jesus and give gifts to equip our witness. Although the disciples' experience of this power was overwhelming, it was essentially an encounter with God's love. For us, this can be equally emotional or quiet, but all of us are included, and nobody is excluded from this experience.

God's Purpose:

The disciples 'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (*4*). The Spirit empowered their witness, so that everyone heard them speaking in their own 'native language' (*lit: dialect, v8*). We all have a story to tell of God's activity in our lives, and the Spirit will translate our words and actions into a language that those around can understand! At Pentecost, 3000 people were added to the Church in one day! What do we expect of the Spirit in our day?

The Day of Pentecost is Sunday 24th May and, as ever, all are welcome at our services on that day to join us in celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit (details overleaf)

Services in May 2026

Sunday 3rd May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Acts 7: 55 - 60; John 14: 1 - 14

10.30am

Morning Praise

Acts 7: 55 - 60; John 14: 1 - 14

6.00pm

Open to God

A service of evening prayer and quiet reflection to end the day.

Sunday 10th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am HC [BCP]

Holy Communion [BCP]

Acts 17: 22 - 31; John 14: 15 - 21

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

Acts 17: 22 - 31; John 14: 15 - 21

Thursday 14th May

ASCENSION DAY

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

A short said service to celebrate Jesus' Ascension

Sunday 17th May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Acts 1: 6 - 14; John 17: 1 - 11

10.30am

Morning Praise

Acts 1: 6 - 14; John 17: 1 - 11



Sunday 24th May

DAY OF PENTECOST

9.00am

Acts 2: 1 - 21; John 20: 19 - 23

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

Acts 2: 1 - 21; John 20: 19 - 23

Holy Communion [CW]

with prayer for healing and wholeness

Sunday 31st May

TRINITY SUNDAY

9.00am

2 Corinthians 13: 11-14;

Holy Communion [BCP]

Matthew 28: 16-20

10.30am

2 Corinthians 13: 11-14;

Morning Praise

Matthew 28: 16-20

The 10.30 a.m. Sunday services are streamed on zoom. If you would like an invitation to join please contact Nigel or Sue (nigel@ardinglychurch.net or emails4sue@gmail.com)

NOTICEBOARD for May

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 4th and 18th May from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



APCM

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

Ardingly Film Night

Thursday 28th May in Hapstead Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm
Tickets available from the Village Shop, Fellows Bakery and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Ardingly Evening W.I.

21st May, 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall
Speaker Jo Burdett
"What is the Crown Prosecution Service?"

Hapstead Jam Tarts WI

20th May, 10.00 am in Hapstead Hall
"Gravetye Manor. The Gardens" with Fiona Robertson

Ardingly Parish Council Annual Meeting: 20th May (new date)

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who donated money for lilies and other flowers at Easter in memory of loved ones. It was lovely to be able to decorate the church with so many flowers. Thank you.
Belinda MacLean



**“Speaking Up for Creation”
Chichester Diocese Environment Day**

**Saturday 16 May 2026 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, St Peter’s Church
and Centre, Church St, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 2HE.**

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXVQ>

Using Our Voices for Creation, led by Polly Eaton, Eco Diocese
Officer, Eco Church, A Rocha UK.
Many more details on the link above.

ARDINGLY VILLAGE LUNCH



£9.00

Hapstead Hall, May 13th

12:00 for 12:30

**Tickets available from Ardingly Village
News (The Old Post Office)**



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

St. Mary Goretti Secondary School Girls' dormitories

There were great celebrations in the school as the girls moved from their cramped temporary accommodation into their own spacious dormitories towards the end of last year. The matron has her own room in the building



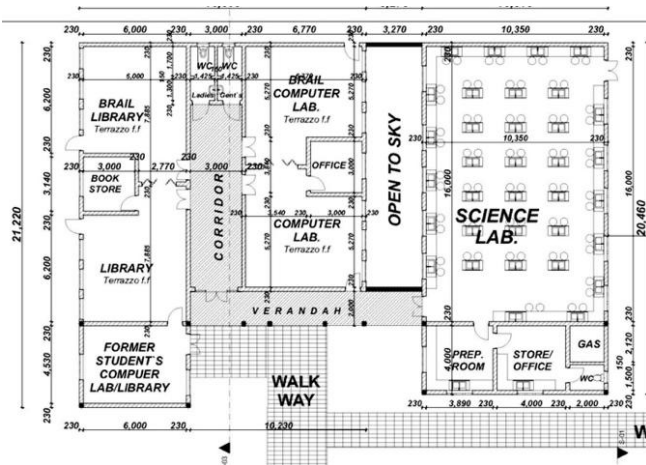
with the sick bay just across the corridor from her.

Gradually the school is growing with new buildings and new students.

Library/computer rooms

Very soon work will begin on the library and computer

rooms. The library will have a section for braille books and we will build up the number of computers with JAWS screen reader for the blind students.



We are very aware that once the blind children leave the school many will have very limited access to braille books and assistive technology. Attached to the main library will be a room that they can use should they wish to continue to make use of the school's facilities.

School fees grants

The school must charge fees in order to meet its running costs and the payment of teachers. **It is always so sad to hear of the struggle to send their children to school that so many families face.** Most are peasant farmers who are likely to earn under £50 a month and less if the crops fail. Add to this the struggles of widows and one parent families. This term we have awarded 8 new school fees grants for children whose families could not pay the fees. With this help only 6 of them were in school by April, some with very few of the scholastic materials and boarding requirements they are expected to bring.

We have been supporting Sarah for 2 years. She is blind and from a family of 9 children, 4 of whom are blind. Her blind brothers **Lazaro and Job** were due to start secondary school, and we agreed to pay their school fees, but they remained at home. The oldest blind brother dropped out of school some years ago with no hope of a bright future and likely to be shunned by the community, and now the same could happen to the 2 younger boys. Why? Their father, a peasant farmer, said he could not afford the 2 metal boxes they needed for their clothes etc. (£44), the mattresses they must bring for their beds (£66) (children from the poorest families sleep on straw mats at home), 2 sets of uniform (£108), basic scholastic and boarding requirements



for the rest of the term (£66). He would try to send the boys next term, but how could he on less than £50 a month? I agreed with Kevin who runs our work in Uganda that we must get the

boys into school. We must pay whatever is needed for the rest of this term and, bless her, she had them in school the next day. There was no braille teaching in their rural primary school but now they will learn braille and a world of possibilities will open up for them.

Thank you to all our supporters who make this work possible. You are changing lives. God bless you.

To learn more visit our website www.imara-ugandaeducationfund.org

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION

We have recently received two items of good news from the Clinic.

Firstly, the large consignment of equipment that we sourced from the U.K. and shipped to The Gambia has now been cleared through Customs and received on site.



Cherno's message to us reads:

I am delighted to share the exciting news that all the medical equipment has been successfully cleared and received in excellent condition.

The items received include:

- *1 x Resuscitation Platform*
- *1 x Suction Pump*
- *1 x Ventouse Unit*
- *1 x Examination Lamp*
- *2 x Kick Buckets*
- *1 x Defibrillator*

This achievement marks a significant milestone for Ardingly Old Jeshwang Health Centre. The arrival of these essential medical devices will greatly enhance our capacity to deliver safe, timely, and high-quality care—particularly in maternal, neonatal, and emergency services. The resuscitation platform and suction pump will strengthen our ability to respond effectively to newborn and critical cases, while the ventouse unit will support assisted deliveries, reducing complications during childbirth. The defibrillator significantly boosts our emergency response capability, potentially saving lives in acute cardiac situations. Altogether, these additions will directly contribute to improved patient outcomes and reinforce community trust in our services.

The entire staff is extremely excited and motivated by this development.

There is a renewed sense of pride and commitment across the team as we continue to advance towards our vision of transforming the facility into a fully functional hospital.

On behalf of the management and staff, I extend our deepest appreciation for your outstanding leadership and unwavering support. This progress is a direct result of the ongoing commitment of the Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association UK.



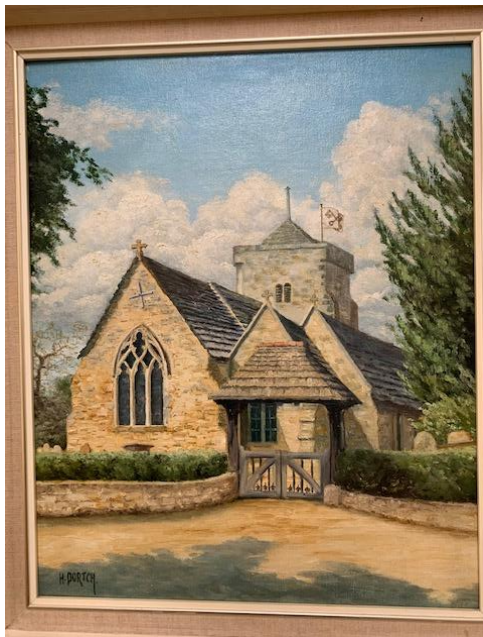
Secondly, the roof sheets (which, since finding ones available within Africa to match those on the existing building had proved impossible) eventually had to be sourced from the original UK-based supplier and these too are now on site meaning that the remaining building work can now proceed apace.

Lynn Wilson

HENRY PORTCH

My family home, and where I spent the first 13 years of my life, was in Burstow, near Horley. My sisters and I knew the Portch family children, who were neighbours - largely because they went to the same schools and also we would meet up at village functions, like Bonfire Night. However, they moved from Burstow before we did (we moved to Charlwood) and although we were not that close that we kept in touch, I did recall they moved to Ardingly (but had no idea at that age where Ardingly was!)

It was only very many years ago, when we were moving here, that I mentioned the Portch name and, although by then they had moved away (avoiding me?), locals remembered them, that they lived in Fairfield Close in Street Lane and, in particular, that the father, Henry, was an amateur artist.



It was a surprise one day to discover one of his paintings (of St. Peter's Church) in the Church Centre and also a memorial park bench in his name overlooking the tennis courts. (It has since been removed, having become unusable with age.)



I resolved to take photos and then see if I could track down his family who might be interested. I was successful, sent them copies, and later - as it transpired that their daughter Hazel lives close to our Jenny - Pat and I visited.

Recently I discovered another painting, this time in the Reading Room in Hapstead Hall and again I sent a photo of it to Hazel, who did not recognise it and assumes it was painted after she herself left home.



It occurs to me that there may be others in or around Ardingly and, if so, I would like to pass on copies of these to the family - not that they are anxious to have them but because they are understandably curious to see some of his work still in use here.

Lynn Wilson

ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our Spring Term seemed to be going so quickly - and then it was gone! There is always so much to do at school and of course we had holidays too!

Before our Easter holidays, the whole school attended St Peter's Church for our Easter service.

Parents, carers and grandparents had the opportunity to attend the service and hear from the children about some of the work we have been doing through the term.



Our Summer Term has started with a vengeance! The sporting prowess of our pupils will be put to the test this term. Of course we will have our own school sports day in the middle of June but, before that, we have athletics (for y3), tennis and football festivals (yrs 4 & 5), bikeability for y6. Plenty of ways of keeping fit and enjoying ourselves!!

Our y4 pupils have the excitement of an overnight camping experience to look forward to. In June, they will be camping in the grounds of our partner school, St Giles, Horsted Keynes. Together with y4 pupils from St Giles, they will spend the night under canvas and get the opportunity to build friendships, enjoy games together and develop confidence. Being part of the Bright Futures Federation has meant that we are able to offer the children this opportunity.



Of course, there is so much learning to participate in, so much information to share with our families, so much to do.... Where on earth will we find the time!!!

Spring has sprung, and with it, pretty petals of blossom have turned our trees into clouds of pink and white. But did you know the difference between flowers and blossom?

Essentially blossoms are flowers, but the difference botanically is that blossoms refer specifically to the flowers of fruiting trees.

(plantlife.org.uk)

Thy Kingdom Come 14th – 24th May

Once again we are all encouraged to participate in *Thy Kingdom Come* - a global wave of prayer supported by members of the Anglican, Methodist, Catholic, Orthodox and Pentecostal churches.



It began in May 2016 and has grown into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions. It runs from Ascension to Pentecost each year and aims to see the whole family of God joining together to pray for the Holy Spirit to help them as witnesses to Jesus Christ and to play a part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities and see more people come to know Jesus.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, says "To pray is to share every part of yourself and your life with God. To pray together is to share our lives with God and in the work of God; moving closer to God, to each other and the world. Let us pray together Thy Kingdom Come".

You can read more on the website: www.thykingdomcome.global

St Peters Ardingly is open every day. You are most welcome to come along and pray.

Local Garden open for charity on 3rd and 4th May 47 Denman's Lane, Lindfield

This beautiful and tranquil 1 acre garden was described by Sussex Life as 'a garden where plants star'. Created by the owners, Sue and Jim Stockwell, over the past 20 yrs, it is planted for interest throughout the year. Spring bulbs are followed by azaleas, rhododendrons, roses, and herbaceous perennials. The garden also has ponds, vegetable and fruit gardens. An extensive choice of plants and home-made jams are for sale.

The garden is open from 11am to 4pm and admission is £7 for adults and free for children. Proceeds go to support National Garden Scheme charities.

RECYCLE TUBES AND TOOTHPASTE

Things are changing quickly in the recycling world, and in 2023 we could recycle **toothpaste tubes** in Lindfield. Now we can put them in our blue bins, together with tubes of **hand/foot cream** and other **cosmetic tubes**. They should be as empty as possible, have their lids on, and not be cut in half. [Decorating material tubes *cannot* be recycled because the contents will set hard and contaminate the other plastics.]

Clean **medicine bottles** and **foil blister packs** of tablets can also be recycled in our blue bins, provided that they are clean and empty. Plastic blister packs should be placed in our black bins.



(source: WSCC website)

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

LINDFIELD

Saturday 2nd May

10am - 1pm

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

REPAIR CAFE

FOREST ROW - Saturday 16th May

10am - 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

EAST GRINSTEAD - Saturday 9th May

10am - 1.00pm

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

ECO FLOWER ARRANGING



The General Synod recently backed a Diocesan Synod Motion from the Diocese of Worcester encouraging churches and cathedrals to explore ways of arranging flowers that are both beautiful and environmentally responsible.

The Sustainable Church Flowers movement began as a grassroots initiative in the small rural parish of Harpley, Worcestershire, when volunteers started exploring how traditional flower-arranging methods could reflect the Church's commitment to caring for creation. It has since grown into a national and ecumenical network offering practical support to parishes, arrangers and clergy.

It encourages churches, wherever possible, to consider using seasonal, locally sourced flowers and foliage, and to phase out single use floral foam – a 1950's era plastic product which cannot be recycled or composted, sheds micro-particles when handled, and contains the equivalent of up to ten carrier bags' worth of plastic per block. The Royal Horticultural Society has already prohibited floral foam at its shows, including Chelsea, since 2021.

The motion highlights long-established alternatives such as reusable vessels, twigs, moss, chicken wire, and metal "frogs", which for centuries enabled churches to create arrangements without single use plastics. It also celebrates the creativity of volunteers and the opportunity to support local growers and community gardens.

The flower team at St Peter's Ardingly have already stopped buying single-use floral foam and now use chicken wire in their floral decorations. If anyone has any ceramic or pottery oval/shell shaped pedestal vases they no longer use we would love to hear from you. We are looking for some for the church flower arrangements.



Belinda Maclean



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to begin this month's update with a heartfelt thank you to Rev. Crutchley and Sally, who will soon be retiring. Their dedication, care, and countless contributions to village life over the years have made a lasting impact on our community. We are extremely grateful for all they have done and wish them both a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Please note that the date of the **Annual Parish Meeting** has been revised and will now take place on **20th May at Hapstead Hall**. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and presentations from the Parish Council and local speakers will be made starting at 7 pm. We warmly encourage everyone to attend. It is a great opportunity to hear about the Parish Council's priorities for the coming year, as well as to reflect on the achievements and progress made over the past 12 months.

We currently have an allotment available. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

We are also delighted to share that the new swings and climbing frame have now been successfully installed. These were made possible thanks to the hard work and generosity of the Ardingly Rambling Dads, and they are already being enjoyed by local families. Our sincere thanks go to all involved.

To further encourage use of the playground, the multi-sport courts are currently being left open. A booking system is available via our website www.ardingly.org, where you can register to reserve the space, although informal use is also very welcome. We hope this approach will increase access and enjoyment, particularly in the warmer weather, and encourage everyone to get outside and stay active.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that work will soon begin on Hapstead Garden. We look forward to seeing this project take shape and to sharing updates in the coming months.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Margaret Meldrum (Chair)



ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER

The Ardingly Connected Together team has had a busy time over the Easter holiday period. We were able to distribute hot cross buns to older village residents living on their own. We are grateful for the help given to us by Fellows bakery.



On Easter Sunday, the sun shone again!! (Well, most of the time!) We were delighted to organise the Easter Egg Hunt. So many of the village families joined us, collected the map and went hunting for tokens we'd previously distributed all around our lovely village. Bringing back the tokens to Hapstead Hall meant that participants could claim chocolate eggs - what's not to like?! Suffice to say we had about 350 eggs to give away....(and some sweets, if that wasn't enough!) Thank you to Kim from the Old Post Office and, of course, Matvii and Jack for the help and support.

Now we are planning ahead for Village Day - get the date in your diaries (July 11th). We have lots of ideas and we're working hard to make sure we all have another fun day. What with quiz nights and Bingo in the offing too, the ACT team is being kept very busy!

*A big **THANK YOU** to the ACTS group and Primary School children for the surprise gifts to some 'single and senior' members of the community, of hot cross buns on Good Friday, accompanied by delightful cards created by the Primary School children! They were a very enjoyable and very thoughtful treat! And a big thank you for all that ACTS does to enliven and brighten up village life for us all.*

FSW update for April

Dear Friends,

As we look ahead, we remain mindful of the challenges many are facing. Rising fuel costs and global events continue to put pressure on household budgets. We are grateful that, despite this, our income remains stable. Your generosity continues to shine, with Easter eggs in April, books for World Book Day and Mothering Sunday gifts in March. Thank you for everything you do.



Jane, a single mother of three, was referred to Family Support Work following domestic abuse and separation from her partner. She faced significant challenges, including debt, poor mental and physical health, housing difficulties, and supporting her children's additional needs. Over the past year, we have provided intensive support, helping Jane stabilise her finances, access benefits, manage debt, and navigate essential services. We also supported her through a move to safer, more suitable housing, providing practical help to set up a stable home for her family.

Alongside this, we have offered ongoing emotional and safeguarding support, particularly around difficult contact arrangements with the children's father, including involvement with Children's Services and family court. We have also worked with Jane to build her confidence and independence, supporting her access to therapy, strengthening her parenting, and helping her take steps towards future employment. While challenges remain, Jane is now more confident, better supported, and increasingly able to advocate for herself and her children thanks to FSW and the practitioner who has worked closely with her.

Hannah Rothwell
Digital Communications and Fundraising, FSW

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

A man burst into a flower shop and urgently demanded two pink potted geraniums. The assistant explained that they did not have any, but could offer him African violets instead. "No," said the man sadly. "It was geraniums that my wife told me to water while she was away."



Three elderly golfers, all hard of hearing, were playing a round one sunny spring morning. The first observed, "Windy, isn't it?" "No", the second one said, "It's Thursday." The third one agreed: "So am I! Let's go and get a pint."

My decision-making skills closely resemble that of a squirrel crossing the street.

One Sunday morning when my son, David, was about 5, we were attending church. It was common for the minister 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 son immediately raised his hand and said, "It means Daddy's cooking dinner."

A mostly-bald man went to his barber, who had a lush head of wavy hair. He said, "If you could make my head look like yours, I'd give you £5000!" The barber promptly started shaving his own head.



Parish Register

There are no entries in the parish register this month.

God's Spirit,
present from the beginning of
beginnings,
present in the message of the prophets,
present in provision for His people,
present in the life and words of Jesus,
present in the Cross and crucifixion,
present in the lives of the apostles,
present in the church that He empowers.
God's Spirit,
the presence of God in hearts and lives!



(from faithandworship.com)

Meeting Point Rota

4th May : Belinda, Alison, Sue

18th May : Jill, the Ruses and Dilys

Flower Rota

1st May – Pat and Sheila

15th May – All available flower arrangers
please (wedding)

29th May - Belinda



Next Brass Cleaning:

9th May: John Witherington and Caroline Rich

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)

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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 MAY 2026



"It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you." (Jeremiah 32 v 17)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley, preparing for retirement
- 2 Pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East
- 3** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 4 Pre-School and those who lead it
- 5 Andreas and Bambi and the believers in South East Asia
- 6 The NHS. Pray for an end to doctors' strikes
- 7 Local elections taking place today
- 8 Refugees and migrants, in this country and abroad
- 9 The unemployment situation, especially for young people
- 10** Our services today. Pray for all who lead worship
- 11 Christian Aid Week. Pray for the work of this charity
- 12 All who serve on the PCC. The Annual Church Meeting tonight
- 13 The Village Lunch team and all who attend
- 14 **Ascension Day**. Praise God for his salvation plan
- 15 "Thy Kingdom Come". May many commit to praying for this
- 16 The wedding taking place at St Peter's today
- 17** Our services today. Also, Christian TV & radio programmes
- 18 Children who are taking exams this month and next
- 19 Samara's Aid and its work in Syria. Pray for protection and encouragement
- 20 All who have special needs and/or poor mental health
- 21 Our Prime Minister and government and those who advise them
- 22 15th anniversary of the Iraq war. Pray for soldiers who are suffering from PTSD and other effects of war
- 23 Milan & Shusma and the work of the Aanandit Church in Nepal
- 24 Pentecost Sunday**. Thank God for leaving us His Holy Spirit
- 25 Young people in this country and the many pressures they face
- 26 Church finances, especially at St Peter's
- 27 Christians in the arts, sport and the music world
- 28 Our churchwardens, John & Nigel, preparing for the interregnum
- 29 All who deliver aid and medical help to those in need
- 30 The UK housing situation and all who help homeless people
- 31** Our worship today. Praise God and pray for his kingdom to grow

Deadline for copy for the June magazine is Friday 15th May