

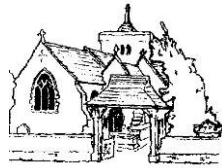
# *St. Peter's Ardingly*

**Parish Magazine**

**November 2022**



**REMEMBRANCE**



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

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

Rector	Revd John Crutchley	892332
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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 Mondays-Fridays  
from 10am to 5pm for private prayer**

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

## RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,



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

Each year we hold a service of personal remembrance, a service known as a 'Commemoration of the Faithful Departed', to use the proper church title for such a service. For me, it is a moment to stop and to remember all of those we have loved and lost and who we see no more; to give thanks for all they have meant to us and to hear afresh of God's love and strength as we continue the journey of life without them. Last year we held this service in the graveyard of the church so as to be in the place where so many memories rest, to pray in that place in a solemn moment, but also, I believe, as a time to focus on the hope of the resurrection as we gave thanks for the love and faithful testimony of those now dearly departed.

So, this year we will do the same again. Our service to remember those we have loved and lost will be held in the graveyard and will take place on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm**. As it was last year, the service will be quite short and will include a moment to name aloud those we want to remember. As I have said previously, I understand that for some this is difficult and that there may be others who cannot attend the service but who might still wish for their loved one to be remembered in this way. Either way, if you would like me to read out the name of someone dear to you, and on your behalf, please let me know and I will be pleased to do so.

Arranging an outdoor service at the beginning of November brings with it the risk that the weather may force us to adjust our plans.

But for now, those are our plans and I hope that you will join us to remember. All are very welcome.

For the last couple of years our **Annual service of Remembrance** has been held on the Recreation Ground and this year it will be so once again. This year there will be a short service and **Act of Remembrance on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, beginning at **10.45**. For the last couple of years we have been blessed at this service with sunshine and I hope (and pray!) that it will be so again this year. But whatever, it is an opportunity for us as a community to gather together in the centre of our village and to share our remembering. Please do join us.

Later, on the same day and at **5.00pm**, our evening service 'Open to God' will also have as its theme this moment of remembrance.

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

With my prayers and best wishes,



# Services in November 2022

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November                      **THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

9.00am    2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5 & 13-17;  
**Holy Communion [BCP]**                      Luke 20: 27 - 38

10.30am    2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5 & 13-17;  
**Holy Communion [CW]**                      Luke 20: 27 - 38

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

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

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November                      **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** **[The Second Sunday before Advent]**

9.00am    2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13; Luke 21: 5 - 19  
**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.45am                      **"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM" - A short service and Act of Remembrance to be held on the Recreation Ground, Ardingly.**

*'God,' says the writer of Psalm 46: 1, 'is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.' May he guide our world into lasting peace.*

5.00pm : **Open to God:** A Service of Evening Prayer at Remembrance

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November                      **CHRIST THE KING** **[The Sunday next before Advent]**

9.00am    Colossians 1: 11 - 20; Luke 23: 33 - 4  
**Morning Prayer**

10.30am    Colossians 1: 11 - 20; Luke 23: 33 - 43  
**Morning Praise**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9.00am

Jeremiah 33: 10 - 16; Matthew 24: 36 - 44

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

Jeremiah 33: 10 - 16; Matthew 24: 36 - 44

**Holy Communion [CW]**

**with prayer for healing and wholeness**

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With  
Mid Sussex Chamber Ensemble

Conductor **ROBERT HAMMERSLEY**

in aid of

**The Royal  
British Legion  
and  
Ukraine Crisis Fund**



# Remembrance Concert



Pergolesi - Magnificat  
Mozart - Coronation Mass

**Saturday 12th November 2022**

**7.30pm St Wilfrids Church, Haywards Heath**

Tickets Online - £13  
Tickets on the door - £15

[www.ardinglychoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.ardinglychoralsociety.org.uk)  
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# Peace

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month  
The guns had ceased and peace had come.  
Another war with so much loss,  
As brave men fought and victories won.

We honour those who gave their lives  
And took up arms against the foe,  
Not knowing if they would return  
But faithful to the call to go.

Battles rage throughout the earth,  
It seems that wars will never cease  
Until the day that Christ returns –  
And only then will there be peace.

The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel  
Will come to end this world of strife.  
And as He brings His kingdom in  
He'll usher in eternal life.

*By Megan Carter*



## **NOTICES**

**Meeting point Coffee Mornings** will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. All are welcome.

Belinda Maclean



### **Ardingly History Society**

At 7.45pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November in Hapstead Hall  
Mr Robin Tuppen will give a talk on  
"Sussex Trugs"

### **FILM NIGHTS**

27<sup>th</sup> October: "Elvis". 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall

Tickets are available from Fellows and Ardingly News.

### **DEANERY SYNOD MEETING**

There will be a Deanery Synod meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.45pm for 8pm at St Richard's Church, Haywards Heath. The speaker will be Rev. Andrew L Smith, DoC Generous Giving Advisor. Deanery Synod Meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

### **RIDE AND STRIDE**

This year we actually had 2 visitors to the Church during Ride and Stride and we managed to raise £180 (of which £90 will come back to St Peter's ). Our one participant raised over £100 by obtaining many sponsors and the rest of the money was raised by donations and sponsors of those manning the Church. As usual it proved to be a good opportunity to do some work outside the Church in weeding and cleaning up the paths etc. Jean Jeffery



## **CHRISTMAS VILLAGE LUNCH**

The Christmas Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please buy your ticket early to help with catering! Tickets can be purchased from Ardingly News.

## **Do you enjoy singing?**

This year at St Peter's Church we would again like to make the Carol Service (on 18th December at 6.30pm) a truly village affair, and would like to invite any singers to join our choir for the occasion. We will mostly be leading the congregation in singing well known carols, but also singing one or two items on our own. Practices will be at 7.00pm on Wednesdays in church, beginning on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, which allows enough time to learn anything new and be confident with the music.



If interested please contact Jill Veasey (892442) or Lynn Wilson (07713 324610).

## **WHEELCHAIR**

There is now a wheelchair available for borrowing free of charge and which will fit into a car. It is stored at St Peter's Church Centre, so please contact Jill Veasey or John Witherington if you'd like to borrow it (892442 or 892277)



## **Link to Hope Shoeboxes**

If there is anyone who has not yet given me their shoeboxes, could I please have them by 1<sup>st</sup> November? Please let me know if you need them collected. Thank you!

Sue Laker (892117)

## IMARA-UGANDA CRAFT SALE 20<sup>TH</sup> November



Please join the Imara-Uganda Education Fund team for mulled wine and mince pies and a sale of crafts, plants, cards and other items at St. Peter's Church Centre, Ardingly, on Sunday 20th November from 11.45 am. There will also be a raffle. The charity is raising funds for school fees for its scholarship

children in northern Uganda. Many of these children are orphans, eight have disabilities - mainly visual impairment - and all are from very poor families. Their education will open up opportunities that would never be possible without our support.

If you have any items of craft we could sell or anything for the raffle please let Belinda know on 01444 892368 but most of all just come along.

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### Music & Mince Pies

An event for the senior citizens of Ardingly with the Prep School Choir & individual & group performances

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Recital Room, Music Department,  
Ardingly College, RH17 6SQ

Transport at 10:45am from the Village Hall & Priceholme by arrangement

Please contact Debbie Nicholson for attendance & transport  
[debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com](mailto:debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com) or phone 01444 893000

Admission free

# ARDINGLY MEETS

WITH STUDENTS FROM ARDINGLY COLLEGE



Saturday 12th of November  
14:30 to 16:00 pm

Tasty treats  
Live music  
Games & Entertainment  
Pleasant conversations



## Priceholme social lounge

Munnion Road, Ardingly, RH17 6RU

For further information contact:  
[debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com](mailto:debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com)  
or phone 01444 893000

## **CMS: NEWS FROM HEATHER JOHNSTONE**

Dear all,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, after many, many months of being in limbo, my work and residence permits have been approved and are valid until May 2024. I feel like I have been asking everyone to pray for resolution to the permit situation FOREVER, and I want to thank you all so much for praying faithfully over such a long period.

The ladies are delighted that Rehema Cafe & Craft Shop is open and although the number of visitors to Musoma has decreased significantly, currently volunteers from Christian charity Go MAD in Tanzania are providing them with a steady flow of work, which is a real blessing to everyone.



This week, as I was attending to some administrative duties in the workshop, my colleague Cesi answered her phone. I heard someone say to her, "I sent you a message". I looked up from what I was doing and noticed she was reading an SMS. In astonishment I asked her if she was reading, and when she confirmed she was, I offered her my congratulations; she responded "but, Mama, you taught me". I was so thrilled because Cesi, one of our hardest workers, had been illiterate. Growing up in a village with a father who demanded she tend the land, do the household chores and look after her siblings, Cesi did not have the privilege of going to school and getting an education. A few years ago, we ran basic literacy and numeracy classes at Rehema after work. Not only did Cesi take on board what she learned, but she asked her primary school age girls to continue to teach her, and as they have advanced, so she too has flourished!

A few weeks ago, I visited my friend Agnes in one of the villages. Her daughter Rebeka was very pregnant. I asked where she was going to have the baby as she'd had difficulties with her firstborn, and she replied that she was going to have it at home because she

couldn't afford to go to the hospital. I enquired about costs and discovered the hospital charges TZS 50,000 (about £18) for the first day and TZS 25,000 for each subsequent day. One also must pay for any medicine used and even bring one's own medical supplies!

I suggested that rather than have the baby at home, it was safer to have it at the hospital and I set about trying to raise the money to cover the costs. By God's grace, and the generosity of a donor, I was successful and a few days later I popped in to see the family and took with me the contribution for the medical expenses, only to discover that Rebeka and her mum had left for the hospital 15 minutes earlier as she was in labour. They went on the back of a motorbike! Imagine that! I spoke to Agnes on the phone, and she said I should come to the hospital, which wasn't too far away. By the time I arrived 10 minutes later, Rebeka had given birth to a baby boy (less than half an hour after she arrived at the hospital).



Thanks be to God she had decided to go to hospital as the umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck, which could have led to problems during a home birth. I was allowed to visit Rebeka and her son almost immediately, which was such a blessing and he is by far the youngest baby I have ever seen. Rebeka and Agnes were amazed that I was there and that I had brought money for the hospital. They asked me how I knew to come, but clearly it was God's hand in the situation.

Not so long ago everyone was abuzz with the joy of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, and we were especially blessed to have the fabulous team at St John's in Copthorne turn their making of fascinators and wristbands into a fundraiser for the Rehema Project. The fundraising coincided with Anna, one of the Rehema ladies, being evicted from her home. Anna's husband, Wambura, is in jail for a crime he didn't commit. This situation is already so problematic for Anna, who tries desperately to support their children, but to compound matters, Wambura's brothers threw her and the children out of their house as it is built on Wambura's family land and he is considered a disgrace and not worthy. Whether their opinions are justified or not is debatable, but their actions are incredibly harsh,

and they made direct threats of violence again Anna and the children if they did not vacate the premises. Anna was despairing as she was too scared to continue living in their home, and the police didn't want to listen to her complaints.

By the grace of God, over the years, working for Rehema, Anna managed to save enough money to buy a plot of land near her family home. She also bought a bag of cement every few months as a form of savings and had managed to accumulate almost 20 sacks. With the support of the fabulous fundraising team, we have been able to build a two-bedroomed house for Anna and her family. Once again, we thank God for his perfect timing and provision.



Heather Johnstone

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Many of us will be shopping for Christmas very soon so remember that whenever you shop on Amazon you can raise money for St Peter's and it doesn't cost you anything.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon which lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk). The difference is that when you shop on [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) to St Peter's Church.

Just go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and select *The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peter, Ardingly*.

# PRISON FELLOWSHIP - ANGEL TREE



The children of prisoners are vulnerable to exploitation, often stigmatised and carry untold emotional pain. The very least that can be done for them is to bring them a little joy this Christmas and this is what our local Prison Fellowship group plan to do! Angel tree is a much needed and valuable initiative and is once again being put into action in order to serve those children with a parent detained in Lewes prison.

We will be buying, wrapping and sending presents to the prisoners' children and need to fundraise in order to do this. If you feel you could make a donation towards the cost of carrying this out please do let me know. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be gratefully received and make such a difference to these families.

Prayers for the operation and smooth running of this initiative would also be greatly appreciated so that Jesus' love can be brought to these children and their families, where the need is so great. Thank you!

Adele Collins (01444 892189)

## **FRED**

My name is Fred  
And I live in a shed,  
But I'd much rather live in a house.  
But one afternoon  
I made two ladies swoon.  
I 'spose it's because I'm a mouse.

*Written by Barbara Bedford in Penrith*

## NEWS FROM NEPAL

Dear Friends,

Hello and Warm Greetings to you from Nepal! We sincerely hope and pray that this email will find you in good health.

First of all, we want to share good news of God's faithfulness:



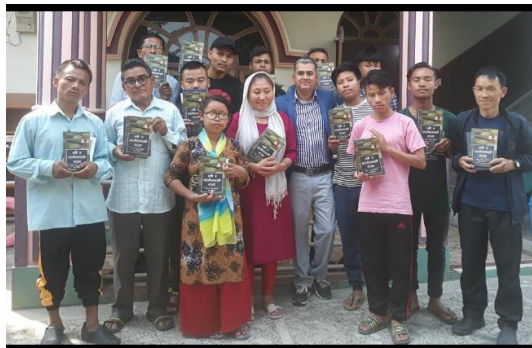
We had a great opportunity to visit England together as a family in summer. We were immensely blessed at the Ichthus conference in August. We thank God for everyone who has prayed and helped us in many ways. All of us felt it was one of the best visits we ever had. We have seen God's hand in our entire journey. Thankyou Lord and thanks to all.

It was our great joy to celebrate Aanandit Church 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 30 August. During the Anniversary we visited a big prison in the remote part of Nepal where we took a Sound System, 190 Bibles, and hygienic gifts for the 338 prisoners. Also, at the Church we had 9 Baptisms and 4 New Leaders were dedicated for the ministry. At the end we had a feast together for 400 people. Our Pastor gave his report saying so far 333 people have been baptised in our church. Similarly, our treasurer gave the financial report. We looked back and praised God together for the hundreds of lives He has touched through us by spiritual and humanitarian works throughout the years. It was powerful to pray together for the coming days and move with Him as He leads us. Isaiah 61: 1-3.

Aanandit Charity also had its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly. Local Government representatives were present and they also appreciated the work of the Aanandit Charity. We are working among needy people in various areas, running a Day Care Centre for Toddlers, a Children Home, a Girl's Hostel, an Agriculture Farm, and by providing scholarship and relief help. As you know we are still raising funds and waiting to buy land for the Charity's Project 2030. We praise God for the 65% funding we have been given towards this.



We are led to focus more on Church Planting. We now have 8 churches in Nepal, besides working with pastors and networks in different parts of Nepal. We will continue to do this and extend the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus.



Ezra Leadership Training in Kathmandu takes place for a week every three months. It is a means to equipping and empowering Pastors, Leaders and lay people. In Damak, eastern Nepal, we have 2 months of residential Leadership Training but at present we are giving Vocational Tailoring Training for 3

months. We hope to start the next batch of training in January 2023. This training has been a great blessing for lay people to learn and go deeper in the ministry and also for pastors who haven't got a chance to go to Bible College or for long-term training.

In October we will be travelling and speaking in different places during the Hindu festivals/holiday.

Aanandit Church is determined to feed God's flocks by all means so everyone grows in spiritual maturity continuously. Just recently we had special programs for children, youth and Women. This happens on a regular basis. We praise God for the numerical and spiritual growth in all ages. More Lord!

Finally, thank you, dear friends, for all your love, prayers and precious kindness to us and to all at Aanandit. You are the expression of God's love to us. We praise God for you and keep you in our prayers. *"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God."* Phil 1: 3, NLT.

Sending our love and hugs, Milan and Shusma

## St. Peter's C.E. Primary

The first half of the Autumn Term seems to have flashed by and, by the time this magazine is distributed, we shall be well into the second half and of course leading up to Christmas!



Before the half term break, following the theme of Creation and Giving Thanks, members of Cuckoo Class led us in our Harvest Festival Celebration in church this year. As the children shared their magnificent artwork in order to bring to life the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible, we heard the story of creation and the 7 days of wonder. With reflections from Revd. Crutchley thinking about breakfast and its links to Harvest, obviously accompanied by joyous singing as always, the service ended with some poignant prayers written by the children before a further closing message giving thanks.



Thank you to those parents, grandparents and governors who were able to join us and a special thank you also for the generous donations of food. This year these are being given to Ardingly Connected Together (ACT) who support local families in need and disadvantaged people in our local community. A member of ACT said, "It is just astounding that the kindness of school families will give such a level of support to the village - it is a small school with an enormous heart!"

Congratulations to Eleanor Holley, our first Citizens Cup winner this academic year. Eleanor was chosen for the enthusiasm and commitment she demonstrates across the school day, particularly when supporting others. We are so fortunate to have a number of young leaders at St. Peter's and children who set an example to others.



Congratulations are due too to all those who are taking part in our “WOW” (Walk Once a Week) initiative. The children actively log their journeys each day and, every Friday a trophy is presented to the class with the highest percentage of pupils who have walked, cycled or scooted to school – park and stride counts too! Just in the month of September, pupils achieved 90% active journeys in the morning.

Finally, we are always on the look-out for new members to join our Governing Body. Please do contact the school if you feel you can spare some time and your expertise to ensuring St. Peter’s builds on its solid foundation and confidently moves forward – you will be most welcome!

**Lynn Wilson**

*Just a reminder – the closing date for applications for children eligible to start school in 2023 is Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2023*

## **Lindfield Repair Café ...**

is celebrating its first birthday on  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

LINDFIELD  
**REPAIR CAFE**

It will be open from 10am to 1pm (the last repair is at 12.30) and will be held at the United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield.

**REPAIR**  
**CAFE** Forest  
Row

The next Repair Café at **Forest Row** will take place on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November** at the Forest Row Community Centre 10-1pm. The last repair request will be taken at 12:30.

## FSW October Update

Dear Friends,

With Autumn well and truly upon us our thoughts are moving away from Harvest and forwards to Christmas and Winter.

We are so grateful to all the churches that supported us so generously with Harvest gifts – these have helped us restock our foodbank to full levels in anticipation of the winter months.

We had a wonderful AGM and celebration service at Chichester Cathedral at the start of October. This was a great opportunity to thank all of our supporter community for everything they have helped us to achieve over the last few years, and to talk about our plans for the future.



Our practitioners are busy planning activities for half term and Christmas to bring some fun during these difficult times. We are very pleased that we will be able to hold Christmas parties in all areas this year for the first time since 2019 – these are always so much fun for our families and really memorable occasions.

We are currently in the running for support from the Asda Foundation and would be very grateful for your help. Unlike the Tesco vote, which requires people to visit a store in person to vote for their favourite charity, Asda can be done online. To vote for us please visit <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens>, select “Eastbourne” from the drop down list and then FSW from the available charities. You can vote once every 7 days between now and the end of the year, so we would really appreciate as much support as we can get.

Thank you for all your continued support of FSW’s work through prayer and with practical and financial support.

**Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing**



## Pre-school News

We have been continuing to enjoy the Autumn Term. We have been collecting nature finds and bringing them into preschool to discuss with our friends. We have also enjoyed adding them to our outdoor "mud" kitchen and making



potions with autumn leaves, soil and water. We are going to make the most of the children enjoying all things nature and being outside by planting bulbs and plants to brighten up the outdoor area. The children are also enjoying exploring building activities, playing with bricks, magnatiles, the marble run and other construction toys.



All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free early years education so please get in touch if you would like to know more and visit the Preschool to have a look around, we have a few spaces available for January.



St Peter's Pre-School and Toddler Group  
St Peter's Church Centre, Street Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UN  
Charity Number 1022794 registered in England & Wales  
Tel: 07969 890907

<http://www.st-peters-preschool-ardingly.org/>



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September over 17,000 people turned out to support the South of England Agricultural Society's Autumn Show & International Horse Trials at the South of England Showground.\* It was the first time that the always popular Autumn Show & Game Fair had joined forces with the International Horse Trials to create one spectacular event, and it seems it was a huge success for visitors and competitors alike, taking place, as it did, on a lovely dry, sunny weekend.

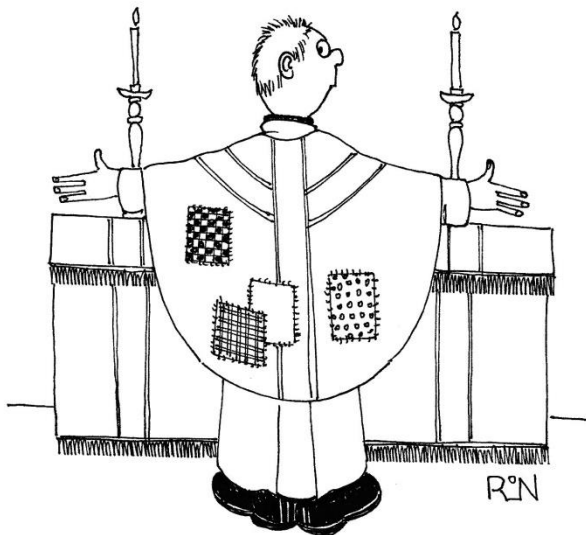
\* *Figures from the SEAS website*





As in previous years, the St Peter's Church Harvest Festival service was held as part of the Show, in the splendidly spacious Abergavenny building and hymns and prayers were suitably punctuated by the loud bleating of sheep and goats!

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*The Rector hated asking for money, but he sometimes made subtle hints*

# Grandad's Typewriter

My Grandad had a typewriter;  
Imperial, I think.  
Used to command his empire  
With black typewriter ink.

He wrote his lengthy letters  
On subjects to him dear,  
Then sealed them, stamped them, sent them  
To places far and near.

He was quite heavy fingered.  
Those keys he'd really pound.  
The house's very timbers  
Vibrated with the sound.

It went on for long hours  
And we'd hear everything,  
And at the end of ev'ry line  
A little bell would ring!

He sent them to the mission field  
And to our poor MP.  
He sent them off to strangers  
And to his family.

So then he'd watch the postman,  
And how his wrath would burn  
If his poor correspondents  
Replied not by return!

I never thought I'd miss it  
But, looking back, I do;  
A sound, like many others,  
That wove my childhood through.

What sounds today, I wonder  
That do not bring us bliss,  
Will soon be just a memory  
That we might really miss?



*By Nigel Beeton*





## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ...

A Dutchman was explaining the red, white, and blue Netherlands flag to an American.



"Our flag is symbolic of our taxes. We get red when we talk about them, white when we get our tax bills, and blue after we pay them."



The American nodded. "It's the same in the USA, only we see stars too!"

### GENUINE NOTES LEFT FOR THE MILKMAN:

- ~ My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do this before you deliver, or do I have to shake it at my end?
- ~ Please send me a form for cheap milk as I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.
- ~ Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.
- ~ Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, as I wrote this note yesterday.

*The town's fire prevention officer was conducting a health and safety course at the local church. The officer said to the minister: "Now imagine this: it is a Sunday morning, and you have a number of people, spread throughout your church building. Some are in the choir stalls, some are in the kitchen, and some are in the nave. Suddenly, a big fire breaks out. What are the first steps you would take?"*

*The minister thought carefully for a moment. "Really big ones," he said.*



# Parish Register

## Weddings

Beth Amber Kidger and Spencer Peter Thomas both of Hova Villas, Hove, East Sussex, were married at St. Peter's on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## Funerals

The funeral of Timothy John Robert Shawcross of Stockcroft Road, Balcombe was held at St. Peter's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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*Father,*

*In these short, dark days of November, with all the uncertainties and problems in our country and in the world, help us to feel the reassurance of Your presence in the gift of each new day. You are the Light in the darkness so help us to be guided by you.*

*In Your name – the name above shortages and rising bills and all anxieties – we pray.*

*Amen.*

*Based on a prayer by Daphne Kitching*



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## Flower Rota

4<sup>th</sup> November: Pat and Sheila

18<sup>th</sup> November: Ann

## Meeting Point Rota

14<sup>th</sup> November: Jill, Alison and Deb

28<sup>th</sup> November: Lyn and Belinda

## Brass Cleaning Rota

5<sup>th</sup> November: Adele Collins



## General Information

**ANGELS & URCHINS:** At St Peter's Centre on Thursdays, 9-11.00 during term time. Contact Jill Veasey 892442.

**BELL RINGING:** If you are interested in joining the team of bell ringers please contact Lynn Wilson (892113)

**BIBLE READING NOTES:** Regular reading helps us to grow as Christians. Bible Reading Fellowship notes are available from Glynis Doerr (892431). Email: [glynismdoerr@gmail.com](mailto:glynismdoerr@gmail.com)

**BOOKS** can be borrowed from the back of church, free of charge

**BRASS CLEANING:** Help with brass cleaning is always welcome. Contact Adele Collins (892189)

**BRASS RUBBING:** Appointments may be made via the Churchwardens (John 892277 or Nigel 892769). Fee: £10.00

**FLOWERS:** Belinda Maclean (892368) is always glad to hear from anyone who would like to arrange/give flowers for the decoration of the church.

**GIVING:** Special weekly or monthly envelopes or bankers' order forms are available from Jean Jeffery (415317). It is also possible to donate on our website. Anyone paying income tax or capital gains tax is encouraged to sign a Gift Aid declaration which would enable the church to claim tax (currently 25 %) on all their giving. Please make cheques out to *St Peter's Church, Ardingly*.

**HOME GROUPS** meet for bible study, prayer and fellowship on various afternoons/nights of the week. New members are always very welcome. Contact: John Witherington (892277)

**MAGAZINE:** Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (if posted the cost is £12.50 per annum). **MAGAZINE EDITOR:** Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, Ardingly RH17 6AN (892117). Please submit items for inclusion by Friday before the penultimate Sunday in the month. Email to: [emails4sue@gmail.com](mailto:emails4sue@gmail.com)

**ST PETER'S CENTRE:** Hire of Centre, crockery, cutlery and chairs: contact Carol Grossman 416707

**TRANSPORT:** If you require transport to church, or if you could provide it for others, please contact Jill Veasey on 892442 or Jonathan Summers on 892307.

# PRAYER DIARY for NOVEMBER 2022

" We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will. " (1 John 5 v 14 GNB)



- 1 All Saints Day. Pray for all who encourage and help
- 2 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 3 The government and all who shape policy decisions
- 4 The volatile situations in Iran and South East Asia
- 5 Pray for fun and safety & the emergency services on Bonfire night
- 6** Our services today. International Day of Prayer for persecuted Christians
- 7 The NHS and all the pressures its staff are under
- 8 Pray for peace in Ukraine and wherever there is conflict
- 9 Pray for all who serve in the Police Force
- 10 Those affected by rising fuel & energy prices & the cost of living
- 11 All who have suffered as a result of war
- 12 King Charles and all the Royal Family
- 13 Remembrance Sunday.** Pray for all services being held today
- 14 All refugees and migrants and those who support them
- 15 Pray for resolutions to the current industrial disputes and strikes
- 16 Aid workers bringing relief from war and natural disasters
- 17 Our village schools; the staff, pupils and governors
- 18 All who are suffering from ill-health, addiction or abuse
- 19 Heather Johnstone and the Rehema Project in Tanzania
- 20** Our church services today. Pray for renewal and blessing
- 21 Bible Society, Scripture Union and other organisations which produce Christian literature
- 22 All who have no home or food – in the UK and abroad
- 23 Jill Veasey and the Christmas choir, beginning practices today
- 24 All who rescue people from danger
- 25 Our home groups and those who lead them
- 26 All who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- 27 Advent Sunday.** May God's light shine wherever there is darkness
- 28 Prison Chaplains and all who live or work in prisons
- 29 Samara Levy and Dr A, relieving poverty and famine in Syria
- 30 Praise God for all that He means to you

**The deadline for copy for the December/January magazine is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**