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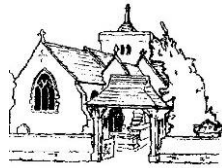


EASTER

He is Risen!

HALLELUJAH!





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 5pm for private prayer**

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

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Easter should be a moment to stop. A moment to stop in the midst of our usual busyness and in our anxieties, troubles and fears. A moment to stop whilst the clamour of war and of destruction, of injustice and suffering is ever present in the media. A moment to stop at a time when truth has become the victim again and again and again. Easter is a moment to stop.



And as we stop, to stand in silence before the empty tomb of Jesus Christ. To breathe, and to remember. To remember, as the heavenly messengers told the women in Luke's Gospel, that: *He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."* (Lk. 24: 6 – 7) Easter is a time to stop and to remember that.

To remember that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is beyond compare. That the resurrection of Jesus Christ is truly extraordinary. That the resurrection of Jesus Christ is unquestionably unique, certainly unmatched and without doubt unparalleled. That the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the victory of peace and of justice. Of hope and of truth: *He is not here; he has risen!* (Lk. 24: 6).

At Easter we need to stand with those we read of in the Gospels at the empty tomb and ask Jesus to make himself known to us. To reveal himself again as the one who died for me, for you, for us all. As the only one, who rose from the dead. Offering to all who will receive it from him, the bread of life that alone can truly satisfy our deepest hunger and need. Easter is a moment to stop and to open our eyes, use our minds and so see the risen Lord Jesus Christ for ourselves. To see the risen Lord who wants to bring the fullness of God's love into our lives. A fullness that means peace, rest, freedom, and hope. Instead of fear, doubt, anxiety, and despair.

At the start of the first Easter Day there was discouragement, there was defeat and there was fear. They're all feelings that may well be swirling around us right now and in our life for whatever reason.

But all those feelings began to change when the women were told by those heavenly messengers that: *He is not here; he is risen!* Then, they remembered all of Jesus' words.

So, will you stop? Stop for just a little while so as to stare into that empty tomb and 'see' where he was laid. And will you then hear the truth and accept that Jesus Christ is not there, he has risen! And in that knowledge, will you cast aside fear and doubt and despair and allow the joy of the resurrection, the joy of the Risen Lord Jesus to be revealed to you and so to overwhelm you.

Friends, we need to 'see' and to believe and so, experience for ourselves the heart-transforming experience that is the truth of Easter Sunday morning. Hallelujah! He is Risen! He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

With very best wishes for a blessed and Holy Easter.



Need a helping hand?

Serving the community in simple ways
If you have a problem there are people willing to help



AT YOUR SERVICE

Call 892442 or 892307

A community project managed by St Peter's Church

NOTICE BOARD

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings will take place on 3rd and 17th April in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



Ardingly History Society

will meet in Hapstead Hall
Tuesday 18th April at 7.45pm
Alan Barwick will give a talk on
"30 years of collecting postcards"

The **Annual Church Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Centre.

W.I. Meeting 20th April

Stephen Hand will be speaking on
"National Coast Watch"

FILM NIGHTS

30th March: "I wanna dance with somebody"
27th April: Title to be announced
7.00pm for 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall
Tickets £7 from Fellows Bakery and Ardingly News

THANK YOU

Sue Kinneer would like to say a very grateful "Thank You" to whoever the kind people are who have been tidying up the graveyard around her husband's grave. It was looking very nice when she came to visit it recently, which was a lovely surprise.

Services in April 2023 and for HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Sunday 2nd April

PALM SUNDAY

9.00am

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a; Matthew 21: 1 - 11

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Morning Praise

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a; Matthew 21: 1 - 11

6.00pm

Open to God

A service of Evening Prayer and quiet reflection to end the day.

Thursday 6th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm

As we remember how Jesus and the disciples gathered in the Upper Room to share the Last Supper, we will gather in the Church Centre for supper followed by a celebration of Holy Communion.

Friday 7th April

GOOD FRIDAY

11.00am

The Greatest Love of All

An 'open-air' service for everyone held on the Recreation Ground, Ardingly

2.00pm

A Meditation on the Passion of the Cross

A service that through music, word, quiet reflection, meditation, and images, will help us to focus upon the death of Christ on the Cross.

Sunday 9th April

EASTER DAY

9.00am

Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

“He has Risen!”

Holy Communion [CW]

A service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday morning

Sunday 16th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Acts 2: 14a & 22-32;

Holy Communion (BCP)

John 20: 19-31

10.30am

Acts 2: 14a & 22-32;

Morning Praise

John 20: 19 – 31

Sunday 23rd April

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Acts 2: 14a & 36-41;

Holy Communion [BCP]

Luke 24: 13-35

10.30am

Acts 2: 14a & 36-41;

Holy Communion [CW]

Luke 24: 13 - 35

With prayer for healing and wholeness

Sunday 30th April

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Acts 2: 42 - 47; John 10: 1 – 10

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Acts 2: 42 - 47; John 10: 1 – 10

Morning Praise

Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association

After a necessarily long time since anyone from the U.K. has had the opportunity to visit the Clinic, largely due to COVID, we finally managed to fly down for a 4-day stay at the beginning of March. Accompanying me were Margaret Dale, Glynis Doerr and David Ogilvie (David was the original architect of the building.)



It was of course an emotional journey for both Margaret and Glynis but I am sure that they were pleased with the warm, royal welcome they both received and, more importantly, to see the progress that has been made in the interim by Chernu Yaddeh, the General Administrator and his team. Also, that the Clinic appears well on its way to reaching the fruition of John Dale's initial vision and of Steve Doerr's dogged determination during some very challenging years.



The changes we saw were dramatic, with full use being made of every area, within the main building and also in the side buildings containing the Path Lab, Dentist, Library and Stores. The 'Bantaba' (a circular building, in the grounds of the main clinic) was also being used, on one day by a Public Health seminar and on

another, as a vaccination centre for children.

The Centre is now fully computerised which, aside from managing all the administration, also, critically, logs every patient when they first register, followed by a record of every visit they make, and their individual medical records. Installed in October, 2021, the Centre has in excess of 29,000 individuals registered, and not just from Old Jeshwang – its range of services and popularity now draws patients from a much wider community! As we left, the Clinic was asked to accept student midwives from the School of Medicine & Allied Health Services, Department of Nursing and Reproductive Health (part of the University of The Gambia). To be asked to undertake part of their training at our facility is praise indeed!

Naturally, there is still much to be done – principally we need to extend our Delivery Suite which is why David's presence was critical. He spent his time assessing how the current building could be modified to provide a second Suite and we met with the builder whose quotation we await with trepidation to see if we can fund all or part of it.



In addition, although a lower priority to the possible extension, are two additions to the Path Lab's equipment (to enable some tests which currently have to be sent elsewhere, to be effected on site), a solar-powered water system and, if possible, an ambulance to replace the current one which is becoming unreliable.

All in all, very encouraging but there's still much to do and pray about!

Thank you for your support

Lynn Wilson

An Easter Reflection

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
Had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.



HE IS RISEN!

THE WINTERSHALL PASSION PLAY



“Passion Plays have been a feature of the life of our country since the Middle Ages, and for good reason: there is no greater story than that of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.” (The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Justin Welby)

The famous Wintershall Passion play has been performed in Trafalgar Square London on Good Friday since 2010. This is an awe inspiring full-scale re-enactment of the Passion of Jesus including a moving crucifixion and resurrection. This has been watched by an estimated 120,000 people in the Square over the past 10 years with almost 300,000 people watching the performance in 2019 through a Live Stream in many countries across the world.

This Easter, for the first time, groups in towns and cities across the United Kingdom are staging the Play in their own communities.

For anyone who has not seen any of the Wintershall plays, they are a real and unforgettable experience, bringing the bible to life!

FSW Volunteers needed!



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1870

I am looking for new volunteers to support my work in the Cuckfield Deanery. I am currently running a drop in for parents/carers at 'The Bentswood Hub' in Haywards Heath in conjunction with the charity Hope.

We always need volunteers to chat with families, interact with the children there or to make tea and coffee. All of the families just appreciate a listening ear and to feel that there are people that care about them. The drop in runs on a Wednesday from 9-2 although I normally attend until 12. It would also be great to have a bank of volunteers that would be willing to drive families to important appointments. Support for local events or to do shopping for families if they are unwell would also be really valuable.

You can commit to as much or as little as you like, it does not need to be a regular commitment and any help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested please contact me on 07887524059 or alison@familysupportwork.org.uk. I can then send you a form to complete which head office will use to make the appropriate checks.

Thank you!

Alison
Family Support Practitioner
Family Support Work, Cuckfield Deanery

ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY



It's a very exciting term at St Peter's! World Book Day at the beginning of March is always very popular but at St Peter's, we had a whole week! Book Week is a fantastic time to celebrate our love of books and literature. As usual, children were invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. This year, we also held a competition for pupils to design and make a Book in a Box. This entailed making a model in a box, no bigger than a shoe box, to represent the title of a book. Imaginations ran riot and the models were displayed in our wonderful new library. Prizes were awarded in our celebration assembly at the end of the week.

In Key Stage 1, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We have learned how Samuel Pepys, the famous diarist, recorded in his diary that he had seen the fire as it was starting, didn't think it was very important so went back to bed! Goodness me! We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Fire Service and a fire engine - I don't think they would have been very impressed by Mr Pepys' behaviour.



Our sporting prowess has been on display again this term. The mixed netball team won a tense and hard-fought game, coming from behind to win 4-2. They now go on to play against other teams from Mid Sussex. The talents in the school are not limited to



sporting achievements either. For Red Nose Day, the school council decided that there would be a 'St Peter's Got Talent' event, with pupils being invited to perform in front of the rest of the school. Auditions were held in each class, with successful acts going forward to perform in a show to the rest of the school.

As we head towards Easter, we are learning about Jesus and how he died on the cross and rose again. We get the chance to sing lovely songs and put together a service to celebrate everything about the Easter Story. What a great time in the school year!

Kathryn James

TRAVELLERS' TALES

Jill and Mike continue their cruise around the Mediterranean

We left Alexandria and spent a whole day at sea as we travelled North to Crete. I think we all enjoyed some time to relax without needing to go on coaches to any special sites – though the sea was somewhat bumpy, which didn't please everyone!



The morning of Saturday 8th October found us moored at Heraklion, ready for an 8.30am start to visit Knossos archeological site. This was the home of the mythical Minotaur, kept by King Monos, and was quite a large area to explore – spoilt a little bit by the fact that it decided to rain (a novelty on this trip) and there seemed to be at least 10 other

tourist groups all trying to do the same thing!

The site, which stands on a knoll between the confluence of two streams, was explored by Sir Arthur Evans in 1900 and he found a palace and some surrounding buildings, part of a fairly sophisticated Bronze Age culture, approximately 1600 to 1400 B.C..

When we had seen enough, our coach dropped us off to spend free time in the city, which we duly did, wandering in the Old City area and enjoying an excellent lunch at a small café in one of the squares near the Cathedral. This was followed by a somewhat unguided tour to get back to the 2.00pm bus, as the boat was due to sail at 4.00pm.

“Where to?” you might ask. Well, an overnight trip to Kalamata on the Greek mainland.

This proved to be our favourite place so far, in a beautiful setting on a lovely day with a lovely harbour, lots of little



sailing dinghies and not a lot else. Apparently it is famous for its olives, said to be the best in Greece.



Our trip today was to visit Mystras, which was up in the mountains above Sparta. We stopped at a Greek version of Services on the excellent motorway – worthy of a mention only because the queue for the Gents loo was longer than that for the Ladies! Quite a novelty!

The coach took us through Sparta and then up winding roads to Mystras. The scenery was such that at times it was jaw dropping. We were high above the valley and, needless to say, took lots of photos before starting our descent on foot down steep and often uneven stony paths. We passed the Palace and through various entrance gates, built because of different periods of occupation and the extension of the town. The Cathedral had beautiful frescoes and offered us the welcome chance to sit down and rest. It was very hot by now and we were all looking forward to a coffee stop – but we were denied this because we were running late!



After lunch on the boat we wandered out on the quay and sat and watched the sailing dinghies setting off with youngsters at the helm and generally relaxed and enjoyed a lazy Sunday afternoon. It is a truly beautiful area.

The day ended with a short service taken by Bishop Tim and a lovely meal after watching an amazing sunset!

Next stop Katakolon (Greece) and then Sicily.



Ardingly Parish Council

The Council continues to work hard to look after the village, its amenities and the community. Along with all the day-to-day business that is conducted on a regular basis, under consideration at the moment are:

- the potential coronation celebrations in the village;
- the proposed extension to the Bluebell Railway;
- moving forward on the refurbishment of the pavilion;
- obligatory safety checks on the playground; and
- the resurfacing and refurbishment of the tennis courts.

Coronation celebrations: we are working with other groups in the village to produce a plan and work towards celebratory events for the King's coronation. At the moment, it seems likely that we will be arranging a tea party on the Sunday and a 'clean up day' for the Bank Holiday Monday. There is a meeting on Wednesday 22 March to put detail around the plans and please feel free to attend, should you be interested in contributing.

Proposed Bluebell Railway Extension: residents will be aware that the Bluebell Railway company plans to extend its reach through the village. The Parish Council has asked for a meeting with the company leading this project to discuss their plans and any relevant concerns. This meeting is likely to take place towards the end of March and will be reported back at the next appropriate Council meeting.

Refurbishment of the Pavilion: the plans continue to move ahead for the anticipated refurbishment of the pavilion in the recreation ground. A project manager has been appointed to oversee the work and report back on its progress to the Council.

Playground equipment: each year, the Council arranges for an obligatory safety check of the equipment in the children's playground. This safety check has been requested from a qualified company and will take place shortly.

Resurfacing of tennis courts: as Spring approaches, residents will be pleased to know that the resurfacing and refurbishment of the tennis courts is nearing completion! When the appropriate line markings are complete, the courts will be available for use not only as tennis courts but as a multi use games area. Exciting times!

We are approaching the local government elections in May, when people are invited to stand for election as Councillors (Parish, District and/or County Councillors). In the pre-election period, there are limitations on what actions can be taken by Councils. At this point, it is not decided whether a meeting of the Parish Council will take place in April - the pre-election period runs from March 22 to May 4 inclusive. With regard to information about the April meeting, please check nearer the time on the village website.

Should you be interested in standing as a councillor, either parish, district or county, please contact the appropriate team at Mid Sussex via the Mid Sussex website.

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES



Lindfield Repair Café

Saturday 1st April

United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield

Crawley Down & Turner's Hill Repair Café

Saturday 22nd April 10.30 – 12.30

The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down

Forest Row Repair Café

Saturday 15th April, 10.00am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On the 3rd of March, Gina, Jill and I went along to the Ascension church where the service for the World Day of Prayer was to be held.



Each year several interdenominational churches get together to celebrate with a service which has been compiled by a different country. This time there were representatives from six churches from Haywards Heath and surrounding areas, including St Peter's. The service had been written by the women of Taiwan.

We had met together on a previous week to rehearse our parts and practise the singing. The sung refrain for the prayers proved to be challenging but I think we cracked it on the day! We found ourselves singing it to ourselves day in day out both before and after the day, not able to get it out of our heads after all the practicing!

We also had a fun afternoon making origami birds to give out at the end of the service, which was our effort to represent the endangered species of birds in Taiwan. Some looked more the part than others and some flapped their wings as desired and some didn't!

The altar was decorated and the dais hosted a number of beautiful phalaenopsis orchids which are the pride of Taiwan. The country has a worldwide reputation as the 'Kingdom of Orchids'.

Everyone took home the service booklet with lovely artwork adorning the front and containing many interesting facts on the country's health, geography, history, education, religion and the role of women in government and the church.

The afternoon was rounded off with tea and delicious home made cakes provided by members of the Ascension church, giving an opportunity to mix and chat to people from other churches.

By attending the World Day of Prayer we were all part of a huge wave of prayer which circles the earth and began at dawn in Western Samoa and Tonga and ended at dusk in American Samoa. Quite a thought! As the words say in the final hymn that we sang (*The day thou gavest, Lord, has ended*), the voice of prayer is never silent!

I would urge you all to come along to next year's WDP (to be led by Palestine). It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the lives of our fellow Christians and to be united in prayer across the globe. I can definitely recommend it!

Adele Collins

RECYCLING NEWS

Volunteer Waste Prevention Advisor of the WSCC, Colin McFarlin, says that because the sorting process at the recycling plant has been improved we can now put in our blue bins **all metal tops, of any size**, from bottles, jamjars and the like.



And in the past we had to remove the tops on plastic bottles, but we can now recycle all our **plastic bottles with the tops on**. It doesn't matter what type of plastic the tops are made of. Even pump sprays and trigger sprays can be left on plastic bottles. Bottles do need to be clean, though, and to have as much air as possible squeezed out of them.

Pre-school News



We have had a great term at Pre-school. The children have been learning about the changing seasons, exploring Winter and noticing the first signs of Spring, particularly enjoying seeing the bulbs we planted in Autumn growing. We also enjoyed Valentine's day and learning about love and our feelings, and how to manage them.

In more recent weeks we have been continuing to enjoy being outside, in spite of the rather cold weather which is not at all off putting to a Preschooler! We are now looking towards Easter and planning various activities including a sponsored walk and Easter Egg hunt.



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/>

SYRIA Post Earthquake



(photo of Aleppo taken by Samara Levy)

Samara Levy reports: Samara's Aid is actively serving earthquake affected areas, and we have just opened a new branch in an area that will enable more of our humanitarian aid to be channeled into the areas that have been significantly impacted,

Over the last few weeks many people have attended our medical centre with physical problems if not caused by, then certainly exacerbated by the stress and trauma of surviving earthquake after earthquake. Cardiac issues, surgical emergencies, other problems.

One of the benefits of visiting Syria in January, then returning in February, was that I was able to see the heart-warming, life-changing effects that our medical centre is having on some of the patients I met in January. It was incredible to see the improvements!

I am more grateful than I can express to everyone who has supported and donated since the start of our earthquake appeal. I'm so thankful to all the individuals, churches, schools, charities, mosques and other community groups who have collected aid for us to send.

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!



I told the doctor I'd broken my leg in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.



A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

Came the reply: "Because I didn't need one then."

Miscellaneous observations on daily life :

- You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.
- *If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.*
- In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog to worship him and a cat to ignore him.
- *The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."*
- You can turn your ordinary sofa into a sofa bed simply by forgetting your wife's birthday.

KIDS ARE QUICK

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

Maria: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

Class: Maria.

Teacher: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?

John: You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile?"

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O.

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.



...the good news is - I've found a way of heating the church on unwanted chip-fat!...



The team at **ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER** has been busy since the beginning of this year, planning food deliveries, keeping the hub going (including the food shelves), planning for Easter and working with other groups regarding potential village festivities at the coronation weekend.

Our food boxes have been delivered on an approximately two-week basis. These are designed to help those who need a bit of support at this time. It's never easy and things can seem overwhelming at times. We aim to be available to help whenever we can. We are looking at linking the food shelves in the hub and the food deliveries so that support is more readily available. Our plans are still coming together so more news soon! In the meantime, if you, or someone you know, would appreciate some support, please contact us.

Some good news - we are planning on repeating the Easter Egg Hunt that has been so successful for the last two years. Mark the date in your diary and come prepared to enjoy a walk around the village while finding eggs! The date and time are as follows: 1.30pm on April 9th from the car park in the middle of the village. Collect your maps and off you go!

We are working with the Parish Council and other groups in the village to plan some celebratory events in the village for the weekend of the King's coronation. There is a meeting in the evening of 22 March in Hapstead Hall if you would like to get involved with this.



AROUND THE VILLAGE

Warm Space ended at the beginning of March after running for 3 months. Whilst numbers were not very high, those who attended found not only warmth and refreshments, but company and conversation - and many a jigsaw was completed! Thanks go to Roy Simmonds and the Parish Council for organising it and to all who opened, closed, 'staffed' the hall and provided food for 4 days each week. Feedback has been full of praise and appreciation.

Dawn Chorus Walk

Although International Dawn Chorus Day isn't till May, early risers who love to hear the Dawn Chorus can take a walk on 1st April at Wakehurst between 6am and 8am to hear the many birds which are resident there singing their hearts out all over the estate. There is a fee (£30) but this does include breakfast refreshments at the end of the walk.

BE CAREFUL

A number of residents in the village have had a man calling at their front door - in my case, even *opening* my front door - to say that he is 'working on a house nearby, fixing the gutters' and offering to 'fix one of the ridge tiles, which is only hanging on by gravity'. [It is not!] The Hoover was on when he rang the bell and opened my door, and if I hadn't appeared when I did, I do think he might have actually entered the house. I shall sadly have to keep the front door locked from now on, even when I'm at home. SUE

Parish Register

Funeral

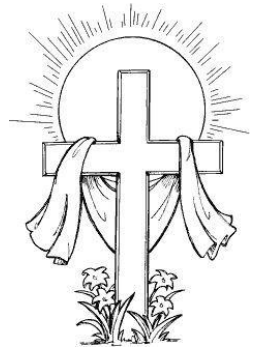
The funeral of Barbara Ann Monk of Mantell Close, Newick, who died on 20th February 2023 aged 85 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Friday 17th March 2023.

IN YOU WE REJOICE

Lord Jesus, in you we rejoice and we thank you
For the peace of your risen presence,
For the richness of your abounding mercy,
For the joy of your unfailing love,
For the constancy of your friendship,
For the gift of your eternal life.

Amen

(from the Prayer Trust)



Flower Rota

8th April: All flower arrangers please (Easter)

22nd April: All flower arrangers please

Brass Cleaning

1st April Deb & George Ruse

Meeting Point

3rd April: Adele, Diana & Sue

17th April: Jill and Deb

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)

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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 APRIL 2023

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord"
(Jeremiah 17 v 7)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Palm Sunday.** Praise God for his sovereignty and power
- 3 The Meeting Point team and all who enjoy coming
- 4 Teachers and pupils, at the start of a new term
- 5 All Samara's Aid volunteers. Safe transit for the aid containers
- 6 The church family. Tonight's Maundy Thursday service and meal
- 7 **Good Friday.** The services in the Rec and in church today
- 8 Pray for those who do not know Jesus
- 9 Easter Sunday. Jesus is Risen!** Praise God and give thanks
- 10 Pray for peace in Ukraine and other places of conflict
- 11 FSW, supporting families in difficulty
- 12 The Prime Minister and all in positions of authority
- 13 Countries experiencing famine or natural disasters
- 14 Refugees and all who have fled from violence
- 15 Aid agencies and earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria
- 16** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 17 All who work in the Police Force
- 18 Christians in Nepal and the work of the Anandit Church
- 19 Those suffering from addiction or abuse
- 20 The businesses in Ardingly and all who work in them
- 21 All who are grieving or suffering from broken relationships
- 22 Praise God for the order of creation and joys of Spring
- 23** Our services today. Pray for all bishops and clergy
- 24 All who work in the NHS and Care sectors
- 25 All those who help to make Ardingly a nice place to live in
- 26 Farmers and fruit growers, struggling to make ends meet
- 27 Bambi and Andreas and their work in South East Asia
- 28 King Charles and the Royal Family, preparing for the Coronation
- 29 Give thanks for prayers answered in the past month
- 30** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on St Peter's

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