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**February 2023**



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

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### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion**

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

**The church is also open Mondays-Fridays  
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,

Happy New Year! I do hope that your Christmas, whether you spent it in lots of company or more quietly, was a good one - and that in and around all of the celebrations you also found a moment or two for some rest. Let's face it, after all the Christmas feasts and festivities, the first couple of months of the new year can sometimes feel a bit flat. I'm not sure why that is. Perhaps it is a combination of colder weather, the short dark days and that feeling that Spring is still too far off.



In truth, there is quite a lot else to shake our contentment as we begin 2023. The war in Ukraine continues. There is unrest in this country as energy and other costs of living continue to spiral, leading to calls for pay rises and so to strikes. Whilst the pressures on the NHS are stretching the service to breaking point. It's all very testing. The Apostle Paul knew a fair bit about the demanding pressures of life. His personal circumstances were frequently very testing (take a look at 2 Corinthians 11: 25 – 28 sometime and you will see what I mean). But Paul was a man of unshakeable contentment in Christ, and he held on to his contentment through Christ, who always gave him strength, no matter what he was having to live through. Indeed, he even remained content in Christ whilst facing execution because he knew that union with the living Christ is the secret of being content and the source of our abiding strength in everything.

By contrast, in the western world self-centredness is a boom industry. But Paul was clear, and we need to be clear as well. We are not *self*-sufficient but *Christ* sufficient. And no matter what challenges may lie ahead in this new year, Jesus Christ is big enough to meet them. To be content in need or in plenty, in whatever situation we face, is not the product of human skill. The secret isn't us; it is Jesus *in* us. The strength that Christ gives us is sufficient for anything we face in life.

Of course, to change our understanding from the self-centred ways taught by the world to the Christ centred way of God as exhibited by Paul takes discipline, growth and maturity. It takes trust and time as well. In Christ, Paul learnt the discipline of self and to be content with what he had as well as having a deep trust in God to provide all that he needed. He was content because God is trustworthy. "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" writes Paul in his letter to the Philippians (4:13). And that is true for us as well. In Christ we too can meet all circumstances with contentment.

"My God", says Paul, "will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus". And he will meet our need to the full as well. His supply will not be limited to the size of our need but according to his riches in Christ, which, and to borrow Jesus' words in Luke 6, we can be assured will be: "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, poured into your lap."

With my prayers and best wishes for the New Year.

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

### **THANK YOU FROM SAMARA'S AID**

Many of us have supported Samara's Aid in recent years. Driven by the worsening poverty in Syria and Samara's compassion and determination to help, the charity has achieved a huge amount since the early days of collecting good-as-new clothing, bedding and other items. Below is a link to a video she has just sent out, giving a round-up of all that has been achieved in 2022 and thanking all those who have given, packed, transported, knitted or prayed!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3Yc3s8c5Og>

Do take a look – it's very encouraging.

## Services in February 2023

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Morning Praise & Baptism of Robyn Betty Cooper**

5.00pm

**Open to God**

### The Third Sunday before Lent

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20

1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 12; Matthew 5: 13 - 20

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

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Holy Communion [CW]**

### The Second Sunday before Lent

Romans 8: 18 - 25; Matthew 6: 25 - 34

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### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

### The Sunday Next before Lent

2 Peter 1: 16 - 21; Matthew 17: 1 - 9

2 Peter 1: 16 - 21; Matthew 17: 1 - 9

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

10.30am

***A service of Holy Communion  
With the imposition of Ashes  
To mark the beginning of Lent***

### Ash Wednesday

*"During the season of Lent, which begins today, we renew our commitment to the path of conversion, making more room for God in our lives" – Pope Benedict XVI*

**'Giving it up!' – a sermon series for Lent.**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**The First Sunday of Lent –  
*Giving up Control.***

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11

10.30am

**Holy Communion [CW]**

**with prayer for healing and wholeness**

Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11



*Our main service each Sunday (10.30 a.m.) is live streamed via zoom, so if you are unable to get to church and would like to join us on zoom and you do not currently receive the link each week, please let us know and we'll add you to the circulation list.*

Contact [homeworship@ardinglychurch.net](mailto:homeworship@ardinglychurch.net)

To receive the weekly 'Newslink' email please contact  
[Emails4sue@gmail.com](mailto:Emails4sue@gmail.com)

## **NOTICES for FEBRUARY**

### **Meeting Point Coffee Mornings**

In February we will meet on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help in setting up would be appreciated. Belinda Maclean (892368)



### **Cuckfield Deanery Day**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February Bishop Ruth Bushyager will be leading a day on "Courageous Discipleship" from 10.00am to 1.00pm at the Church of the Ascension in Haywards Heath. All are welcome.

### **Ardingly Evening WI**

Chinese New Year meal February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monthly meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>  
"Brides, Beauty and Battles" by Helen Poole  
New members always welcome.

Deb Ruse 01444 892717

### **Ardingly History Society**

At 7.45pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February in Hapstead Hall  
Mr Ian Everest will give a talk on  
"Sussex in the First World War"

**Ardingly Film night:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Film title tbc

## DEFIBRILLATOR

We are pleased to let everyone know that a defibrillator has now been installed outside the Church Centre. This was generously donated to us by NatWest Bank and, whilst we pray it will never be needed, it means that there is an additional unit at this end of our village.



Our thanks go to Mick Lucas and his son-in-law who installed it for us in the pouring rain!

If you would like to take part in some training on using a defibrillator, please let Nigel know (892769).

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2023

Many thanks to all who have already paid their subscription for 2023. If you have not yet paid and would like to receive the magazine throughout 2023 could you please put your subscription in an envelope with your name and address on it, and drop it in either to Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, or Michael Denman, 35 High Street, as soon as possible.



The minimum subscription for magazines which are delivered in Ardingly, or collected, is held at £3. This is only possible because many of you so kindly round up the amount to £5 ! Postal subscriptions for 2023 will be £13.00. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Peter's Church Ardingly' please.

Many thanks, Sue



## THANK YOU

### IMARA

A big thank you to all who supported the Craft, Mulled Wine and Mince Pie fundraising event in November and visited our stall at the Christmas Fair. Between the two events and further sales of crafts we raised £767 and there was a further £90 given to us after the New Year lunch. All this will go towards the payment of school fees for our scholarship children in northern Uganda. Many of the children are orphans, some are blind and all are from very poor families so your help will have made a big difference.

Belinda Maclean, Imara-Uganda Education Fund.

### FSW

I would like to thank all those who gave vouchers ,gifts, wrapping paper etc for the Christmas collection. I was able to take them to the FSW party for the children and families which was held at the Centenary Hall in Haywards Heath on December 8th. Alison Green the new Deanery worker was delighted to deliver them.

Deb Ruse

### CHRISTMAS POSTBOX in Church



Thank you to everyone who used the St Peter's Christmas Post Box. Post was sorted and delivered around the village on 19th December, and donations received amounted to £96.00. This has been given to *Off the Fence*. Thank you to everyone who helped!

JILL VEASEY

### NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK AND MEAL

I would like to thank all those who went on the New Year's Day walk with George: 7 and a dog! They then returned for lunch of cottage pie peas and carrots, followed by apple crumble( local apples ) and / or Christmas pudding kindly donated by Jane and John Bartlett. Donations received along with profit from the village lunch raffle amounted to £180. I shared this equally between IMARA Uganda and Old Jeshwang, £90 each.

Deb Ruse

*And a big 'thank you' to Deb, Theresa and Margaret for a lovely meal. It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion – Sue and Jill V.*

## NEWS FROM HEATHER JOHNSTONE (CMS)

Dear friends,



I looked at the girl's motionless body on the floor. "Is she alive?" my friend whispered, daring to utter what I was thinking. "I'm not sure", I said as I quickly bent down to take her pulse; it was weak, barely there. My friend (a visitor from the UK) and I had spent a fun morning in the company of the children at the nursery school. They were put through their paces by their teacher, demonstrating their numeracy and literacy abilities. After the visit we were invited to lunch with a local lady. On the way to lunch we stopped at Cesi's house to greet her and the family, which was where we found Eliza, Cesi's 12-year-old daughter, lying inert on the floor. Cesi had taken Eliza to hospital the previous day and she'd been diagnosed with malaria. She'd been given medicines but had been vomiting all night. I told Cesi that Eliza needed urgent medical attention and she said she would take her back to the hospital on the back of her bicycle. Clearly that was not an option. I don't have a car, the village of Nyambeshi is at least 30 minutes away from town by car, and time was of the essence. I was frantically sorting through my mind, who could I call to come to the rescue? The first two calls drew blanks, then I called my taxi driver, but he was 100 miles away. He connected me with another driver and implored him to come as quickly as he could. The admittance and triage process to hospital can be long and onerous and everyone must wait their turn, so I called a German nurse friend of mine who works at the private AICT church hospital in Bweri, explained the urgency of the situation and asked her to expedite admittance and treatment. I also asked that they did not request payment from Cesi and I would settle the bill when I went to the hospital later. She was happy to oblige. When we arrived at the hospital, Eliza was on a drip and looking slightly perkier. She had no recollection of leaving home, travelling by car or being admitted to hospital.

We thank God that Eliza has now recovered, and we pray for his protection over her and other children for whom malaria is a regular but unfortunate reality. Also that we can find a sponsor to cover the cost of medical insurance for Cesi and her girls.

Many of you loved my April '22 link letter with the story of Father Pendo and his ministry serving the socially, psychologically or economically disadvantaged, such as the sick, the poor, the mentally and physically disabled, and have asked for an update.

I visited him again recently with a gift of 80kg maize flour and 40kg of beans for his community. This was gratefully received as the price of basic foodstuffs is rising constantly, consequently, feeding his people becomes more and more challenging. In March '22 when I visited, Father Pendo told me he did not wish to retire, and wanted to continue serving forever. However, sadly, he has Parkinson's disease, and his health is declining. Although he puts on a brave face and soldiers on, he is more accepting of the prospect of retirement now. When there was no one obvious to take over the running of his project, he told his bishop he had absolute faith that God would provide the solution before he steps down in March 2023. He chuckles when he tells me that of course God has provided, he was never in any doubt about that. A group of three servant-hearted lay missionaries from the US have come to serve in Tanzania for five years. Unaware of Father Pendo's project, they told the bishop they wanted to start and invest in a project for the mentally and physically disabled, among Tanzania's poorest. The bishop introduced them to Father Pendo, and the good news is they will take over the running of the project next year after a good handover period. They bring with them funding from America and will be able to renovate and significantly improve the current facilities.



Great news, thanks to our friends at UK Christian charity Go Make a Difference in Tanzania, **Rehema products will be available online** this season. They will be selling our fabulous goodies with Etsy ([https://www. Etsy.com/shop/GoMADinTanzania](https://www.Etsy.com/shop/GoMADinTanzania)). Please have a look at what is on offer – who knows, you might find some lovely handmade gifts at an affordable price. All monies raised go directly to the Rehema Project and support the most marginalised women in the Mara region, so tell your family and friends too.

A big thank you to my friends and supporters, for your encouragement, financial and prayerful support, and love throughout the year 2022. I wish you peace, goodwill, and happiness at Christmas, and always.  
*[This letter arrived too late for the December parish magazine]*

Heather

## NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN S.E.ASIA

"We are thankful that we survived Covid in the Autumn and are back to (almost) full health.

At the beginning of October B hosted another meeting of new believers from three or four different house fellowships. Meeting together is always an encouragement for everybody. After this we shared for the first time the Lord's supper of tortilla bread and Coca Cola. What a joyous day!



B has started spending time regularly with one of the believers, who is helping her to learn the local language (very different from the national language). This gives her some income and she can also have a safe space to study the Word too.

Some in the house fellowships struggle with overwhelming financial problems, such as where to get payment for their monthly rent, how to pay hospital fees for their child, how to get free health care for their children when they don't yet have birth certificates, or they have different fathers. Yet these women hold onto Christ. More recently it has been the rainy season and some people reported flooding and leaking in their homes. They cannot afford better homes ...



Our daughter had a minor motorcycle accident in December and another, less serious, motorbike fall. She just had a few scrapes, torn jeans and shoes and a bit of a shock. Thankfully a fellow driver and a classmate saw her and helped her get up and she could still drive back to school. Please pray for protection as she drives to and from school. She will be taking her written school leaving exam (equivalent to A-levels) at the beginning of February.

Our son is growing in independence and confidence and seems to be enjoying his time at the Orientation School as a resident assistant. He has some health issues, but they are not serious. He is currently in the process of choosing a university which offers a suitable course

for him to study Medical Engineering.

We are looking forward to going back to Europe for a brief home assignment in June so that we can help our children get settled in their new places of study.

Blessings in Christ, A & B"

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## REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

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### Lindfield Repair Café

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield

### Crawley Down & Turner's Hill Repair Café

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 – 12.30

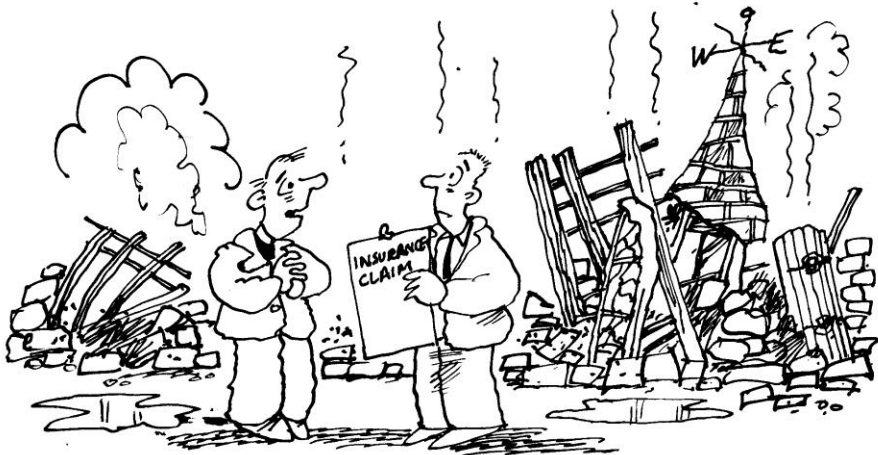
The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down

### Forest Row Repair Café

Saturday 18th February 2023, 10.00am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ

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*...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...*

## A BIG BIG THANK YOU!

I'd like to say a big thank you to all who donated to Angel Tree last Christmas. You gave so generously that I was quite overwhelmed! I was able to pass on £240 to the Crawley Prison Fellowship and I know that the money will have been wisely spent to bring much happiness to the prisoners' children.



These children often have a hard time when their parent is taken from them and just knowing that they are not forgotten means a lot to them and helps to reinforce family ties. Visiting a parent in prison can be quite difficult, not just the distances that have to be covered, but getting there by public transport must be a nightmare. I often picture a mum with children, maybe one in a pushchair, struggling up the hill from the station to the prison in all weathers (quite a distance) or struggling onto a bus or maybe having to spend hard earned money on a taxi. Life is not easy and anything that can improve relationships between parent and children is vital and Angel Tree is one way that this can be done. The children receive a hand written note from their father along with their present, often saying how much they are missing them and how they are loved. These notes are precious and treasured by the kids.



A total of 80 presents were sent out this year to children of Lewes prisoners and the men are so grateful for the opportunity to write a personal message for each child. One or two of the younger men have recently become fathers so it has been good to be able to show that they too could send a present to their new-borns.

Another prisoner was able to have the present sent to his mother so that the children could play with the presents whilst visiting Grandma!

I have been much encouraged by your giving and the act of showing that you care about these children and their families. Thank you so much!  
Adele

## FSW January 2023 update

Dear Friends,

The new year has started at full pace, with meetings and activities keeping our practitioners busy. Our families really enjoyed their Christmas gifts, made possible thanks to the generosity of so many of you, but reality has hit with a vengeance since January and there are many very anxious families needing intensive support. We operate a traffic light system for our families, with red being the most serious cases, and many of our new referrals have started at this level. We aim to reduce this need to amber as soon as we can, but for lots of families this can take some time, so we anticipate that the next few weeks will be quite challenging for our practitioners.



We thought that you might like to read this message which we received from one of our families just before Christmas. We think it is a really good personal explanation of the support we offer:

*I am writing just to say a huge THANK YOU for all you have been doing for us since you started supporting us as a family. There is a lot that I want to say, but sometimes it is not so easy to put thoughts in words...but in a very simple way I can say that you have been:*

- supportive
- caring
- understanding
- good listener
- professional
- non judgemental
- generous
- respectful
- encouraging
- inspirational...

*... and the list goes on and on... Anyway, this is just a little note to say a BIG THANK YOU for everything you do for us and to say how grateful we are for your support!*

Some statistics from December:

338 individual visits and 845 calls with families supporting 286 adults and 345 children

193 food deliveries made, plus 180 Christmas hampers and 80 turkeys

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

## MORE TRAVELLER'S TALES

from Jill and Mike Veasey

The 28<sup>th</sup> September last year found us at Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5, looking for our Tour Guide (Kate) so that we could check in for our flight to Cyprus. We had made the not very difficult decision to have B&B at the Terminal Hotel to avoid a 6.00 a.m. trip from Ardingly that morning! Well, you would, wouldn't you?!



We flew to Limassol where we spent time in a pleasant beachside hotel with a much needed pool (it was 32 – 35 degrees!) with about 20 others who had decided to stretch their cruise by 3 days, and found it good to get to know some of our fellow cruisers before boarding the MV Island Sky.



We were taken on tours to various sites of interest on Cyprus, including Aphrodite's Rock and St Neophytus Monastery, which was built into the rock and contained amazing frescoes. Many other sites had amazing mosaics – in fact so many that we became quite blasé about them!

We had one day to ourselves and managed to master the bus into Limassol and explore the new Marina (which puts Brighton to shame!) and find the castle etc at the old port.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, after a morning of Greek theatres and more mosaics and frescoes - not to mention a rather large lunch – we went on board our cruise ship at 4.00'ish and had a warm welcome – including Prosecco – and settled in, had lifeboat drill, took a much needed shower and joined the cocktail reception.



We were now at sea on a cruise entitled "A Passage through the Ancient World" and sailing towards our first port of call – Haifa, in Israel.

From there we would go to Ashod (Israel), then Alexandria (Egypt) and after another full day at sea, Crete.

Once we eventually managed to persuade the Israeli authorities that we were no threat, we had 2 hours less (than we should have had!) to complete a tour to either Acre or the Sea of Galilee.

Acre – our choice – was amazing. We walked to the Crusaders Halls, built by the Knights of St John and filled with sand by Saladin when he was defeated. It was discovered because part of it was used as a prison and one inmate, trying to dig his way out, found the remains! Still only about half has been excavated but is pretty amazing.



We wandered via tunnels and market streets and alleys – it's no place to own a big car – back to the boat, which then set sail for Ashod.

A great start to our trip! (More to come in the next magazine!)

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*THANK YOU to everyone who places their used ink cartridges in the tub in church for recycling! A box containing around 50 used cartridges has just been sent off to recycling4charity and it has raised £41.75 for Traidcraft. With your help recycling4charity have kept 381,155 kgs of waste out of landfill sites so far.*



## St Peter's C.E. Primary



Have you ever thought about keeping people, especially children, safe when using the internet? We hear so much now about children being 'groomed', adults losing their money to con artists contacting them via email etc. It is Safer Internet Day across the country on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, when



campaigners look at raising online issues, making people aware of safety issues and educating people with a view to making positive changes. Prior to this, St Peter's parents have the opportunity to join a webinar about digital safety and how to keep their children safe. This is such an

important area and we are fortunate to have WSCC's lead officer to present this session.

St Peter's School is a Church of England School and our collective worship sessions (assemblies) are central to our school's life. This half term, we have been looking at Justice - not just the ability to follow rules but also understanding that there are two sides (at least!) to every story. Our children were reminded about making good decisions, being kind and fair and they were encouraged to discuss these topics. In the Bible, we find in Isaiah the verse, 'Learn to do right. Seek Justice'. It's a lesson adults and children alike need to learn. Next half term, our focus will be on Service.

Our school links with other rural schools in the locality (NEARS) which gives us the opportunity to enrich the learning of our pupils.



This allows them to benefit from classes that may not otherwise be available to them such as African Drumming or, at the other end of the spectrum, relaxation techniques and exercises! As well as the joint activities with NEARS, we also take advantage of working with other schools to broaden the learning experiences of the pupils. For instance, we have recently been able to link with a Handball Festival in Burgess Hill - very fast and VERY exciting!

In the next month or so, we will be advertising for new governors. Two of our long-standing governors will be retiring (more about them nearer the time) and we will advertise these vacancies in the village. Do please think about standing as a governor. It is not unduly demanding and is very rewarding. Posters will be displayed in the village but, in the meantime, if you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kathy James

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## **Lost and found**

*(A simple poem about a dog, but so often this can apply to us as well!)*

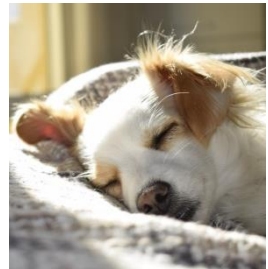
Lost and found, what a wonderful sound  
To a little dog like me.  
I slipped my lead, I gave no heed -  
It felt so good to be free.

It's getting dark, I'm lost in the park.  
It's cold and starting to rain.  
I should have stayed and never strayed.  
I'll never do this again.

Footsteps I hear. 'Please do come near.'  
On my collar they see my name.  
I'm put in a car, we're travelling so far,  
Will life ever be the same?

A knock on the door, kisses galore,  
Cuddles and pats on the head.  
No more will I roam, I'm now safely home  
And warmly curled up in my bed.

*by Megan Carter*



## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

### *Some of the things we say ....*



A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a work station...

How come you never hear about 'gruntled' employees?

If a tin whistle is made out of tin (and it is), then what, exactly, is a fog horn made out of?

If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

Why is it, when a door is open it's ajar, but when a jar is open, it's not adoor?

Why do we wait until a pig is dead to "cure" it?

What *WAS* the best thing before sliced bread?



Why is it that night falls but day breaks?



Have you ever seen a toad on a toadstool?

If swimming is good for your shape, then why do whales look the way they do?

Why do they call it 'chili' if it's hot?



## AROUND THE VILLAGE

Congratulations to **Wakehurst**, who have been celebrating **Glow Wild's** 10<sup>th</sup> birthday! The award-winning lantern trail was back this winter with dazzling installations which can't be seen anywhere else. Meanwhile it's very sad that **Ash Dieback** has caused the 150 acre Loder Valley Nature Reserve to be closed for a long time whilst Ash trees are felled and to prevent trees and branches from falling over public paths. Wakehurst staff have been busy collecting tree seeds, cuttings and DNA samples from resilient species and exploring how they can generate a new population of resilient Ash trees.

Congratulations, too, to **Ardingly College**, which celebrated 50 years of co-education last Autumn. The first girls began studying at the College in September 1972 and until then it had been a boys only school.

How good it was to have the **Christmas Fayre** back in Hapstead Hall in December after a 3 year break due to the pandemic. The place seemed to be buzzing with people, so hopefully stall holders will have had a good time and enjoyed the event as much as their supporters did.

# Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register this month.

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God is our refuge in times of trouble,  
keeping our feet steady upon the road,  
and watching over us.

God is our fortress in times of distress,  
circling us in the safety of his arms,  
and granting peace.

God is our Father, who knows us so well,  
wanting only the best for his children,  
willing always to forgive and forget.

*A Lenten prayer from Faithandworship.com*

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## **Flower Rota**

3<sup>rd</sup> February – Jean

17<sup>th</sup> February – Pat & Sheila (Foliage  
Decorations for Lent)

## **Brass Cleaning**

12<sup>th</sup> February: Adele Collins

## **Meeting Point**

6<sup>th</sup> February: Belinda, Alison & Sue

20<sup>th</sup> February: Adele and Diana



## 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)

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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 on 892442 or Jonathan Summers on 892307.

## PRAYER DIARY FEBRUARY 2023

*"Cast your burdens on him because he cares for you."  
(1 Peter 5 v 7)*



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley & their family.
- 2 Our churchwardens, John and Nigel
- 3 The NHS and all healthcare workers
- 4 Deanery Synod & Bishop Ruth, leading "Courageous Discipleship"  
Today
- 5** Our church services today. Pray for growth and blessing
- 6 General Synod, meeting this week
- 7 Praise God for his creation and pray for the environment
- 8 Our government and all in positions of power
- 9 Samara's Aid and the situation in Syria. May sanctions be lifted.
- 10 All who are suffering from stress, grief or ill health
- 11 Our local Care Homes - staff, residents and volunteers
- 12** Our services today and all who lead worship
- 13 IMARA and its leaders, raising funds for a new school in Uganda
- 14 King Charles and all the Royal Family
- 15 All refugees and migrants, at home and abroad
- 16 The village schools & Pre-School and their governors
- 17 Christian believers facing persecution for their faith
- 18 Pray for peace and justice in Ukraine and other areas of conflict
- 19** Our worship today: may lives be healed and blessed
- 20 Church finances, building repairs and the Diocesan Quota
- 21 Bambi & Andreas, reaching out and learning the local language
- 22 Off the Fence & Open House. All who are homeless this winter
- 23 **Ash Wednesday.** Pray for our growth as Christians during Lent
- 24 The clubs & social life of Ardingly (Film Night, Village Lunch etc)
- 25 All who are struggling financially this winter
- 26** Today's worship: all who need peace, purpose and new life
- 27 Our local hospices. Sally and all others who work in them
- 28 Praise God for his love and care through the past month

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is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**