

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

May 2023



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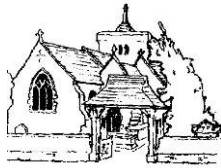
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St Peter's Church, Ardingly

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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 5pm for private prayer**

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

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A recent pastoral letter to all clergy from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York has set me to think. Because the Archbishops have written about the forthcoming coronation of King Charles III, and they have reminded us that this *'will be a historic moment in the life of our nation; a time to reflect on our history, reflect and celebrate something of who we are, and look forward.'* There can be no doubt about that. Along with so many others this will be my first real taste of a coronation service. We're all familiar with looking back at the newsreel of the coronation of the late Queen Elizabeth II. But now we shall witness it for ourselves. A chance for us to look forward and be drawn together in a moment of history and celebration.



The letter from the Archbishops then continues by reminding us that *the coronation is steeped in this country's traditions and filled with great symbolism. It is essentially a consecration to service. Happening within a Eucharist, the most basic and the central act of Christian worship, it includes oaths, regalia and crowning.* And that's what started me thinking: *It is essentially a consecration to service.* But then comes what is for me the most important line in the whole letter: *Through it we receive from Jesus the one who comes to us as a servant; the one who is the king of Kings.*

In other words, at the very heart of the liturgy, oaths and regalia of the coronation service is Jesus, the one who turns the meaning of kingship upside down. It is his light that will be shining upon this. And in that light, the light of his example, we are reminded that kingship isn't to be understood in terms of garnering wealth and power for oneself. It is understood to be about service; giving your life that others might live. Jesus makes service of others the true vocation and measure of kingship. And that serving of others is the expression of love; the tangible, concrete, real-life, on-the-street expression of love.

All of which sets the bar for anyone who seeks to be king, very high indeed! Of course, throughout his life and in all of his years as the

Prince of Wales, in and through the work of the Princes' Trust and across so many other projects, King Charles has already shown his commitment to the love and service of others. Nonetheless, the burden that he takes upon himself at the coronation service, this consecration to service in the light and example of Christ, is immense. It is that which has made me think; the immensity of that burden. In this King Charles will need *all* of our prayers. As we watch him crowned we do indeed need to celebrate and feel the moment of history. But above all else we need to pray. To pray for him in the light of *Jesus, the one who comes to us as a servant; the one who is the King of kings.*

I hope that you will join me in prayer for King Charles at a special Open to God service in the church on Friday 5th May at 6.00pm. It will be a vigil of prayer ahead of the coronation service. And then on Sunday 7th May at 11.00am on the Recreation Ground, when we will pray again and at a special commemorative service in celebration. But I hope too, that you will join me in praying daily for King Charles and as he assumes the heavy burden of kingship, perhaps using this prayer alongside your own:

O Lord our heavenly Father,
high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of
princes,
who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth;
most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour
to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King Charles;
and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit,
that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way:
endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts;
grant him in health and wealth long to live;
strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his
enemies;
and finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

With my prayers and best wishes,



Services in May 2023

Friday 5th May

Open to God

6.00pm

A Vigil of Prayer ahead of the Coronation Service

Sunday 7th May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

1 Peter 2: 2 – 10; John 14: 1 - 14

Holy Communion [BCP]

11.00am A **Special Commemoration Service** *to be held on the Recreation Ground in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III*

Sunday 14th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

1 Peter 3: 13 - 22; John 14: 15 - 21

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

1 Peter 3: 13 - 22; John 14: 15 - 21

Holy Communion [CW]

Thursday 18th May

Ascension Day

10.30am

A Service to celebrate Jesus' Ascension

Holy Communion [CW]

Sunday 21st May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

9.00am

1 Peter 4: 12-14 & 5: 6-11;
John 17: 1 - 11

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

1 Peter 4: 12-14 & 5: 6-11;
John 17: 1 - 11

Morning Praise & Baptism

Sunday 28th May

Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

9.00am

Acts 2: 1 – 21; John 7: 37 – 39

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

Acts 2: 1 – 21; John 7: 37 – 39

**Holy Communion [CW]
with prayer for healing and wholeness**

NOTICE BOARD for May

Meeting Point Coffee Morning will take place on 22nd May in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc. There is no Meeting Point on 8th May due to the Big Help Out Day events.



The **Annual Church Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Centre. Drinks and nibbles will be served before the meeting.

Next PCC Meeting: 29th April at 0900 hours in the Church Centre

FILM NIGHTS

27th April: "A Man called Otto"

25th May: Title to be announced

7.00pm for 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall

Tickets £7 from Fellows Bakery and Ardingly News



PLANT SALE

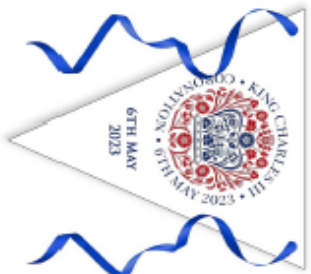
Jean Jeffery is growing plants again this year and is hoping to have them ready for sale by the beginning of June. All proceeds will go to St Peter's.

W.I. Meeting 18th May

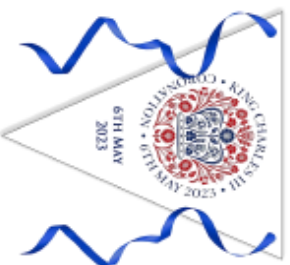
7.30 in Hapstead Hall

Peter Enser will be speaking on

"Women and children first - The etiquette of travel"



***To mark the occasion of
the
Coronation of
King Charles III***



The Big Help Out

Volunteer to help tidy
the Graveyard,
Churchyard,
and Church grounds
Monday 8 May
1pm to 3pm



St. Peter's Church

Invite you to join us
to commemorate this
occasion.
*Please join us for one or
both events.*
All welcome

Afternoon Tea

Join us for afternoon tea at
St. Peter's Church Centre
to complete a weekend
of celebrations.
Monday 8 May
2-4pm



NEWS FROM NEPAL *(received at Easter)*

Greetings to you in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Nepal.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus so we wish you a very, very Happy Easter! May the risen Lord be with you always.

We praise God for giving us His strength and wisdom to continue serving Him in this nation through Church and Charity work. All our daughters are doing well in their studies. As always we are truly grateful for your fervent prayers for us.

We are ever so grateful to the Lord for enabling us to purchase Land for the Aanandit Charity Center, Project 2030. After years of prayers and effort finally we have got it. Praise the Lord!

During the Christmas programs at our churches and in the community we reached around 1,000 Children with Christmas gifts. As always, we had a special Children's Christmas program at Aanandit Church and we welcomed and served around 170 Children that day.

Here at Aanandit Church we had a Leadership Summit to train our Leaders on February 15th. We are still having our Leaders Training Program every 3 months.



We had a wonderful Sponsored Walk to raise money for the Day Care Center of Aanandit Charity Center. We went to Ghampe Dada on the 9th February, which is near Kathmandu Valley. We had fun and good fellowship on that day and also raised some funds too.

Volunteers from the UK helped to give Health Education in our Church and in government Schools in February. It was a huge blessing to the people/students.

Mountain Prayers: It has been a tradition in the Aanandit Churches that every year women from the churches go to the High Hill near Kathmandu. They spend time together praying for the nation. On 14th March, they were able to bless the nation from a high place.

We held a special Aanandit Youth Program with a famous Christian singer on 19th February. It was challenging for many young people and confirmation of God's call to one of our worship leaders. Hallelujah!

Aanandit Charity Center organized a Retreat Program for its staff at Nagarkot on 11th March. The program went really well and we spent time reading the word, praying and worshipping together. A great time of refreshment!

Thank you so much for reading. Thank you once again for your continued love and prayers for us and for Nepal. We value it and honour it from our heart.

God bless,
Milan and Shusma...

Local Garden open for charity

Sue and Jim Stockwell are opening their garden at 47 Denman's Lane, Lindfield, as part of the National Garden Scheme this Spring. It is a one-acre garden, close to the heart of the village and includes a wildlife pond, lawn, rose garden, rhododendrons and borders, greenhouses, meadow and fruit gardens. Entry is £6 and this will go to support National Garden Scheme charities. Proceeds from the sale of home grown plants, jam, tea and cake will be donated to St Peter and St James Hospice. The garden is open from 1pm to 5pm on Monday 1st May, Sunday 21st May and Monday 29th May.
(ngs.org.uk)

History/Traditions of Pentecost



Pentecost, as a Christian festival, dates back to the first century. It occurs 50 days after Easter Sunday and falls on the ancient Jewish festival called the "Feast of Weeks". The Jewish 'Spring Harvest'. A time to look forward and pray for God's provision for the rest of the year. It was a day to celebrate and to pray. A day to look forward to the rich harvest which, God willing, was in store.

This is why Acts chapter two tells us that 'there were, staying in Jerusalem, God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven'. They were there for the festival and it was on that very day that God chose to send the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

The English word "Pentecost" is a translation of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty". It comes from the ancient Christian expression *pentekoste hemera*, which means fiftieth day. But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day". Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to the Jewish "Feast of Weeks".

Some Christian churches celebrate Pentecost more significantly than others. Some decorate their churches with the colour red to represent the "power and fire of the Spirit". Some confirm existing members on Pentecost through baptisms and confirmations, and this partly explains why some refer to the day as Whitsun - "White Sunday" - in reference to the white clothing commonly worn for baptism.

(taken from parishpump.co.uk)

The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even put U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see that it's true -
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and the word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Now go into the world and tell them it's true
That the love I have shown is not just for U."

So, many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.

Author unknown

Did you know these 10 Facts about King Charles III? *(All of them?)*



1. He was born at 9.14pm on 14th November 1948, to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, at Buckingham Palace in London.
2. He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.
3. He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree. From 1967 to 1970 he studied history at Cambridge University.
4. He can speak Welsh. He spent two months learning the language in 1969, as he prepared to become the Prince of Wales. He still speaks it today.
5. He is a qualified pilot and diver. While serving in the military in the 1970s, he trained as a jet and helicopter pilot and became a confident diver.
6. He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author, and a music lover, who played the cello at Cambridge. He has done some TV: making a guest appearance on Coronation Street, and presenting the BBC weather forecast.
7. As Prince of Wales, he founded nearly 20 charities. Together, they raise £140million each year for good causes. He is passionate about the environment, speaking out against plastic pollution as early as 1970. He has planted many trees during royal engagements.
8. Aged 74, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history.
9. As head of the Commonwealth, King Charles III is monarch of each of the 14 Commonwealth realms: Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

10. As King, he's the only person in the UK who can travel abroad in the Commonwealth without a passport and drive without a licence.



REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

REPAIR CAFE

Forest Row Repair Café -
Saturday 20th May 2023

Find us in the Community Centre, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ. 10am-1.00pm with last orders at 12.30.

Lindfield Repair Café -

Saturday 29th April (Brought forward to make way for King Charles III's coronation on 6th)
United Reform Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield

Crawley Down & Turner's Hill Repair Café -

Saturday 27th May 10.30 – 12.30
The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down

FSW April 2023 update

Dear Friends,

It seems that every time I write I am telling you how busy we are, but it is particularly true this month. We have been inundated with referrals to our service as so many families are finding life a real struggle at the moment, which is negatively impacting on mental health, family relationships and finances. We are doing as much as we can to support as many families as possible but are sadly having to put some on a waiting list until we have capacity.



For those families we are supporting, we have been running lots of Easter holiday activities to keep children entertained, including trips to Aldingbourne Country Centre, cinema and bowling, Arundel Castle cricket and various messy play and craft sessions. These have all been supported brilliantly by volunteers, so thank you to everybody who has supported any of these events. We are also looking forward to our first Dalesdown residential weekend in the middle of April, where many exciting activities are planned including archery! Thank you to everybody who kindly donated Easter eggs for our families – these were very gratefully received and much enjoyed by all.

We have a busy calendar of events coming up over the next few months including Open Gardens across East Sussex, prosecco afternoon tea in East Hoathly, a barn dance and metal detecting rally (both in Rye).



March's work in numbers:

- 319 individual visits and 1057 calls with families supporting 288 adults and 189 children
- 68 supported meetings with other agencies
- 46 group sessions held supporting 510 parents and 265 children
- 117 food deliveries made

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

THY KINGDOM COME 18th-28th May 2023



Thy Kingdom Come is a global, ecumenical, prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join. The global wave of prayer will start on the 18 May 2023 and run for 10 days between the Christian festivals of Ascension and Pentecost.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions - so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church is encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

(www.thykingdomcom.global)

TRAVELLERS' TALES

Jill and Mike Veasey continue their travels.

Day 10. After a nice gentle trip from Kalamata we awoke in Katakolon – a seaside town surrounded by hills and forests, in a gulf looking out over the Ionian Sea. This is a popular place for cruise ships, for passengers to visit Olympia.

We decided to have a quiet morning and not do the trip, so we wandered ashore and spent a happy hour or two in a small quayside restaurant, with coffee and nibbles, watching the world go by.



At 1.30 the ship sailed for Sicily and arrived in Catania, in the shadow of Mount Etna, at about 1.30 the next day. We felt very insignificant, moored on the opposite side of the quay to a VERY large liner!

Again, we did our own thing and wandered, finding an impressive fountain – but little else

apart from the Cathedral. The fact that most of the buildings were constructed from lava, and were therefore grey or black, made it seem a bit depressing to us.

That evening we left for Syracuse, having managed to see the top of Mount Etna after a long wait for the clouds to lift. We enjoyed a farewell cocktail reception and dinner, and docked well in the harbour area, alongside, feeling rather smug that our small boat could take us right into the centre of town whereas the large liners had to anchor, or move much further out!



Our trip to the Neapolis Archeological site was well worth it, as we saw a spectacular Greek Theatre, and also a Roman amphitheatre. We were also impressed by the Eye of Dionysius – a large cave with splendid acoustics, demonstrated by an operatic rendition by one of the Tour Guides! No, I [Jill] didn't join in!

After a lot of walking that morning we freshened up and then explored Ortygia, just over the bridge from our mooring. The highlight was the amazing Cathedral, which was apparently built on a previous temple

of Minerva. In front of it was a very large square – unfortunately rather full of tour groups.

We were left to our own devices for the rest of the afternoon and found a good, small restaurant for lunch and another for an ice cream later! In between, we explored lots of small alleyways, found churches and market places, and really enjoyed an interesting place.

Back at the boat we had a much needed shower and then attacked and conquered the packing!



The next morning we sailed into Valletta harbour in Malta and disembarked after breakfast. Our flight was later that morning so we joined a coach tour to fill the time.

When we checked in at the airport we caused the duty officer a problem. We apparently didn't exist, as we'd had no stamp on our passports as we left our boat! We weren't there, so how could we leave!!! All was sorted eventually, and later we arrived back in the Uk after an amazing, but tiring, trip.

St Peter's C.E. Primary School

As a Church school, we are fortunate to have strong links with our church. The end of the Spring term is always marked in school by our Easter church service, where we are able to talk about the sadness of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, then the great joy of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Parents, carers, grandparents can attend the service and share in our worship. Of course, we then have the Easter holidays to look forward to!



Returning to school after a break can sometimes bring with it a tinge of regret that the holiday is over. However, at St Peter's, there is more often happiness at being back with friends and back into a 'normal' routine! Our learning is exciting for adults and children alike, covering a breadth of topics to develop and enrich everyone's knowledge. Our school clubs, taking place both during and after school, also offer fantastic opportunities for our pupils – Jam Club, anyone?

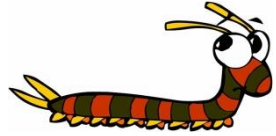
Kathy James



Changing the name from St Mark's Parish Church resulted in a big increase in the number of people attending services

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

A single chap decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, which came in a little white box to use for his house.



He took the box back home, found a good location for it, and decided he would start by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again. "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?" Again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

He decided to ask him one more time; this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey, you in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about the Lord???"

A little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time!! I'm putting on my shoes."



Q. How do you fix a broken website?
A. With stick e-tape.

Birthdays are good for your health. Studies have shown that people who have more birthdays live longer.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the ark?
A. Because Noah sat on the deck!



AROUND THE VILLAGE

STAMPS

There have been a number of cases recently where mail has been delayed and when it has reached its destination it has been in an envelope marked "Fraudulent stamp" and with a £2.50 surcharge attached. If this happens to you, the advice from the Post Office is to report it to the shop where you purchased your stamps.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local elections are taking place again on Thursday 4th May and Ardingly residents will be voting at Hapstead Hall. This year everyone must take photo ID with them, unless they have a Voter Authority Certificate. (The deadline for application for this was 25th April) Allow plenty of time to vote, too, because you will need to choose 11 candidates out of 17 to serve on the Parish Council.

CORONATION BELLS

The Central Council of Bellringing has suggested that bell towers might ring at 10.15 on Coronation Day but, given that most people will want to watch the procession, Ardingly (and West Hoathly tower) have agreed the following:

Saturday – General ringing in Ardingly, 4.00pm for approx 45 mins and General ringing at West Hoathly, 5.00pm for approx 45mins

Sunday – Quarter Peal at Ardingly, 3.00pm

Monday – Quarter Peal at West Hoathly, 11.00am

Ardingly Connected Together

Isn't it great to see Spring reappearing, even if it isn't quite here to stay yet? Once again, the weather was kind for us over Easter and we were able to run the ACT Easter Egg hunt.



Families ambled, charged, potted round the village, depending on how excited they were at the prospect of yet more chocolate! They managed to locate (and consume!) more than 500 eggs/Easter sweets in a very short space of time – egg-cellent hunting, Ardingly.



We were fortunate, too, to have members of St Peter's Preschool on hand to provide much-needed refreshments, either before or after the search. Thank you to everyone who helped and also to those who participated in the hunt.

Now we are heading towards the King's Coronation and ACT is working with other groups in the village to enable us all to celebrate in style. More details are available on Facebook and via posters in the village. Just to mention a few of the planned events, we are hoping to have a BBQ and bonfire on the Saturday evening, with a 'Bring and Share' picnic on the Sunday afternoon. With other plans in store, including a live concert, and something for everyone, we are looking forward to another great Ardingly weekend, May 6 – 8th. Save the dates in your diary!



Message from the Monk family

Ken, Carolyn and family would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards, support and kind messages following the passing of Barbara. We have been so very touched and overwhelmed by all the wonderful tributes to her. A particular thanks to John Crutchley for all his help and guidance during this sad time.



Ardingly Parish Council

Work continues within the Parish Council as Councillors seek to add benefit and value to the life of all residents in the village. One of the many responsibilities which falls to the Council is that of setting and maintaining the budget for the 'precept', the money received by the Parish for its everyday life. If you are able to walk over to the tennis courts, you will be able to see a great example of how some of the precept has been spent. We now have a fully resurfaced and painted multi-sport area! We were fortunate, as well, to receive a grant towards this work, meaning that the cost to the village was alleviated. The courts are available for anyone to use so please take advantage of this facility.

As residents in the village, we are fortunate to have easy access to the South of England Showground. However, the Council is aware that not all of the events put on at the showground are welcomed by the village and some have serious detrimental effects. Because of this, the Parish Council has been working with representatives of the South of England Agricultural Society (SEAS) to develop a stronger working relationship and an understanding of what is acceptable. This has been put together in a joint communique, which will be made available on Parish notice boards and via other communication routes. This is a live document and will be regularly monitored when the Council meets with SEAS.

As we head towards the King's Coronation, the Parish Council is working with other organisations and individuals in the village to arrange events for a weekend of celebration. Part of the Council's budget has been set aside to facilitate these celebratory events and enable village residents to enjoy this national event.

You will all doubtless be aware that there will be local government elections on May 4th. In Ardingly, we will be able to vote for District Councillors and also for Parish Councillors. There are seventeen candidates standing for the eleven Parish Council places and we encourage you to come out on 4th May to vote. Please remember that you will need suitable ID to vote in the elections. Voting will take place in Hapstead Hall throughout the day on 4th May and the results will be known following the count, carried out by electoral services. The new Council will meet for the first time on 9th May, with the Annual Parish Meeting being held the following week, on 16th May.

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## **Saved by their cat – a true story from Syria**

During the war in Syria, one man - a teacher - was forced to leave his badly damaged house and he ended up in another city where he stayed for nearly 11 years with his family. He moved back to his original home in the last couple of years, and used every bit of his income to rebuild his house.

The family have a cat, and on 6<sup>th</sup> February the cat woke the man's son by scratching his face (without drawing blood). The boy woke and started screaming, waking the rest of the family. After a few moments the building started shaking because of the earthquake and masonry starting falling. By God's grace, because they were already awake, they managed to get out of the building in time. Their amazing cat enabled this family to escape without anyone being hurt.



Many people say that animals behave differently just before an earthquake, as if they sense it is coming.







# ARDINGLY VILLAGE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

*Fun events for all the family*

SATURDAY 6TH MAY, 7.00PM TO 9.30PM - LOCATION TBC

**BONFIRE, BAR AND FREE BBQ**

SUNDAY 7TH MAY, 11.00AM - RECREATION GROUND

**CHURCH SERVICE**

SUNDAY 7TH MAY, 2.00PM TO 4.00PM - RECREATION GROUND

**FAMILY PICNIC** bring your own food, drink and chairs to share

SUNDAY 7TH MAY, 4.00PM TO 9.00PM - HAPSTEAD HALL

**FREE LIVE CONCERT AND DJ SET**

TICKETS FROM ARDINGLY NEWS AND FELLOWS

MONDAY 8TH MAY, 1.00PM TO 3.00PM

**VILLAGE CLEAN UP - DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

*Watch out for more details on Facebook and village notice boards.*



# Parish Register

## Funeral

The funeral of Honor June Mansell of Hett Close, Ardingly, who died 26th February 2023 aged 97 years, was held at St. Peter's Church on Monday 27th March 2023.

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*Heavenly Father,*

*We need your help, just like those first disciples did when Jesus came back to you after his resurrection. They must have wanted him to stay with them. They must have felt puzzled and bereft – and wondered how to go on.*

*But you, Lord, knew a better way. You sent them a helper, the Holy Spirit, to fill them with your life. We thank you so much that the same Spirit will be our helper too, if we are willing to ask you for him. We will be able to face each day, each challenge, with your Spirit living in us to guide and empower us, to enable us to carry on even when we don't understand.*

*So, we pray, come Holy Spirit, fill us, encourage us to carry on, in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

(Daphne Kitching)

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## Flower Rota

5<sup>th</sup> May: Ann

19<sup>th</sup> May: Jean

## Brass Cleaning

27<sup>th</sup> May John & Sally Crutchley

## Meeting Point

22<sup>nd</sup> May: 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)

**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](mailto:emails4sue@gmail.com)

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

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

## PRAYER DIARY MAY 2023

*"Trust in Him at all times ... Pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge"*  
(Psalm 62 v 8)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Pray for peace in Ukraine, Sudan and other countries where there is conflict
- 3 Pre-School and Rebecca, who leads it
- 4 Our government and the local elections taking place today
- 5 Andreas and Bambi and their work in S.E. Asia
- 6 King Charles III and the Royal Family; the Coronation today
- 7** Today's service on the Recreation Ground
- 8 Today's "Big Help Out" and tea. Pray for all who volunteer
- 9 Heather Johnstone and her ministry in Tanzania
- 10 Pray for safety on the streets of our towns and inner cities
- 11 Praise God for family and friends and pray for all who are lonely
- 12 Pray for good outcomes to the current industrial disputes
- 13 Samara's Aid, helping the earthquake victims in Syria
- 14** Our worship today. Pray God's blessing on St Peter's
- 15 Christian Aid Week. Pray for the work of this charity
- 16 The PCC and the Annual Church Meeting today
- 17 Belinda and the IMARA team. Plans and funds for the new school
- 18 **Ascension Day.** Praise God for His salvation plan
- 19 The Police Force in this country and all who serve in it
- 20 Street Pastors and all who help people in difficulty
- 21** Church services today. Also the radio and TV services
- 22 St Peter's Centre / its finances / all who use and look after it
- 23 Children & adults with special needs. Those who look after them
- 24 AOJA and its work in the Gambia
- 25 The village schools. All children taking exams this month
- 26 All who are on the Pastoral team at St Peter's
- 27 Tearfund, working to relieve poverty around the world
- 28 Pentecost.** Praise God that He did not leave us alone
- 29 Ardingly Parish Council & all who serve on it
- 30 Our sidespersons, welcomers, readers and intercessors
- 31 Praise God for His unending love and faithfulness

**The deadline for the June magazine  
is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**