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March 2023



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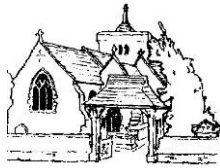
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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 Bible tells us that God is love. And that God wants us to know that love and to experience it for ourselves. That's exactly what He shows us in the death of His Son on the cross. It is the paradox of the cross of Christ that the motivation that lay behind Jesus' suffering and endurance of the horrors of the cross was love - that tender sweet love that God has for each one of us.



Put most simply, the love of God speaks of love that is directed outwards and towards others and not inwards and towards ourselves. It speaks of a love that's utterly unselfish, which gives all, whilst expecting nothing in return. And it is this that we witness at the cross: the miracle of grace by which God made it possible for all of us to enter His kingdom.

The cross of Jesus Christ is the means by which God broke through our self-sufficiency with a demonstration of His all-sufficient love. Through Jesus - the one who was mocked and insulted, spat upon, flogged, and finally killed - we were given a declaration of the love of God in the past, as well as a reminder of that love of God that is continuing and an assurance of the love of God that reaches towards all of us with a kindness and compassion that is itself motivated by deep and everlasting love.

But we are also given a challenge. The cross of Christ is a challenge to all of us to love as God has loved. God has taught us to love by sending His Son (1 John 4: 19), but we have also been 'taught by God to love each other' (1 Thessalonians 4:9) - something that Jesus elevated to a commandment (John 13: 34 - 35).

Over the weeks of our Lenten pilgrimage, I think that we all need to renew our grasp on the nature of God's love for us: a love that is constant, compassionate, kind, and responsive.

We need to look towards the cross and try to understand the extent of God's love for us, however we may see ourselves and however unlovable we may think ourselves to be.

We need to be reminded by the cross of Christ just how sweetly and tenderly God loves each one of us, not because of us but because of who He is. Then we need to pray for the strength and maturity to rise to the challenge to live our life in a way which is motivated by love that is just like that love of God.

Yours in His service,



EASTER LILIES

At Easter the flower team decorate the church with lilies and other flowers in memory of loved ones. If you would like to remember a family member or friend in this way please let Belinda (892368) know by Saturday 25th March so that she knows how many flowers to order. Lilies cost around £3-£4 each so a donation of between £5 and £20 will enable us to make the church look lovely. Many thanks.



Services in March 2023

Sunday 5^h March

The Second Sunday of Lent – Giving up our Expectations

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a; John 3: 1 - 17

10.30am

Morning Praise

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a; John 3: 1 - 17

5.00pm

Open to God

*Open to God - A service of evening prayer
and quiet reflection to end the day*

Sunday 12th March

The Third Sunday of Lent – Giving up our Perspective

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14; John 11: 1 - 44

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14; John 11: 1 - 44

Sunday 19th March

MOTHERING SUNDAY [The Fourth Sunday of Lent]

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Ruth 4: 13-17; John 19: 25b - 27

10.30am

Morning Praise

Ruth 4: 13-17; John 19: 25b - 27

Sunday 26th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Giving up our Superiority

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Deuteronomy 18: 15-19; John 4: 5-42

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

With prayer for healing and wholeness

Deuteronomy 18: 15-19; John 4: 5-42

NOTICE BOARD

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings will take place on 6th and 20th March in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



Village Lunch: Wednesday 1st March from 12.30.
Tickets are £7 and are available from the Village Shop.

Ardingly History Society Annual General Meeting

In Hapstead Hall

Tuesday 21st March at 7.45pm

To be followed by 2 short films:

"Fitting the new church bells" by Lynn Wilson

And "Views of Ardingly from the air" by Michael Denman



Mothering Sunday 19th March

Do come and bring all the family!

Help in providing flowers and greenery for the Mothering Sunday service, and in putting together posies, would be very much appreciated by the St Peter's flower arrangers! Please bring any contributions and meet at St Peter's Centre at 10.00am on Saturday 18th March. Thank you. Belinda

Film nights

23rd February: "Ticket to Paradise"

30th March: title to be confirmed

7.00 for 7.30 in Hapstead Hall

Please do support this as numbers have dwindled recently!

'ARDINGLY MEETS' 18th March

Ardingly Meets - a place for the older residents of the village to enjoy tea, coffee and cake whilst listening to live music, chatting or playing games in the company of Ardingly College students.

- **Saturday 18th March**
- **2:30pm - 4pm**
- **Priceholme social lounge, Munnion Road, Ardingly, RH17 6RU**



For further information contact: debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com or phone 01444 893000

PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all those who have paid their subscriptions for 2023, especially those who have given more than the minimum £3 and those who have very generously sent additional donations. These are much appreciated! It would be really helpful if folk who have not yet paid could do so soon, so that I can budget for this year's printing costs. You can either let your deliverer have your subscription, or pop it through my door (19 Ardings Close) or Michael's (35 High Street) with your name and address on the envelope. Many thanks, SUE

Children's Society Boxes

Once again it is time for our annual collection of the boxes that you have in your homes, in order to send the money off to the Children's Society. Thank you to all of you who support the Children's Society in this way.

We would be grateful if you could bring your boxes to church during March, if this is convenient. We normally attend the 10.30 service but if it's easier for you we are happy to collect the boxes from you. Our telephone number is 01444 415317 if you would like us to arrange a suitable time to collect your box from you.

Thank you again for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

Jean and Tony Jeffery

World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March

There will be a service at 2.00pm at the Ascension Church, 110 Vale Road, Haywards Heath RY16 4JS. All are welcome.



Speaker: Rev. Martin Jones

Theme: I have heard about your Faith

Refreshments follow the service

This year the World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at the Church of the Ascension in Haywards Heath, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Taiwan.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas - before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

For further information see the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk

TIME MARCHES ON

The clocks go forward by one hour at 01:00 on Sunday 26th March

EARTHQUAKE NEWS/ SAMARA'S AID

North West Syria has been badly affected by the 2 recent earthquakes and because of the complicated political situation in that country little help has reached the affected region. Samara's Aid has swung into action, having some humanitarian aid already in Syria and strong teams of staff on the ground, ready to help. Teams have been put in place in Aleppo,



Latakia, Baniyas, Jeleh and Hama and are planning to help in a number of different and essential ways:

- Distributing the remaining aid shipped out last year (coats, shoes, dignity bags, hygiene items, mattresses, mobility aids including wheelchairs, crutches and zimmers)
- Provision of food as needed to the displaced
- Provision of water as needed to the displaced
- Provision of medical aid in the affected areas as needed
- We are sending another container of flour to make bread
- We preparing to send another container of clothing, hygiene items and mobility items.

If you are able to, **there is still time to help** by donating financially or, up until 2nd March, by donating clothes, footwear, hygiene items and mobility aids. Because of strict Syrian customs regulations, clothes, footwear and hygiene items must be new but mobility aids can be used if they are in very good condition.

For more information please visit the Samara's Aid website (Samarasaidappeal.org) or contact Sue (892117). Donations can be made on the website or by posting a cheque to Samara's Aid Appeal, P O Box 5490, Brighton BN50 8PE.



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

One of my favourite views is from the footpath from the old sweet shop down to Withylands, looking across towards the Downs. The view changes with every season and in every kind of weather. Mists in the valley, clouds threatening a storm, and bright sunshine change the intensity of the light, the shapes and the colours. The beauty of it lifts my spirits. Sometimes, I stop and close my eyes and wonder how it would be never to see the beauty of God's creation. The sounds become sharper, especially the birdsong and there is beauty in that, but how I would miss the views as well as the security of knowing, that if I see the rough or muddy places, I am less likely to stumble or slip.

Among the scholarship children supported by Imara-Uganda Education Fund, there are six who are blind or partially sighted. There is still a stigma attached to disability in Uganda and disabled children may be hidden away and unable to attend school, and the wonderful potential each child has is not recognised. Gradually attitudes are changing and opportunities increasing. Harriet's father died and the family is very poor. Her siblings attended school when their mother could afford the fees and Harriet longed to join them. Eventually the opportunity came for her as there is a primary school for the blind near Lira. She was already 14 years old when she went to school for the first time.

Doreen's mother abandoned her, and when her father could not raise the money to send all his children to school, it was the sighted ones who attended.



Maybe Prisca's family are more enlightened. They have to be, as four of their seven children are totally blind. At home even the youngest of the sighted children had learned to help the blind ones to avoid hazards.

It was brought to our attention a few years ago that there is no secondary school suitable for the blind in the Lira area and many families cannot

Photo: Prisca and some of her siblings.

afford to send their children to the nearest suitable school, a 2 hour journey away. It is of great concern that every year children drop out of school after their primary education and their future is bleak. We are planning, in partnership with the Catholic diocese in Lira, to build a secondary school for the blind next to their primary school. The school will be built in phases with the first buildings open for Senior One in January 2024. When completed the school will cater for 300 children, blind and sighted, and it will have 8 classrooms, a hall, libraries, IT rooms, science facilities and dormitories.



Imagine what a bright future will be made possible for blind children! This is a huge project for a tiny charity like ours – exciting but scary! The cost of living crisis means times are uncertain for us all but, once the various permissions are granted and the first phase of the building begins, we will need to raise as much money as we

can, both for the buildings and the equipment. We will welcome whatever little or big support is possible. Every pound will make a difference, giving new hope to these deserving children.

One of our blind students, Joy Mercy, gave a speech at a recent get together of the scholars. She said “We, the visually impaired, can do anything.” Joy Mercy does not let her disability get in the way of living life to the full. She helps her team win national prizes in debating and she loves to sing. Her dream is to become a lawyer. We hope to make many such dreams come true.

Another of our visually impaired students was awarded a certificate for coming second in a sporting event against other schools.

I will keep you informed as the work begins and progresses. Please pray for the school and our blind children who are so precious and deserve so much more than to be returned home with limited prospects when they are capable of so much. Please help in any way you can.

Belinda.

NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN S.E. ASIA

Dear friends,

How are you all doing? We trust that 2023 started out well for you. Christmas time here was very wet and stormy, discouraging many people from any outdoor endeavours, but celebrating the first coming of our Saviour, Immanuel, was meaningful. Our celebration was more or less the same as in the past years though we didn't have time to put up a Christmas tree or many Christmas decorations.

We were blessed to have visitors from another island in December and how eager and hungry the women were to receive and learn from the Word! The event was supposed to be our Christmas party with some games, but the women would rather ask questions and learn than play games! One lady's mother quipped, "I am so amazed. You used to be so wicked but you have changed so much!" You can imagine the opportunity this gave the first lady to testify about what Christ has done for her.

The parable of the sower is very real in this country and we see people with doubts and people who fall away easily. Many struggle with debt. Covid is still around, too, causing families to fall sick and be discouraged. With other people, listening and studying the Word brings peace of mind.



In another city, about 6 hours' drive away, the Christian team are quite discouraged because they don't see much fruit, nor any hunger among the believers to study the Word. B visited recently and was able to pass on an MP3 player with Scripture in their mother tongue.

Family wise, we praise the Lord that our children are doing well. Our son is closer to choosing where and what to study next school year but decision-making is not that easy for someone who has a wide range of interests and abilities. He is still busy at the Orientation School as a resident assistant and is very keen on encouraging the participants to be involved in the different activities. He will go travelling in June to lead the students on a mission trip.

Our daughter had her written school leaving exams (in German, English and Mathematics) at the beginning of February. She has been working hard. Her oral exams (in Physics and geography) will be in May. She will be spending her Easter holidays with us again – the last time she will travel to our host city as a high schooler. Please pray for traveling mercies.





THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
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FSW Spring Supper 2023

Friday 17 March, 7pm for 7.30 start

Join us for our annual Spring Supper to raise money and awareness for Family Support Work. It promises to be a superb night in the company of friends, with entertainment from

Scaynes Hill Community Choir

Wivelsfield Village Hall, Wivelsfield, RH17 7QH

Ticket prices per person:

Early Bird (pay before 28th Feb): **£16**

or

Full price (pay between 1st - 14th March) **£20**

Cash bar available

To book or for more information, please contact your FSW Rep:

News from Link to Hope 2022 Shoebox Appeal



We are thrilled that the final shoebox total for 2022 was 26,015 which is an increase on last year. A huge thank you to everyone who gave a shoebox, as well as all the people that donated to the appeal or sent items to fill the shoeboxes with.

A small team went out from the UK to deliver just some of your shoeboxes to contacts in Moldova. At the Link to Hope Canteen Project people were patiently and quietly queueing at the gate, wrapped up well against the cold, clutching bags in which were large, empty glass jars, which were then filled

with nutritious food which had been prepared by the canteen staff. These were carefully placed into their bags, and then we were able to pass each person a shoebox, which they gently received, in quiet, humble appreciation.

To see many of their faces light up in happiness at the unexpected gift, never fails to be humbling, it is as though they have been gifted the world. One blind lady recognised Lisa's voice from a few years back, and was so happy to be with her again, savouring the gift of touch and time to share some of her daily challenges.



Boxes also went to Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine. These were given out all over Ukraine including managing to deliver shoeboxes to the East of Ukraine. Every shoebox was gratefully received. All countries are struggling with finances and gifts such as toiletries and school items, as well as warm hats and gloves make a huge difference to peoples lives.

The destruction of Ukraine's infrastructure means that millions of people have been left without power – no heating, lighting, ability to cook food, hot water and a lack of food in the shops – the list is endless. With our contact in Uzhgorod, Ukraine we have started to fund a centre for helping people with hot meals, drinks and support.

More information about the delivery of the shoeboxes, and lots of photos, can be viewed on the Link to Hope website: www.linktohope.co.uk



LENT (from www.40acts.org.uk)

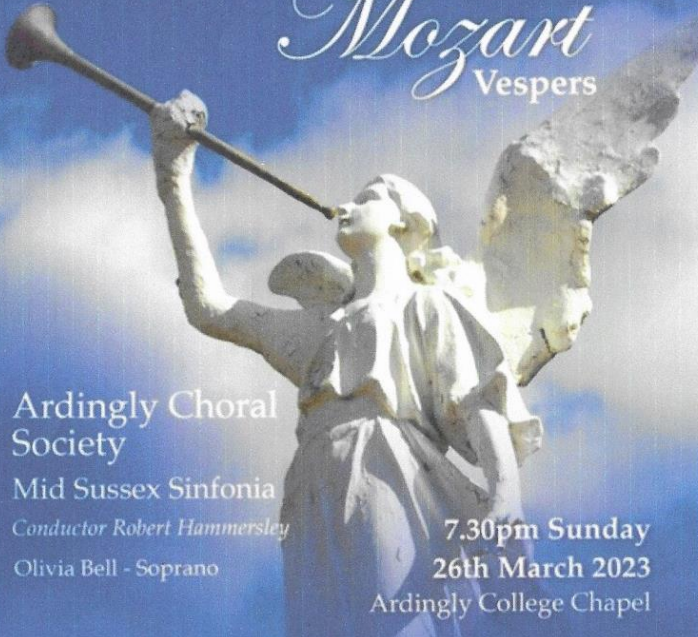
The word 'Lent' has nothing to do with fasting or giving things up. 'Lent' is a shortened version of the Old English word 'lencten', a word which simply means spring (in relation to the season). It is thought to have Germanic roots and seems likely to have been used to described the season when the days began to lengthen, signifying new life and renewal. Over time, the word Lent came to be linked specifically to the Christian tradition of fasting before Easter, which always coincided with the spring.

Cherubini

Mass in C

Mozart

Vespers



Ardingly Choral
Society

Mid Sussex Sinfonia

Conductor Robert Hammersley

Olivia Bell - Soprano

7.30pm Sunday

26th March 2023

Ardingly College Chapel



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REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

Lindfield Repair Café

Saturday 4th March 10.00am – 1.00pm

United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield

LINDFIELD
REPAIR CAFE

Crawley Down & Turner's Hill Repair Café

Saturday 25th March 10.30 – 12.30

The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down

Forest Row Repair Café

Saturday 18th March, 10.00am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ



As the servers's strike entered its third week, the Army was called in.

MORE TRAVELLERS' TALES from Jill and Mike Veasey

After docking in Ashdod (Israel) we took a trip to Jaffa, which was a bit disappointing in that the vision we had of orange groves etc was totally wrong. Jaffa has been swamped by Tel Aviv so the Old Town, which we saw, including Simon the Tanner's House (where Peter stayed) was quite small. There were lots of references to Jonah and whales, but not much else to see apart from lots of traffic!



We sailed that evening to Alexandria – a place neither of us had visited before. First impressions were that it was a bit unusual to eat our breakfast on the sun deck, watched by armed guards on the roof of the port building!!

[Left - Alexandria Castle]

The Catacombs were our first stop and these were apparently discovered when a horse and cart suddenly disappeared down a hole which opened up in the road. Since then a lot of digging has been done and we were able to go down a sort of spiral staircase to see the actual tombs. It's thought that a lot more is there to be discovered, but can't be explored until people who are living in the flats above have been rehoused!



Having survived the heat and dust there, we moved on to the second largest library in the world – having seen which, we could but wonder how big the biggest one was!! It was really impressive and interesting and we could have spent much longer there.

Following fish and chips Egyptian style (rice and calamari instead of chips and peas) we tackled the rush hour traffic to visit Omar Sharif's Uncle's house and museum. Again, very interesting, but by now we were wilting and were happy to go back to the boat, having the site of the original lighthouse pointed out on the way. There is now a fort built there.

The next day, again with a police escort, guns and all, we set off by coach for El Alamain, along recently constructed motorways, passing masses and masses of new construction. They're trying to encourage some of the millions who live in Cairo to move to the coastal areas and the new City of El Alamain. Desert? What desert?!

The El Alamain Museum was full of items from the desert war, including a Spitfire dug up from the sand, lots of uniforms of all sorts of nationalities, and a large array of tanks and armoured cars.



The number of graves in the memorial area was quite overpowering, especially some of the messages on the stones. A lot of bodies are still not recovered because of mine fields. We held a minute's silence and Tim – a retired Bishop – said a few words and all in all it was very moving.

Our journey home was quite entertaining as our driver tried to cut a corner and we found ourselves on a road he didn't know!! It caused a lot of amusement to watch our police escort having to get out of their car to ask the way!

Egypt was hot, dusty, noisy, in places dirty, but very interesting.

Next stop [*April magazine!*] Crete.

MORAL TEASER!

This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was apparently once used with a man as part of a job interview.

You're driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night. You pass a bus stop and see three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old lady, who looks as if she's about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life.
3. The man/woman of your dreams.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing there could only be one passenger in your car?

Think before you continue reading....

You could pick up the old lady because she is going to die; thus you should save her first.

Or, you could pick up the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect chance to repay him/her.

However, you may never be able to find your perfect dream lover again.

The candidate who was hired (out of 200 applicants) had no trouble coming up with his answer.

WHAT DID HE SAY? Look on page 20 for the answer!

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

A teenager was always asking his father if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought that God had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied, "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."



When I was a little girl my Mum would send me down to the corner shop with £1. I'd come back with 5 potatoes, 2 loaves of bread, 3 bottles of milk, a piece of cheese, a box of tea, and 6 eggs.

You can't do that now...too many security cameras.



A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer. A little boy, playing in front of his house, saw him and called, "What've you got in your truck?"

"Fertilizer," the farmer replied.

"What are you going to do with it?" asked the little boy.

"Put it on strawberries," answered the farmer.

"You ought to live here," the little boy advised him. "We put sugar and cream on ours."

The vicar was making an appeal for more help with the Sunday School. "At the moment I'm just carrying on with a couple of single ladies...."

FSW February 2023 update

Dear Friends,

The cost of living crisis is really affecting our current families (almost 250 active families as I write). Our practitioners in the field are very

busy trying to help families with budgeting, helping them to access any support funds available to them and acting as emotional support when it all gets too much.



We are so grateful for the wonderful response we had to our Winter Fuel campaign, which has meant that we have been able to help so many families with contributions towards their energy bills when these costs are overwhelming. Many of our newer practitioners have begun support groups in their local areas, which are a very welcome way for isolated parents to meet and find mutual help.

With events and meetings really getting into full swing now, we are looking forward to having lots of occasions to talk about our work and encourage support of all kinds. Our Easter Monday sponsored walk is now open for registrations, so if you would like to join us at Alfriston for what we hope will be a really enjoyable day then please get in touch with the fundraising team by email or phone.

We are giving thanks for a recent successful multi-year funding bid that will be a huge support to our core work over the next 3 years.

With thanks for all your continued, and crucial, support of our work.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

Answer to the Moral Teaser

He simply answered: "I would give the car keys to my old friend and let him take the old lady to hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the woman of my dreams."

St. Peter's C.E. Primary

At the time of writing, we are in the middle of Half Term and our children have been enjoying glorious sunshine and what seems to be the welcome start of Spring!



Holocaust Memorial Day

Earlier, as part of our collective worship and following our themes of Justice and Service, we marked Holocaust Memorial Day (held on 27th January each year). The children were asked to consider some suggested changes such as: No laughing; No smiling; No bike or scooter riding; No watching TV between 3pm and 12am; and No dancing. I am sure that you can imagine their response! They were shocked to learn that in the 1930s, many Jewish people in Europe were expected to follow these laws and were treated differently because of their faith. As you will no doubt be aware, millions of Jews lost their lives during the Holocaust. HMD encourages remembrance for all of these adults and children alongside the millions of other people killed during episodes of persecution and more recent genocides. We are incredibly fortunate that we are not subjected to such atrocities in the United Kingdom although sadly, many groups of people around the world continue to be treated badly because of their race, religion, gender or beliefs. At St. Peter's we endeavour to be a caring and nurturing community built on our mission statement: "Hand in Hand we journey together, guided by God." We believe that everyone has a right to feel happy and safe and that everyone plays an important part in working to achieve this.

Word Book Day

'World Book Day' takes place on Thursday 2nd March and as always, forms a part of our whole school 'Book Week', which begins on Monday 27th February. As you will no doubt be aware, Thursday 2nd March has already been shared as a potential day of industrial action. However, this does not stop us making plans for the week. Every year during Book Week we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community as we continue to endeavour to inspire a love of reading. Children will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Tuesday 28th February.



Sports



In January children from Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6, participated in a Basketball festival at Haywards Heath College. Joining other schools from the area, the children moved swiftly around 5 activities, learning and practising many skills including passing accurately, dribbling, shooting and defending. Playing a proper game of Basketball, enabled the children to practise their skills in a game situation.

Congratulations to Imogen Phillips, who qualified for the Mid Sussex Active Cross Country Finals after taking part in the NEARS Cross Country event in December. Just before Half Term, Imogen joined runners representing 43 primary schools in the area and ran a total distance of 2,000 metres! Described as a 'tough and challenging' course, Imogen finished 21st out of 60 runners ... a fantastic achievement!

We are always very proud and supportive of our children who challenge themselves to make a difference by helping others. We would therefore like to share with you a link to a JustGiving page set up by James in Swallow class, to raise money for the British Dyslexia Association. Challenging himself to run 2km every day for a month, 60km in total, James hopes to raise money to help give the right support to those diagnosed with dyslexia. James has already raised a fantastic £425! Well done James and thank you in advance for your support! To find our more visit:

http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-glover20?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=james-glover20&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=2191d707889a4688923351e4ea08901d

Friends of St. Peter's (FOSPS)

We are delighted that the next FOSPS fundraising event will be a return of the school quiz! This will take place on Friday 10th March at 7.30pm in the school hall. Teams can be made up of 6-8 people and whilst there will be some 'firmly established' quiz teams taking part (St. Peter's staff), there is always the opportunity to make up other teams and mix with some new faces. Tickets are priced at £10 per person, to include a drink on arrival and nibbles. Please also bring your own refreshments. Contact Henry Goodburn on 07719 975442.

Lynn Wilson



AROUND THE VILLAGE

DOGS AT WAKEHURST

From 27th February Wakehurst is welcoming dogs for walks across the 500-acre wild botanic garden, on a “specially curated dog-walking route that takes in the sights, sounds and smells” of the estate. They can ramble through Bloomers Valley, alongside the Water Gardens, and energetic pups can roam free in a new off-lead area overlooking the Millennium Seed Bank. Dogs are also welcome at the Seeds Café and the shop. Special dog-walking maps are available at the entrance, showing the best places to get water, dog treats, waste bins and complimentary bio-degradable waste bags.



Dog walkers are likely to be very pleased by this! Several non-dog owners I have spoken to, however, are not, so opinions are divided.

HYACINTHS

Many thanks, once again to the Ardingly Brownies for the lovely Hyacinth plants left on the doorsteps of the Seniors in Ardingly this month. Just the thing to brighten up dull February mornings!



FIRE

Most of us cannot remember a fire in Ardingly on the scale of the one which engulfed the derelict house at Shellbrook, next to Cob Lane, on 16th February. It closed the road for 4 hours that night whilst firefighters fought to bring the fire under control and the house is now a blackened wreck. I tried to take a photo but it was guarded by police, who stated that it was “a scene”. SUE

Parish Register

Funeral

The funeral of Teresa Elizabeth Georgina Wood, known as Tess, of High Street, Ardingly, who died on 30th December 2022 aged 94 years, was held at St. Peter's on Friday 27th January 2023.

Baptism

Robyn Betty Cooper of Langmore Lane, Lindfield, was baptized at St. Peter's on Sunday 5th February 2023.

As the seasons begin to change
And we see signs of new beginnings in nature,
May we put our hope and trust in you
And in your unchanging love and good purposes for us
As we journey through the month ahead.



Flower Rota

3rd March – Pam

17th March – Belinda

Meeting Point

March 6th : Jill, Deb and Sue

March 20th : Belinda, Alison and Dilys

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

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 £13.00 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

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 MARCH 2023



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4 v 6)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 The situation in Syria & Turkey following the recent earthquakes
- 3 World Day of Prayer. The service in Haywards Heath today
- 4 The NHS and all healthcare workers
- 5** The church in Ardingly: its growth, its needs, its witness
- 6 All who are struggling with the cost of living or high energy bills
- 7 The situation in Ukraine and Ukrainian families in Ardingly
- 8 All who suffer from addiction or abuse
- 9 Tearfund, helping to relieve poverty and living conditions around the world
- 10 King Charles and all the Royal Family. Plans for the Coronation
- 11 Our village schools; their staff, pupils and governors
- 12** Pray for our services today and all who lead worship
- 13 Pray for all who are on the margins of society
- 14 The Prime Minister, government and all in authority
- 15 Our Home Groups and those who lead them
- 16 IMARA Uganda – plans and funds for the new school
- 17 Our local hospitals and Care Homes
- 18 "Ardingly Meets" at Priceholme this afternoon
- 19 Mothering Sunday.** Pray for all mothers and those with none
- 20 Foodbanks and other organisations supporting those in need
- 21 AOJA and the Maternity Clinic in the Gambia
- 22 Ardingly Connected Together and all who volunteer in the village
- 23 Education for girls in Afghanistan and 3rd World countries
- 24 Alison Green, Deb Ruse and the work of FSW
- 25 Pray for family and friends, especially those who don't know Jesus
- 26** Our services today. Pray for the church family.
- 27 Give thanks and pray for our Flower ladies and all who look after our church building
- 28 Michael, Stan & Christine and all who are housebound
- 29 CPAS and their work training leaders and supporting churches
- 30 All who live and work in prisons. Prison chaplains
- 31 Praise God for His creation and the delights of Spring

**The deadline for the April magazine is
noon on Friday 17th March**