

St. Peter's Ardingly

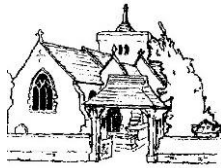
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

For many people nowadays life is full, frantic, and lived at an extraordinary pace. And not just those with demanding jobs, young family to care for or a range of hobbies and activities. I'm told that life can be busier than ever following retirement!



So, we would all do well just occasionally to stop and to live the actual moment and to remember as the Bible teaches us that: *"there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."* [Ecclesiastes 3:1] These words remind us that it is God who has appointed the times and seasons, the events of our lives, the happy and the sad, the easy and the difficult. And so, these are words that ought to bring us hope. Because they remind us that God is in control and that we therefore need to make the best of everything that is happening right now.

Sometimes we may wonder about that! Sometimes it is easy to doubt that God does have it all together when we look at what is going on in the world or when our own life seems to have descended into chaos. Sometimes it can look as though God is not doing all that well at all. But the Easter message that we have just been celebrating reminds us that God does have everything under control and that He *has* a purpose in everything that he does. Sometimes we may have a tough time understanding what that purpose is. But as the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans: *"...we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."* [Romans 8: 28]

The secret is to discover, accept and appreciate God's perfect timing and to remember too, that we live in a world of change. The evidence of change is all around us. Spring becomes summer. Summer will give way to the autumn and then autumn in its turn will give way to the winter. But in all that change we can still hold on to the knowledge that God is in control and that change may be incredibly good indeed. Change helps us to learn and to adapt and to grow inside.

And change can stretch us and challenge us by causing us to grow through the trials and tribulations of life. Change can also keep us from getting bored. Are you the same person that you were ten years ago, or five years ago, or even one year ago?

The one constant of course, is the one who is in control of everything. God does not change. And that means that we can count on him always to be there and to do the right thing: *"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."* [Ecclesiastes 3:11] God has set everything for its time so we should take the time to enjoy ourselves and make the best of each event and of each season of change.

Enjoy all that you have and always hold on in trust to every moment, trusting to God who is in control. Hold on to the one who loves us and who promises that where we trust in him, he will provide for all our needs.

With my prayers and best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'John'.

Services in June 2026

Sunday 7th June

The First Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Romans 4: 13-25; Matthew 9: 9-13 and 18-26

10.30am

Morning Praise

Romans 4: 13 - 25; Matthew 9: 9-13 and 18-26

6.00pm

Open to God

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

Sunday 14th June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Romans 5: 1 - 8; Matthew 9: 35 - 10:8

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

Romans 5: 1 - 8; Matthew 9: 35 - 10:8

Sunday 21st June

The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Romans 6: 1b - 11; Matthew 10: 24 - 39

10.30am

Morning Praise

Romans 6: 1b - 11; Matthew 10: 24 - 39

Sunday 28th June

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Ephesians 3: 14-21; Matthew 10: 40-42

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

With prayer for healing and wholeness

Ephesians 3: 14-21; Matthew 10: 40-42

NOTICEBOARD for June

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 1st, 15th and 29th June from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



Ardingly Film Night

Thursday 28th May – *H is for Hawk*

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

There will now be no screening on 25th June as cinemobile are taking a break then. The next film night will be on Thursday 24th September.

Ardingly Evening W.I.

18th June, 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall

Speaker : Wendy Agate

“St Peter & St James Hospice”

Hapstead Jam Tarts WI

17th June, 10.00 am in Hapstead Hall with Katie Wellman.

Katie is a professional Organiser and Declutterer from Horsham. Her work revolves around bringing a sense of calm to your life and sending items you can no longer use to local charities who can. Contact Fiona on 07513411893 or via email hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk for more details.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS 2026

This year the festival is celebrating its 30th anniversary, with the theme "Nature's Embrace" and is a 4 day spectacular, running from **3–6 June 2026**. Designed by Caroline Daines of Nordic Twigs, this biennial event will transform the cathedral with over 66 floral arrangements using 50,000 blooms. It will also feature an artisan market in the cloisters, and the return of the Festival Plant Market. The Festival will also see the return of celebrated sculptor Philip Jackson, who will be presenting an exhibition of sculptures exclusively for ticketholders. **Tickets cost £21.00 per person in advance or £25.00 on the door.** To book, visit <https://www.ticketsource.com/chichestercathedralrestorationanddevelopmenttrust/chichester-cathedral-festival-of-flowers-2026/e-pbppv>



This photo was taken by Sue in 2024

HEATHER JOHNSTONE NEWS April 2026

(received mid-May)



Dear friends,

I am pleased to report that my home assignment in the UK at the end of 2025 was both encouraging and productive. I returned to Tanzania on 14 January 2026. My departure at the end of October 2025 had been marked by hasty and disjointed goodbyes, as the post-election unrest made it impossible to bid farewell to

the Rehema women properly. To my surprise and delight, they transformed that missed farewell into a joyful “welcome home” celebration at my house – organised within less than 24 hours of my arrival in Musoma. Though I wasn’t sure I was ready for such exuberance after long flights and road travel, the day turned out to be a wonderful, spirited gathering. The laughter, songs and shared meal reminded me of the strength of community and the joy of reunion. The very next morning, however, reality came rushing back. Work resumed at full speed, and life has been non-stop ever since. Yet the memory of that heartfelt welcome continues to carry me through the busyness, a reminder of the bonds that make this place home.

We were blessed to have a team of five gap year students from the UK support Rehema Café four times a week for almost three months from January to April. The team from Christian charity Go Make a Difference in Tanzania were lovely and really bonded well with the Rehema ladies. They had a lot of fun together and the team were invited to share a fabulous meal at our cook’s home on Easter Sunday, which they thoroughly enjoyed. We were sad to see them leave on Easter Monday.

On Easter Sunday I worshipped at the Anglican Cathedral in Musoma, which is located right next door to Rehema Café. The Service was not only a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ but also marked a significant milestone in the life of my friend and colleague, Rev Martha Obura, as she was installed as canon by Bishop George. Martha’s journey is a powerful testimony of resilience, faith and God’s grace. Martha is a remarkable woman.

At the age of four, she was hospitalised with polio, an affliction that left lasting consequences. Her education was disrupted and she was advised against marriage, being told she would be a burden. Yet Martha's faith never wavered. She married, raised three children, fostered one, and pursued theological studies, eventually becoming ordained. Today she serves as the secretary of the Mothers' Union in Mara, playing a vital role in supporting and empowering women within the community. Her leadership and dedication



exemplify faith in action, fostering unity and resilience among members. Through her work, she continues to inspire positive change and strengthen the bonds of fellowship in Mara. Her work and mission are very much aligned with what we try to achieve with the Rehema Project. Martha attributes her achievements to the truth found in John 9:3: "that the works of God might be displayed in her life." This conviction has guided her through challenges, enabling her to trust in God's provision and strength. Her installation as canon on Easter Sunday is not only a personal triumph but also a symbol of hope and renewal for the wider community. Martha's life is a witness to God's grace, inspiring others to see his works revealed in every circumstance.

Another pastor friend of mine, Pastor Nahum, who lives in the village of Nyambeshi, asked me to visit him and his elderly mother Margreth at their small, rented home last weekend so that we could pray for her health. She is very unwell, is unable to do much more than just lie on a mattress on the ground all day and all night. I was very happy to pray for her but also recognised that she might need some medical intervention or at least a diagnosis, so suggested that Nahum take her to the hospital for an assessment and we would support the visit through our Assistance Programme. The diagnosis is that she has permanent liver damage. The prognosis is not good, but they advised on nutrition and gave her various vitamins and other treatment for the liver to recover at least a bit.

In my last link letter I wrote about Mariam, a young girl who has sickle cell anaemia. Mariam has unfortunately been poorly for much of this year, but thanks to the generosity of supporters we are able to support her medical expenses through our Assistance Programme. Praise the Lord, she was well enough to visit us the week before Easter.

My work and residence permits expire on 23 May 2026, and I have started the process of applying for a two-year renewal. The application process has been beset with technical difficulties, including the Labour and Immigration Department's online portals being down for almost a month, but please do pray that these permits are approved without any further problems.



May God bless you all.
Heather

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

LINDFIELD

Saturday 6th June

10am - 1pm

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

EAST GRINSTEAD – Saturday 13th June

10am – 1.00pm

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

FOREST ROW - Saturday 20th June

10am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

PICTURES: *Just a reminder that most pictures in the magazine are in colour but printed in black and white. To see them in colour, go to the magazine on our website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk*

IMARA: MAKING ECO-PAVERS IN UGANDA

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING AT ST. MARY GORETTI INCLUSIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL, NGETTA

We nurture students to be thinkers, creators, and problem-solvers with real employability skills. This term, students with and without disabilities co-lead the design, production, and construction of the main



walkway and eco-pavers in the school compound using recycled polythene bags, clay soil, and cement - cutting costs and reducing plastic waste.

Students worked happily in teams and groups, gaining employability skills in construction while protecting the environment by turning waste and locally available materials into solutions.

Clay soil was collected from a nearby well about 500 meters from the school. Most shops pack goods in polythene bags, so the students collected used bags and filled them with a clay mix made of sand, some cement and water. They then hand-shaped the bags to make eco-pavers and create a walkway.

Inclusive Project Work is one of the essential subjects offered at our school, where students co-lead projects in farming - growing food crops like vegetables, potatoes, and maize for their diet — as well as painting, fashion and design, innovation, and carpentry DIY projects. For this particular project each student was awarded 20% of the marks toward their end-of-term project work total.



Kevin , Ugandan team leader

NEWS FROM SAMARA'S AID

EASTER FOR SYRIAN CHRISTIANS

This is the first year that we didn't host any significant Easter celebrations in Syria. The situation there is so incredibly difficult for Christians, as well as other minority groups. The fear our Christian brothers and sisters are living under is oppressive. Please pray.

THE NEEDS

Our work in Syria is needed more than ever. So many people are hungry - really hungry - across the country. Too many have no means of income or have such menial, low paid work, while the costs of living have multiplied repeatedly and continue to increase. We have recently been forced to give all of our staff in Syria a pay rise to ensure they are able to cover their living costs.

THE FOOD IN OUR CENTRES

We now have four centres providing a cooked meal and education for some of the most vulnerable children in the country - in the world - each day. Many of those children come simply to eat, because they won't get a meal at home. While I was in Syria recently we had discussions about the food our teams are providing at each centre. I realised that over time, with the rising costs, our cooks were scaling back on meat which is more expensive as they were worried about the overall spend on food and monthly costs. We agreed to significantly increase the amount of meat being cooked for the children in every centre. Many of the children miss meals, and some don't even eat every day. We focus on chicken as it is the most acceptable to the largest number of children and they all like it. It's also the best value for money, approximately a third of the price of beef. We have now set a standard that each centre should cook chicken three times every week, and we have set a minimum amount per child, and they will alternate the days so that children who don't come every day don't miss out. On other days, as they have been doing until now, the teams will continue to cook other protein-rich dishes with lots of beans and pulses which are very popular in Syrian cooking.

MOUNTAIN OUTREACH CENTRE

Our new mountain outreach centre is quite a phenomenon, bearing in mind it is one of our smallest buildings. In this centre we have the largest number of children (150) for the size of the building compared with other centres. The children have to come on alternate days as we have twice as many children as the space can accommodate.

And this is only the children aged 6-12. We have the same number of secondary aged children who want to come but we can't accommodate them as well in this small building.



Next to our little building is another small, unfinished building which was built by and for this community. It is currently just exposed breeze blocks with no windows, running water or electricity - it looks like a building site - yet it has been used as a primitive "village hall" for small gatherings like funerals over the years, just as it is. We have taken ownership of it and plan

to finish the floor of the building so that we can have a functional space soon to bring more children. We then plan to build two additional floors behind and above our existing first building. This will enable us to serve up to 300 children of all ages each week at this centre

NEW DESERT CENTRE



Education alone is insufficient to draw children in when they are chronically hungry. When they are so poor that they don't know where their next meal is coming from, when they go to sleep with the pain of hunger in their tummies, they cannot concentrate

on learning. Education seems like a luxury belonging to a different world when what you need most is a satisfying meal to fill your tummy. This new centre is tiny but it is already completely full each day. We are discussing the possibility of building more usable space to accommodate more children there, but haven't decided anything yet. The needs there are overwhelming.

Samara Levy

ST PETER'S C.E. SCHOOL



It's hard to believe that we are already heading towards the final half term of the academic year. Soon we'll be preparing for transitions for our pupils - our current year 6 will be moving to secondary education, our year 2 pupils to Key Stage 2 and, of course, we will be welcoming our new pupils into reception. All very exciting, but before we get there, there is a lot to do.



SATs have an important part to play in this term. Fortunately, the children greet these government-imposed tests with acceptance and only a little concern. This is undoubtedly helped by all having breakfast together each of the four mornings of SATs!! The staff demonstrate a truly incredible level of care and understanding, helping everyone to settle down and take these tests in their stride. Naturally, four days of doing tests merit a relaxing time to follow - paddle-boarding definitely fits the bill for the last day of the week!

While all this is going on, children in year 4 are getting ready for their overnight camping experience in June. They will all be spending the night under canvas, meeting new friends in year 4 at St Giles School, sitting round camp fires, playing games and generally having fun.



Talking about having fun, we mustn't forget that pupils in Key Stage 1 will all be enjoying The Paddington Experience in June - I wonder if they are off to Peru?? If they are, they had better be back for Sports Day AND the school fete!

Kathy James

FSW UPDATE for April 2026

Dear Friends,



April has been a busy and uplifting month for FSW, our supporters, volunteers, and families alike. We began the month with Easter activities, bringing families together for connection and enjoyment. Our Dalesdown weekend was another highlight, with many families coming along to enjoy a restful and fun time together, supported by our dedicated practitioners and volunteers.

The Bluebell Walk was a wonderful success, welcoming hundreds of visitors. We are so grateful to the many volunteers and staff who worked together to support the event, as well as those who came along and helped raise valuable funds through the café for FSW families. We were also delighted to celebrate a special milestone as Elaine, Director of Services, marked her 20th work anniversary at FSW, an incredible achievement and a testament to her commitment!

A family we support, who fled their home country, have been working closely with our practitioner Becky over the past six months as they begin to rebuild their lives. Following a recent move into an empty property, they were left without essential items. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and funders, we have been able to provide key household goods, helping to turn their house into a home.

The family continue to face significant challenges. English is their second language, and the mother is experiencing anxiety, low mood, and isolation. The father is also managing ongoing health concerns, including chronic back pain and a suspected stroke. Their youngest child has a heart condition, adding further worry for the family. With very limited finances, this support has been vital in improving their wellbeing and sense of security, and they are extremely grateful for all the support FSW has been able to give them. Your support is making a real difference as this family works towards a more stable future.

Hannah Rothwall
Digital Communications and Fundraising

Report on the proceedings of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) were held on Tuesday 12 May. The meeting was attended by 16 parishioners who came to the Church Centre to help complete the business of the parish and to hear a report on the activities during 2025.

A summary of the evening's business is given below and the APCM pack containing the Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 along with other reports on the year's activities can be found on the church's web site www.ardinglychurch.org.uk.

At the APM, Nigel Cheater and John Witherington were re-elected as Church Wardens. Nigel and John were thanked for all that they do for St. Peter's.

At the APCM thanks were given to all who serve to help make the Church run smoothly.

The following were elected for a three-year term to serve on the PCC:

- Deb Ruse
- Gina Paul
- Jill O'Mant
- Adele Collins
- Lynn Wilson

The following were elected for a three-year term to serve as Lay Representatives of the Deanery Synod and as ex-officio members of the PCC:

- Mervyn James
- Jill Veasey

Jane Taylor Cheater was re-appointed as Secretary to the PCC.

Sally was thanked for her hard work in applying for grants for the maintenance and repair of the church building.

The Sides persons and welcomers were thanked for their important and valuable role both over the past year and to those who have agreed to continue in this role.

A reminder was given that Safeguarding was everyone's concern. Safeguarding awareness courses are available online at <https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/trainingintroduction/> , are available to all and are worth completing.

Thanks were given to John for his many years of service, inspiration and organisation at St. Peter's.

Jane Taylor Cheater
Secretary to the PCC

"It would take more faith for me to believe that Christ didn't rise bodily, than that He did. There would then be too many unanswered questions in the other direction. Billy Graham

Another Recycling Tip ...

Volunteer Advanced Waste Prevention Advisor with WSCC, Colin McFarlin, says that wine corks which are made from cork can be recycled because they are made from the bark of the cork oak tree. Synthetic corks, however, cannot be recycled and need to be put in our black bins.



'Real' corks can be taken to Majestic Wine, Unit 1, Majestic, 1 Clair Road, Haywards Heath as this company is hosting the UK's first ever cork harvest. The corks will be used to enrich soils and protect roots.

Corks can also be put in our home compost bins or chopped into small pieces and used as a mulch on plants.



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

At our Annual Village Meeting we presented the Ardingly Parish Council Community Award. The nominations, together with details of this year's winner, are featured on the Parish Council website at www.ardingly.org. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a nomination recognising individuals who have made a meaningful contribution to village life. Every nomination reflects the appreciation our community has for the time, care and effort so many people quietly give to Ardingly.

We hope these awards not only recognise and thank those who contribute to village life, but also celebrate the many different ways, both large and small, that residents help support our community. Reading through the nominations gives a fuller sense of how every contribution helps shape and strengthen village life in Ardingly.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to The National Lottery Community Fund for generously supporting the works now fully underway to create Hapstead Garden. While we appreciate that the current disruption and mess can at times be inconvenient, we are hopeful the project will be completed in the coming months.

The vision for Hapstead Garden is for it to become a welcoming community hub: a place to meet, pause and find out what is happening across the village. A new Parish Council noticeboard is currently being commissioned and will include a dedicated community space for residents and local groups to share activities, events and information.

We would also like to welcome Councillor Mel Winn, our newly elected West Sussex County Councillor representing the Reform Party. She is due to attend our Village Meeting and we very much look forward to meeting and working with her in the future.

Finally, for those unable to attend, a summary can be found on the Parish Council website, including presentations from the South of England Agricultural Society and Ardingly College, together with an introduction from Mel Winn.

As the year continues, and spring finally begins to catch up with us, we look forward to seeing these projects develop and to continuing to work together in support of Ardingly.

Margaret Meldrum (Chair)



“Finally, we’re still waiting for someone from last week’s Parent & Toddler Group to come and claim this lost property...”



AROUND THE VILLAGE

FAREWELL TO THE CRUTCHLEY FAMILY

June 28th will be a sad day for St Peter's – it will be the last Sunday when John Crutchley takes the services. He arrived in Ardingly with Sally and their 4 boys in August 2006 and has served the village faithfully, with great dedication, for 20 years. He and Sally will be sadly missed. We extend to them both our very grateful thanks for all that they have done and we wish them a long and happy retirement.

A fuller appreciation of all they have both contributed to the Parish will appear in the July/August magazine.



British Heart Foundation LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE Sunday 21st June 2026

The London to Brighton Bike Ride, from Clapham Common to Brighton Beachfront, is the oldest in Europe and seems to get bigger every year. Everyone taking part is helping to fund life-saving research into heart and circulatory diseases, and thanks to this research, deaths from these causes have halved in the last 50 years. The full route is 54 miles but this year there is an option to ride a shorter route of 20.5 miles, starting in Ardingly between 8.30 and 9.30 a.m. Coaches will be transporting people back at the end of the race and trailers will be bringing back bikes. The road from Crawley Down to Ditchling will probably be one way only, Southbound, for most of the day.



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Wakehurst Place Community Access Scheme (CAS)

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

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

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

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

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



ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE – OPEN GARDENS



Old Timbers, Westhill Drive,
Burgess Hill
Sunday 7th June 2 – 5.30 pm
£8.00 Entry. Tickets can be
purchased on the day.

Ringmer Village Trail of Open Gardens

Saturday 20th June and Sunday 21st June 2 – 5 pm
£7.00 Entry Tickets can be purchased on the day
Start at 1 Mill Gardens, Ringmer, BN8 5JD

Chestnut Farm, Nutley

Saturday 27th June
Sunday 28th June 2 – 6 pm
£8.00 Entry. Tickets can be
purchased on the day



Plumpton Village Trail of Open Gardens

Sunday 28th June 2 – 6 pm
£6.00 Entry. Tickets can be purchased on the day
Start at 23 Westgate, Plumpton, BN7 3BQ

ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

The St Catherine's Hospice Midnight Walk is returning to the streets of Horsham on Saturday 6 June 2026 from 7.30pm. Running since 2008, the Midnight Walk is St Catherine's flagship event, bringing together over 650 walkers, 140 volunteers and raising significant funds for the hospice every year. All the funds raised at this event help to provide specialist palliative and end of life care and support to people living with a terminal or life-limiting condition across West Sussex and East Surrey. More information on <https://www.stch.org.uk/news>

THE PIT

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out...

~ A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

~ An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

~ A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."

~ A mathematician came and calculated how deep the pit was.

~ A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

~ A tax man asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

~ A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."

~ A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."

~ A therapist came and said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."

~ An optimist said, "Things could be worse."

~ A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

(from mikeysfunnies.com)

Fairer World Lindfield, the village's Climate and Environment group, are holding a **Kid's Eco Fair** on **June 20th** to enable young people to engage in learning skills for their future. 9-12 noon at the Stand Up Inn. It's free for all, and all ages are welcome.



NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

There was a businesswoman who had just completed a huge development project for an seriously rich investor.



When she was leaving the investor's office he offered her diamonds, rubies and a silver-plated luxury car, but she declined.



The investor insisted, so she said that she just started to play golf and maybe a set of golf clubs would be nice.

A few weeks later she received a message from him: "So far I have bought you three golf clubs. I hope you aren't disappointed that only two of them have swimming pools."

Ask the right question!

Joan decided to redecorate. She wasn't sure how many rolls of wallpaper she would need for the bedroom but she knew that Buffy next door had recently done the same job, and the two apartments were identical in size.

"Buffy," she said, "How many rolls of wallpaper did you buy for your bedroom?"

"Ten," said Buffy.

So Joan bought the ten rolls of paper and did the job, but had 2 rolls left over.

"Buffy," she said, "I bought ten rolls of wallpaper for the bedroom, but I've got 2 left over!"

"Yes," said Buffy, "So did I."

Parish Register

There are no entries in the parish register this month.

We Thank You

Lord Jesus,
We thank you for the peace you give us
through your risen presence.
For the many blessings we receive
from your abounding mercy.
For the joys you share with us
through your unfailing love.
For the gift you bestow on us
of your everlasting friendship.
For this and so much more,
we thank you, Lord. Amen.

(from The Prayer Trust)

Meeting Point Rota

1st June – Adele, Diana and Sue
15th June – Belinda, Alison and Kathy
29th June – Jill, Deb & George and Dilys

Flower Rota

Friday 12th June – Pam and Jean
Friday 19th June – All flower arrangers please

Next Brass Cleaning:

4th July – Jill Veasey and Jill O'Mant



General Information

ANGELS & URCHINS: At St Peter's Centre on Thursdays, 9-11.00 during term time. Contact Jill Veasey (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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TRANSPORT: If you require transport to church, or if you could provide it for others, please contact Jill Veasey (373091).

PRAYER DIARY JUNE 2026

"He hears us whenever we ask him" (1 John 5 v 15)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley in their last month at St Peter's
- 2 Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.
- 3 Our Prime Minister and government
- 4 IMARA – the team and the children supported by the charity
- 5 St Peter's Primary School, Pre-School and Ardingly College
- 6 The South of England Show taking place this weekend
- 7** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 8 Those that we know who are ill or in hospital
- 9 Christians who are suffering for their faith
- 10 Our village community and businesses
- 11 Heather Johnstone and the Rehema Project in Tanzania
- 12 All young people in this country and the pressures they face
- 13 Our local hospitals and NHS staff
- 14** Our services today. Pray that God's kingdom will grow in Ardingly
- 15 Meeting Point: the team and all who attend
- 16 Immigration staff and all who seek asylum in this country
- 17 Our homegroups and their leaders
- 18 Milan & Shusma and the work of the Aanandit Church in Nepal
- 19 CPAS, training clergy, running holiday camps and supporting parishes
- 20 Safety and fun for the London-Brighton bike ride tomorrow. The Scouts, providing refreshments
- 21** Our services today. Pray for all bishops and clergy
- 22 Thank God for friends and family. Pray for those who are lonely
- 23 The Samaritans and all who help people in distress
- 24 Samara's Aid and its expanding work in Syria
- 25 International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services
- 26 Give thanks for Wakehurst and pray for all who work there
- 27 Andreas and Bambi, flying back to S.E. Asia this weekend
- 28** Our services today. Farewell to John and Sally
- 29 Our Churchwardens, Nigel and John as the interregnum begins
- 30 praise God for his faithfulness and steadfast love

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