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July/August 2023



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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 daily
from 10am to 5pm for private prayer**

See the following pages for full details of all the services in July & August

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Thoughts of Summer bring with them thoughts of rest and recharge. A break from routine is an opportunity to reset the balance in our lives that can be so easy to lose. Holidays are a time to think about that balance, to pray about it, and to resolve perhaps to do something about it.



This need for balance is something that is addressed by the gospel writer Luke in his short account of Mary, and Martha. These sisters were among Jesus' closest friends. In just five verses Luke manages to say so much, jumping straight in to tell us that it was Martha who opened her home to Jesus. So from the outset she receives him, she's entirely open to him. Which is a good reminder of how we should all be, open to Jesus in our life all the time. But it's her sister Mary who gives Jesus her fullest attention, just sitting at his feet and listening to all that he has to say. By contrast, Martha is busy attending to all that needs to be done so as to be a welcoming host.

We all know, I am sure, how easy it is to be distracted by all of the routine things in life that need to be done, and by all of the routine things that need to be thought about and prepared and planned for. All too often with me the morning and daily disciplines of prayer and Bible study come under pressure because of something routine that seems on the face of it so urgent. But that is a mistake. In all of the practicalities of life and in the hustle and bustle of all that must be done lurks the danger that we might lose sight and sound of the Lord, the one who should be before us to lead and to guide us in everything. The point is that whilst there may be plenty of work to do, in doing that work, Jesus needs to be kept right at the centre.

Traditionally, this little passage about Mary and Martha has been used to contrast two types of Christianity. There's the contemplative Mary and the active and busy Martha. Maybe so, but in my opinion each are as important as the other. As in so much else, it is balance that is really important.

We've got to be busy, but at the same time also thoughtful and open to the gentle promptings and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Starting whatever it is that we are doing with a time of prayer seems the best idea, and then looking to Jesus' word for guidance and direction throughout. We need to be constantly checking ourselves and ensuring that we're not getting stuck in a rut; constantly allowing ourselves to be laid open before God and his Word so as to be challenged by it. And we need to be constantly stopping too, taking those moments of holiday, so as to keep afresh in all that we do and so remembering just how the Gospel sets us quite free.

I hope that you will enjoy your holiday this year, whatever you may be doing and wherever you may be going and that it will allow you the opportunity to rest, recharge, and then reset the balance in your life. And I pray too, that you will return more like Mary and so with your eyes fixed on Jesus in all that you do.

With my prayers and best wishes



ARDINGLY CHORAL SOCIETY AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

On Wednesday 5th July Choral Evensong at Chichester Cathedral will be sung by

Ardingly Choral Society:

Responses by William Smith

Canticles: T. Tertius Noble in B minor

Anthem: The Spirit of the Lord by Edward Elgar

All are welcome.

The service begins at 5.30pm.



Services in July 2023

Sunday 2nd July

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Morning Praise

6.30pm

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 6: 12 - 23; Matthew 10: 40 - 42

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Open to God

Sunday 9th July

9.00am

Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.30am

Morning Praise

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19 & 25-30

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Sunday 16th July

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23

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Sunday 23rd July

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)
with prayer for healing and wholeness

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36-43

Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36 - 43

Sunday 30th July

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Morning Praise

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-52

Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-52

Services in August 2023

Sunday 6th August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Romans 9: 1 - 5; Matthew 14: 13 - 21

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Romans 9: 1 - 5; Matthew 14: 13 - 21

Morning Praise

6.30pm

Open to God

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

Sunday 13th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Romans 10: 5 - 15; Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Romans 10: 5 - 15; Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 20th August

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Romans 11: 1 - 2a & 29 - 32; Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Romans 11: 1 - 2a & 29 - 32; Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Morning Praise

Sunday 27th August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am

Romans 12: 1 - 8; Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Romans 12: 1 - 8; Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Holy Communion (CW)

with prayer for healing and wholeness

NOTICEBOARD for July & August

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 3rd, 17th and 31st July in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



We will be having an outing in August but the date and venue have not been decided yet. Details will be announced soon.

Belinda Maclean

Angels & Urchins

For babies, pre-school children and their carers
Thursday mornings in school term time
0900-1100 at Peter's Church Centre (front door)
Last session before summer: 20th July 2023
Summer Special: 17th August. Details tbc
Start date for the new term: 7th September

Ardingly Evening W.I .

20th July: Meeting in Hapstead Hall 7.15 for 7.30 pm.

Brenda Matthews will give a talk on Commemorative Handkerchiefs.

22nd July: Summer BBQ and a visit to the BOAT (Brighton Open Air Theatre).

8th Aug W.I. Quiz will be held in The Ark at Turner's Hill.

Visitors are always welcome. Contact Deb Ruse on 01444 892717.

Village Lunch

Wednesday 12th July at Hapstead Hall. 12.00 noon.

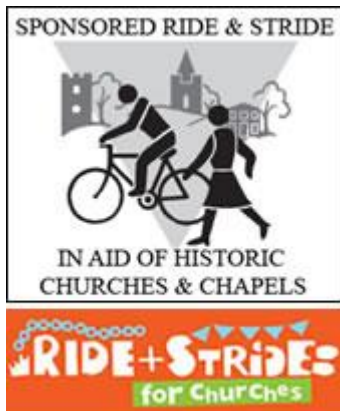
Tickets £8 from Ardingly News or 01444 892717 (Deb Ruse)

CHRISTA STUDD

I have just heard that Christa Studd died on 15th May, aged 83 years. She was the wife of Rupert Hamish Studd, who was the Rector of Ardingly from 1971 until his untimely death from cancer in 1979. Christa had been living in Devon since Rupert died. They have one son, Raleigh.

Sue Laker

Sussex Historic Churches Trust



Sponsored Ride and Stride 9th September 2023

This annual event enables us to help in raising money to preserve the historic places of worship across Sussex.

As usual St Peter's will be open all day to enable riders and walkers to visit the church while participating. Sponsor forms and lists of places open will be available soon for walkers and riders who wish to participate in this annual

event. Sponsor forms will also be available for those who assist by manning the church and welcoming visitors during the day.

If you have any queries please contact me on 01444 415317.

Jean Jeffery

Thank you from the Editor

At this time of year it's time to say a big '**Thank you**' to all those who contribute to, print, sort and deliver the magazine on a monthly basis. Without you it wouldn't happen! I hope you have a good break during the summer, before preparation for the September magazine begins again in August. If you'd like to contribute anything please send it to me by noon on August 18th. The email address is emails4sue@gmail.com Many thanks! Sue Laker



PLANT SALE

A big "Thank You" to everyone who supported the sale of plants that I had grown. Esther also sold some plants, and together we raised a total of £200 for church funds. I hope the plants grow well and give everyone much pleasure.

Jean Jeffery



Chichester Cathedral becomes dog-friendly

In May the Cathedral announced that it is opening its doors to dogs! Four-legged friends are welcome to explore the Cathedral and grounds during key visiting hours (Monday – Saturday, 9.00am - 5.00pm and Sunday, 12.30 - 2.30pm). Dogs are also permitted in the Garden of the newly opened Cloisters Kitchen & Garden.

Southern Cathedrals Festival

The Southern Cathedrals Festival 2023 will be held at Chichester Cathedral from 14th - 16th July, with the combined choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester Cathedrals performing in an exciting programme of events, performances and services held in the Cathedral and other iconic venues around the city centre. This year's Festival celebrates the music of two towering figures of English music, William Byrd and Thomas Weelkes, both of whose 400th anniversaries fall this year.



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

I wonder if, like me, you enjoy watching talent shows on television and are deeply moved when someone battles against all the odds to achieve the seemingly impossible. I was gunning for the profoundly deaf woman, Rose, to win Strictly Come Dancing in 2021 and she did. This year Mussa Mota, an amputee who has learned to dance, reached the final of Britain's Got Talent and so did The Ghetto Kids, a group of orphaned and disadvantaged children from Kampala. What also touched me was that when asked how they would use the prize money if they won, Mussa wanted to help other amputees to learn to dance and The Ghetto Kids wanted to build another home to help more kids like them. I know Rose did much to raise awareness that disability need not stand in the way of achievement. I am moved by many people who take part in the Paralympics too.

My heart soars when the Imara-Uganda Education Fund scholars rise above the traumas and difficulties they have faced in their lives – the years of fear during the LRA civil war, the death of parents, rejection, poverty, hunger, and attitudes towards disability – to achieve more than was expected, and I know that many will, in their turn, help others and some are already doing so. Our six blind and partially sighted scholars have extra challenges to face. One, Joy Mercy, who is totally blind encourages the others to decide what they want to do and go for it because she says they can do anything. I believe she will make a difference to the lives of many blind people as she goes through life.



Imara scholar, Brian, writing to his sponsor in Ardingly

Lona, who is totally blind, loves singing, and Amas who is partially sighted excels in sport. They need people who believe in them, opportunities and encouragement.

Our donors and child sponsors deserve a huge thank you. Your generosity is making such a difference to the lives of our scholars. If you would like to sponsor a student and receive photos and a regular update please get in touch.

Thank you Aberdeen House, Ardingly College, for raising £1,200 through your brilliant 24 hour dance-a-thon!

THE NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

When I wrote in March, we were in the planning stages of building a secondary school for the blind and other students next to their primary school. Progress has been made since then and the building of the school has begun! We have heard that extra land has been donated by the Lira Catholic Diocese, a parishioner has agreed to pay for a boundary wall, and an NGO will put in water tanks.



The primary school children are so excited about the new school

Another charity with which we have a link has promised some help with equipping the school once the main building is up. There is great excitement locally about this project that has been the dream of many for so long. We are planning a new page on our website to show the progress of the building stage by stage. It will also show where we are with fundraising.



The building of the new school for the blind is in progress

Please pray:

- For the engineer guiding and overseeing the building of the school, the builders, and the quality of the building.
- For funds to provide everything the school will need to ensure quality education and a new hope to generations of children with visual impairment.

Belinda Maclean

SAMARA'S AID NEWS

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The Medical Centre is busier than ever, as word of the work done, and the reputation of the staff, spreads. Some patients travel from the other end of the country seeking help. Our way of working is different. We have a systematic approach, following international, evidence-based protocols and by asking the right questions and with careful investigations, our team make a diagnosis and put a treatment plan in place.

Some patients have sold all they possess to pay for treatment at the main hospitals. Many, however, have no money at all to pay for examinations or treatment. Recently, a young boy brought a small handful of marbles to thank Dr A for giving him a free ultrasound. Those marbles cost pennies, yet they were worth a great deal to this poor young boy. Another lady came bringing Dr A a bunch of flowers. She gave the only things she had, carefully gathered from her garden.



At the start of this year we had been making plans to build three floors on top of the medical centre our team are working from now, as well as developing some of the area immediately surrounding it, turning it into a hospital. I had even drawn up the floor plans but the earthquakes just ten days after my visit literally shook all of our plans. Although our medical centre survived the first earthquakes unharmed, the building sustained some superficial damage in one of the subsequent earthquakes, of which there were many. It has been incredibly unnerving, and has shaken our confidence that building three floors above the existing building is wise in this earthquake zone. A new site has been offered to our team, and we want to take extra care over reinforcing the foundations, without building too many floors, to ensure that this building is protected against further earthquakes that will undoubtedly happen sooner or later in this earthquake zone.



HARVEST

It is harvest time now in Syria. Whilst we have been shipping bread flour to Syria since last year, and continue to do so, we have been growing a different kind of wheat for making bulgar - one of the staples in Syria.

Left: Rows of workers harvesting by hand with sickles

TREES IN THE DESERT

Our team are in the process of planting another 13,000 trees in the desert. We hope to plant a total of 15,000 this year. Each will bear some kind of edible produce, including pine, olives, figs, date palms and kharnoub, whilst restoring the biodiversity needed in the degraded desert soil. This winter has seen really encouraging amounts of rain, and trees planted last year are doing well.

Sadly, the grasses planted last year which were supposed to be very hardy, didn't survive the freezing temperatures this winter. But they have left a root system to aid the regeneration of the land and their decomposing remains provide some shelter for the new trees being planted. Since we took on this area in the desert, the price of land in the surrounding area has gone up considerably, as people have seen what is possible there in this dry, degraded land, and they have also seen that there is "sweet water" available underground. We hope that others will follow suit.

OUTREACH CENTRES

Activities continue in our centres for vulnerable children. Many of the children walk long distances to reach these centres and are rewarded for their efforts with various aid items, whether new shoes, eggs, cheese from our sheep's milk, flour or other food to take home to their families, as well as the friendly welcome, education and meals they receive there.

Samara Levy

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

LINK TO HOPE have just launched their 2023 Shoebox Appeal so that we can begin collecting useful items early.

The final shoebox total for 2022 was 26,015, which is an increase on the previous year. A huge thank you to everyone that 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 shoeboxes to local contacts in Moldova, Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine. Boxes were given out all over Ukraine and the team even managed to deliver shoeboxes to the East of the country. Every shoebox was gratefully received. All these countries are struggling with finances so gifts such as toiletries and school items, as well as warm hats and gloves make a huge difference to people's lives. In Ukraine, the destruction of the country's infrastructure means that millions of people have been left without power so candles in the shoeboxes are extremely useful.

This is an extract from Link to Hope's 2022 roundup:



"Mirela is a single mum in Moldova with two boys, Vadim 7 years old and Doru 4 years old. She is 25 with just a primary school education. Her husband was from an orphanage and they had their first child when she was 15 years old. She gets up every morning at 5.00 am to go to work for a local company cleaning the city streets. Unfortunately her husband left her with the two children a few years ago and she remains single to try to do the best for them.

They live in a small room 3 m x 3m with no bathroom and no kitchen. They told me the shoebox is the only gift they will have at Christmas as they can't afford to buy

anything. Their hope is to receive gifts for school, a toy and some sweets perhaps. We told them this is exactly what the boxes had in them. Your gift brought them joy and a little hope. As Mirela has very little schooling she only has a small salary each month and it all goes on medicines (because of health issues), food for the family and wood and utilities expenses. They struggle each month to pay the bills, the rent and keep going."

The deadline for the Shoebox Appeal is the end of October. If you would like a form listing what can be put in a shoe box please do let me know.

Sue Laker (892117)



"It's not a new stained-glass window – the Youth Club put its skateboard ramp too close to the church's west wall!"



St. Peter's C.E. Primary School

Holmans, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6UQ
Telephone: 01444 892314 Email: office@st-peters.school
Headteacher: Mr J. Savage Chair of Governors: Mrs K. James



School Bursar

Salary: Grade 7 – 12 Hours per Week (Term Time Only – Exact hours to be negotiated)

Are you a motivated individual who demonstrates a wide range of financial skills always aiming to **ACHIEVE** a high standard of work?

Do you **BELIEVE** that planning, prioritising and organisation are the key to success?

Can you help **CREATE** a plan for the future through the management of the school's finances whilst staying true to our core purpose and values?

We are seeking to appoint a diligent, well-organised and strategic individual to lead on school finances in our vibrant, welcoming and supportive village school. For your application to be successful, you will be able to offer:

- excellent administrative skills and previous financial experience;
- competence in budgeting, accounts management and staff pay;
- an ability to work under pressure, meet deadlines and use own initiative;
- relevant IT skills supportive of the wide range of modern day communications;
- a friendly, open and positive disposition;
- wide ranging organisational and people skills including patience, tact, efficiency, flexibility and confidentiality; and
- experience of working in a school environment (desirable but not essential).

St. Peter's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment. We are an equal opportunities employer. The post is subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service and qualifications checks, a health check and satisfactory references.

This is a permanent appointment with a six month probationary period, subject to satisfactory service. School visits are actively encouraged, please contact the School Secretary, Ms Gina Griffin, on 01444 892314 to arrange a visit. Your application form and accompanying letter, should be posted or emailed to office@st-peters.school. Please note that CVs will not be accepted.

Start Date: ASAP
Salary Range: £25,409 - £27,852 (pro rata)
Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd June 2023
Interviews: Week commencing Monday 26th June 2023



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Clerk to the Governing Body

Salary: Grade 5 – 40 Hours per term

Are you a motivated individual who demonstrates a wide range of administrative skills always aiming to **ACHIEVE** a high standard of work?

Do you **BELIEVE** that good organisation, confidence in a role and approachability are the key to success?

Can you help **CREATE** a successful plan for the future through providing advice to the governing body whilst staying true to our core purpose and values?

We are seeking to appoint a well-organised and reliable individual to provide effective and confidential administrative support to the governing body as well as providing advice on governance constitutional and procedural matters in our vibrant, welcoming and supportive village school. For your application to be successful, you will be able to offer:

- experience providing effective procedural and administrative support,
- effective information management skills operating within any relevant legal framework,
- competence maintaining well organised electronic systems and clear records, preparing and circulating agendas and associated paperwork,
- a strong understanding of confidentiality and efficient minute taking,
- relevant IT skills supportive of the wide range of modern-day communications; and
- wide ranging organisational and people skills applicable to working with the Chair and governors outside of traditional working hours in order to maintain the smooth and efficient running of the governing body.

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Start Date: ASAP
Salary Range: £22,369 - £22,777 (pro rata for 40 hours per term)
Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd June 2023
Interviews: Week commencing Monday 26th June 2023



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Dick: Great news! Teacher said we would have a test, come rain or shine. But now we won't!



Jane: Why's that?

Dick: It's snowing.

A woman meant to call a music store but dialed the wrong number and got a private home instead. "Do you have '*Eyes of Blue*' and '*A Love Supreme*'?" she asked.

"Well, no," answered the puzzled homeowner. "But I have a wife and eleven children."

"Is that a record?" she inquired.

"I don't think so," replied the man, "but it's as close as I want to get."



The new minister, encouraged by the numbers in church for his first sermon, began: "I have never had the pleasure of preaching to such a dense crowd before."

The following true-life headlines were found in newspapers:

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
Miners Refuse to Work after Death
Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter
Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
War Dims Hope for Peace
If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last A While
Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

(from Parishpump.com)

Pre-school news

We are having lots of fun this Summer Term at Preschool. We are spending most of our days outside enjoying the sunshine. The children have been planting sunflower seeds, playing with water and sand, racing cars, tractors and big diggers and pretending to go on picnics, among many other activities. We've also enjoyed watching the blue tits in the playground, seeing the mummy bird coming backwards and forwards with food until the chicks were big enough to leave the nest.



For the last few weeks of this half term we are looking forward to our Sports Day and going on a teddy bears picnic to celebrate the end of term. We will, of course, be sad to say goodbye to some of our preschoolers as they move on to "big school" at the end of the school year, and we wish them all the best in their future education.

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free early years education (and some 2 year olds) so please get in touch if you would like to know more, or visit the Preschool to have a look around, we currently have a spaces available for September.
<https://st-peters-preschool-ardingly.org/>



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

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

FSW June 2023 update

Dear Friends,

I write as half term is just over and the long summer approaches. We were very busy with all sorts of family activities including forest school, picnics, trips to the beach and parks – the lovely weather certainly helped. But behind front doors things are very difficult for our families as waiting lists for specialist support are growing even longer, and the economic situation shows no sign of improving. Our winter fuel fund is still being used even in these warm months as families cannot make their household budgets stretch to cover essential bills, and we are being asked to help with more and more clothing and uniform requests. The need for our work shows no sign of decreasing and we are still having to put families on waiting lists as we cannot work with them immediately. On the bright side, we have been able to close several cases recently as our help (over many years in some cases) has enabled families to reach a point where they are confident to manage on their own. One parent sent us the following message which we wanted to share with you:



"This is just to say a massive thank you from me for all the fabulous help you have given us over the past few years. We are so grateful for all the advice, recommendations and support. Your team are a great bunch and have shown so much dedication and kindness. We wouldn't have known half the people to contact for help and advice if it hadn't been for you. We shall miss your visits!"



Thank you to those who responded to our appeal for foodbank items. This has helped in the short term but we are still way below comfortable stock levels on all items except teabags, pasta and biscuits. We would gratefully receive any donations of other items at any point, in particular tinned fruit and vegetables and tinned meat.

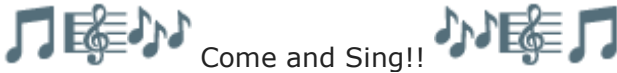
Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

(Anyone wishing to donate tins or packets of food can leave these in the FSW box at the back of church. It is collected regularly)



AROUND THE VILLAGE

New Community Choir



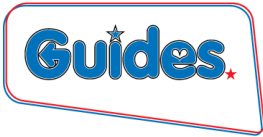
We're starting a community choir and we'd love you to come and join us! You don't need to be able to read music, you don't have to have sung in choirs before, you may just have sung in the shower. Come along and have some fun!

We are going to start on 10 July at 8pm in Hapstead Hall. The music will be all sorts of styles and rhythms. Some songs will be really well known, others we'll need to learn. Come and try it out - and have some FUN!!!
Kathy James (kathrynjames7@sky.com)

Hedgehog Rescue

Hedgehogs need water to drink, and in very dry weather like we've just had, they are likely to try to drink from ponds and can fall in. We're advised to put a few stones or bricks at one end of our ponds so that if they do fall in, they can climb out. Jill and Mike Veasey have stones in their pond but still found a hedgehog in it one morning in early June. He was alive and doing doggy paddle as fast as he could. They lifted him out and put him in a box with a towel over it and put some water and cat biscuits nearby. After panting for an hour or so he disappeared, so hopefully he will live to tell the tale.





Ardingly Rainbows and Brownies recently enjoyed an activity day and overnight stay at The Girl Guiding Centre at Blackland Farm East Grinstead . On our return we learnt that there is a proposal to close the country-wide centres for financial reasons! We are most disappointed as it will be a loss of activities for our girls.

We are learning some skills this term (sewing ,plaiting and growing.)

Please look out and return your square pots to enable us to plant Hyacinths for our "Senior Citizens " in the Autumn.

Ardingly Guides are preparing for a Summer Camp at Nowhurst with Lindfield Guides.

New members for girl guiding can register by going on the Girl Guiding Website On GO and log in to " Join Us"

Deb Ruse (892717)

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES



Lindfield Repair Café

Saturday 1st July, 10.00am - 1.00pm
United Reform Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield

Forest Row Repair Café June

Saturday 15th July 2023
The Community Centre, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ. 10am-1.00pm

Crawley Down & Turner's Hill Repair Café

Saturday 22nd July 10.30-12.30
The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down



Ardingly Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every month (apart from August) on the second Tuesday of the month. Our responsibility is to safeguard the village assets and endeavour to work with other groups in the community to enhance village life for the whole community.

We were delighted to welcome some new Councillors after the recent local government elections. They are already hard at work! At our meeting in June, consideration was given to a revised plan to refurbish the pavilion. We are at the stage of asking contractors to tender to do the work. We could be in for some exciting times!

Hopefully, you will have seen that the Multi Use Games Area, usually known as the Tennis Courts, have recently been resurfaced and are looking particularly good. We have line markings for tennis, basketball and football so do come along and use them in the glorious summer weather.

Our Council meetings are generally open to the public and we would encourage you to come along and listen to the debate. It is always good to know and understand what happens at the meetings. You may also be inspired to stand for election at the next election process in four years' time!

Parish Register

The funeral of Sylvia Frances Burt of Munnion Road, Ardingly, who died 3rd June 2023 aged 76 years, was held at St Peter's on Tuesday 20th June 2023.

Loving Creator God,

Thank you for the gift of summertime; for days of light, beauty, warmth and leisure.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature, open our hearts to receive all as a gift from you and recognise you as the Divine Artist.

May all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love and help us to share this with others. Amen.

Flower Rota

Friday 14th July: Jean

Friday 28th July: Belinda



Meeting Point Rota

July 3rd : Adele, Diana and Sue

July 17th : Jill, Deb and Kathy

July 31st : Belinda, Alison and Dilys

Brass Cleaning Rota

22nd July: Jill Veasey and Jill O'mant

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 JULY 2023

*"God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains us"
(Psalm 54 v 4)*



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 May hearts be changed and needs met in our worship today
- 3 Dr A and his team, running the Medical Centre in Syria
- 4 Our government and UK politics as a whole
- 5 Foreign students and all who will visit the UK this summer
- 6 The economic situation in Britain and those who are struggling
- 7 Ukraine, Sudan and other places where there is conflict
- 8 Heather Johnstone & the work of the Rehema Project in Tanzania
- 9 Our services today and John Witherington as he leads them
- 10 The NHS and its many needs and blessings
- 11 Church finances & the maintenance which is needed at St Peter's
- 12 Village Lunch and the team who prepare it
- 13 King Charles and all members of the Royal Family
- 14 Our Home Groups and their leaders
- 15 All who are getting married at St Peter's this summer
- 16 Our services today. Praise God for forgiveness and peace
- 17 All children who are changing or leaving school this month
- 18 The Police Force in this country
- 19 All who are anxious or have poor mental health
- 20 Deb Ruse and the Ardingly W.I.
- 21 IMARA. Belinda, Kevin and the team; funds for the new school
- 22 Street Pastors and the teams which patrol Beachy Head
- 23 Our services today. Pray for new life and growth
- 24 Migrants and asylum seekers; their safety and their future
- 25 Pray for new opportunities to share and live out God's love
- 26 Our patrons, CPAS, providing training & support for parishes
- 27 All who have recently been bereaved; the sad and lonely
- 28 The Rohingya refugees & all others who have fled from violence
- 29 Milan & Shusma and the work of the Anaandit Church in Nepal
- 30 Our services today. Pray for God's blessing on them
- 31 Give thanks that we are each loved by God and precious to him

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PRAYER DIARY AUGUST 2023



*"Be persistent in prayer giving thanks to God"
Colossians 4 v 2)*

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Rest and refreshment this summer for all who teach
- 3 All who will lead or attend beach missions and holiday camps this summer
- 4 Climate Change and our care for the environment
- 5 Our Churchwardens, John and Nigel
- 6** Our services today. Praise God and pray for the church family
- 7 Tearfund and its relief work around the world
- 8 Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- 9 Farmers at harvest time – the effects of the cost of living on them
- 10 Clubs and leisure activities in the village and those who run them
- 11 All who work in the Forces or serve our country abroad
- 12 AOJA and the work of the clinic in the Gambia
- 13** Our services today. Pray for all bishops and clergy
- 14 Belinda and Meeting Point; the summer outing this month
- 15 Our local hospices and Care Homes
- 16 Praise God for the pleasures of summer
- 17 School children considering their future following exam results
- 18 The RNLI, Air Ambulance and other emergency services
- 19 Samara's Aid programme and its many other projects
- 20** Our services today. Give thank for our freedom to worship
- 21 Alison and Deb and the work of FSW
- 22 All who suffer from addiction or abuse
- 23 Pray for friends and family who do not know Jesus
- 24 All those who have no home or food
- 25 Pray for all those who counsel people following a crisis
- 26 The Showground and Wakehurst Place
- 27** Our services today. May we grow in faith and love
- 28 Our village schools as they prepare for the new term
- 29 Bambi & Andreas, resuming their work in S.E.Asia after the holidays
- 30 The housebound and all who have long term health problems
- 31 Give thanks for the blessings of the past month

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