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Parish Magazine

September 2023



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St Peter's Church, Ardingly

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

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

**The church is also open daily
from 10am to 5pm for private prayer**

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

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The chapter in the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that speaks of love is one of the most widely known and often quoted passages from scripture. It has been used over and over again at both weddings and at funerals. But few chapters in the Bible have suffered more misinterpretation and misapplication than 1 Corinthians 13.



Divorced from its context, it becomes something of a hymn to love or even a sentimental sermon on Christian unity when in fact it reminds us that love is enriching, edifying and enduring and that as with God, so with us, love must be the motivation in everything that we do. The apostle Paul actually says something to the effect that 'even if I could speak all of the various languages that humans speak, all of the languages of the world' and 'even if I could add to that the languages spoken by the angels themselves, that would still be nothing but noise if I didn't speak in real love.' Which love, he says, is a selfless concern for others. So, this isn't love arising from any loveable quality in the other person - indeed it's not dependent upon them at all - but rather, this is a selfless love, a love that's in obedience to God's command to all of us, to love as He loves us.

Put quite simply, the love of God speaks of love that is directed outwards and towards others and not inwards and towards ourselves. It speaks of a love that's utterly unselfish, and which gives all, whilst expecting nothing in return. It is this that we witness at the cross; the miracle of grace by which God made it possible for all of us to enter His kingdom. The cross of Jesus Christ is the means by which God broke through our self-sufficiency with a demonstration of His all-sufficient love. Through Jesus, the one who was mocked and insulted, spat upon, flogged and finally killed, we were given a declaration of the love of God in the past as well as a reminder of that love of God that is continuing and an assurance of the love of God that reaches towards all of his faithful people with a kindness and compassion that is itself motivated by deep and everlasting love.

So, the cross of Christ is also a challenge. It is a challenge to us all to love as God has loved.

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

With my prayers and best wishes,



PASTORAL CARE in Ardingly

The Rector, John Crutchley, heads up pastoral care at St Peter's Ardingly and is always available to talk to anyone who would like a pastoral visit or explore the Christian faith further.

Under his leadership Kathy James and Sue Laker co-ordinate a small team at St Peter's who are available to offer pastoral care to anyone who is lonely, struggling, housebound, unable to get to church, or has questions about the Christian faith. They will be happy to visit anyone who is unwell, who would like to receive Home Communion, or who has been bereaved and would like to chat to someone.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the team if you would like a visit, or if you know someone who would like to be visited. Contact details are as follows:-

Rev. John Crutchley	892332
Kathy James	891047.
Sue Laker	892117.

Services in September 2023

Sunday 3rd September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Morning Praise (CW)

6.30pm **Open to God**

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

Sunday 10th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15

Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 17th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.30am Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

Morning Praise (CW)

Sunday 24th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16

Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.30am Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16

Morning Praise (CW)

NOTICEBOARD for September

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 4th and 18th September in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc. [*More Coffee Mornings on 11th and 25th September – see page 9 for details*]



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)
Start date for the new term: 7th September

PCC

The next PCC Meeting will take place at St Peter's Centre on Wednesday 6th September at 6.30pm.

Deanery Synod

The next Deanery Synod meeting will be held at Wivelsfield Church at 8pm on Tuesday 12 September.

Ardingly History Society

will meet in Hapstead Hall
Tuesday 19th September at 7.45pm
Roy Simmonds will give a talk on "Kier Hett"

Ardingly Evening W.I .

Monthly Meeting, Barn Dance and Raffle on 21st September. New members welcome. 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall.

Ardingly Film Night: 28th September in Hapstead Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny". Tickets £7 from the Ardingly News or Fellows Bakery.

Email: debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com
College Tel: 01444893000
Transport Available on Request



Bridging Ages Cafe

Where: College Cafe
When: Every Thursday
4:30-5:30 PM

IT Support
Board Games
Conversations
Free Tea and Coffee



NEWS FROM S.E. ASIA

Dear friends,



Greetings from Europe, where we are on holiday for the summer!

Sitting in a quiet room on a surprisingly pleasant rainy summer's day, life as we knew it during the last couple of months seems so remote. Praise the Lord for what He has done and continues to do in our host country, but we are aware of how much we need the Lord to protect and sustain the believers.

We praise Him that the House Fellowship post- Eid celebration went well and of the 15 women who came, about 10 were not yet believers. We give thanks too that we experienced God's power and goodness when one of the believers got demon possessed. It was a situation that we learned from.

We are also thankful that, together with our daughter, we could visit another Asian country recently for a conference.



Another highlight for us is that our daughter has graduated from high school with flying colours! Praise the Lord for protecting her all the years that she was away from us, for giving her friends and families who have supported her (and our son) during their school years in Thailand. God is good! She will go to Orientation School, as her brother did, and hopefully get adjusted to life in Europe and be more rooted in Christ. Please pray for guidance as she starts thinking about what to study at university after Orientation School.

Our son has finished his job as a resident assistant at that School. He is now staying with us for a couple of months before he moves to the university of his choosing in September or October. He hopes to study medical physics. Please pray that he will be accepted onto the study program and that he will find good Christian fellowship there.

We are currently staying at A's parents' house and have already been busy with medical appointments.

We need to have medical clearance before we go back to S.E. Asia at the end of October this year. We are assisting A's parents, travelling to visit supporters and churches and sharing what the Lord has been doing in S.E. Asia.

Blessings,
B & A

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

St Peter's will again be supporting the **LINK TO HOPE** Shoebox Appeal this Autumn.

The Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992 and brought smiles to thousands of people in Eastern Europe over the years. In fact, over 1,000,000 shoeboxes have been delivered to hundreds of different locations in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine!



We are asked to complete a shoebox for a family – not just a child. The list contains items for all family members and includes different items. These range from soap, shower gel/shampoo, family games, stationary items, small gifts for mum and dad as well as sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc.

Shoeboxes need to be ready by the end of October. If you would like a form listing what can be put in a shoe box (*each box needs one for Customs purposes*) please do let me know.

Sue Laker (892117)



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND THE NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Our new secondary school for the blind next to their primary school in Lira, northern Uganda, is growing fast.

The walls are now higher than shown in this photo and very soon the roof will be built. The plan is for Phase 1 of the main



building, 8 classrooms, the admin block, and toilets, to be completed by the end of December ready to be opened for Senior One in February 2024. With only one year group, student numbers will be low in the first year and spare classrooms will be used for all the needs of the school.

We had hoped to continue with Phase 2, the library, Braille library, computer rooms and hall early next year. However, the rapidly rising cost of both building materials and labour mean that we need to raise more funds to make this possible.

We are grateful to those of you who are already supporting this project that will bring new hope to blind children, most of whom are from very poor families.

FUNDRAISING - THE DONOR WALL

Visit our website www.imara-ugandaeducationfund.org page "NEW CAMPAIGN" to find out more about the appeal and how we are doing.

If you would like to buy a brick on the Donor Wall, use the buttons on that page or talk to me (Belinda - 01444 892368).

A £10 brick will buy 280 real bricks.

A £100 brick will almost pay for 3 door frames.

There will soon be a paper version of the Donor Wall.

COFFEE MORNINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Too many children in northern Uganda drop out of school because their families are too poor to pay the fees. There will be two coffee mornings in September (11th and 25th) in Hapstead Hall from 10.15 – 11.30 in aid of the Imara-Uganda Education Fund scholarship fund. The fund pays school fees to enable some of the poorest children, including orphans and blind children, to go to school. The cost of supporting our scholarship children is rapidly increasing. This is one of our biggest challenges.



Enjoy our coffee mornings where there will be sales of beautiful handmade cards, books and other items. Please put these dates in your diaries and come along for delicious homemade cakes, coffee or tea.

For more information about our work visit www.imara-ugandaeducationfund.org or talk to Belinda 01444 892368.

Please pray for the charity especially for funding for both the new school for the blind and for the scholarship fund.

Belinda

Did you know...

You can now recycle your old plastic coat hangers at Sainsbury's in Haywards Heath! There is a bin for these near the toilets. You can also recycle cosmetics in the same bin.



FSW August 2023 update

Dear Friends,

How quickly the year has gone so far as we say goodbye to the (rather disappointing) summer and look ahead to the new school year. The summer holidays



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1870

saw hundreds of children and their parents join us for activity sessions across Sussex, including our annual visit to Warnham Park. We also made 2 trips to Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation as well as a day at Berwick church, and many other more local outings organised by practitioners. Although these are often quite time-consuming and challenging

to organise, it really is worthwhile when we see how much fun the children have.

There is so much need for our work still, and we are still finding it hard to keep up with demand without overburdening the practitioners. Please do pray for all of our staff, whether frontline or behind the scenes, as there are many pressures at the moment. But the messages we receive from our families when we have been able to help them really does make it worthwhile, like this recent email from a mum:

"You are so lovely! You have been amazing in supporting us and helped us make great progress. I can't thank you enough, you're a star!"

Whilst our core work continues, we are seeing an increase in need for support with school uniform as well as food.

Thank you for all your continued support and prayers for our work.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

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HITS FROM STAGE & SCREEN

7pm 15 & 16 Sep 2023
The Dream Centre,
Chailey Heritage

www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-jumbo-ensemble

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Visit by the Monumental Brass Society

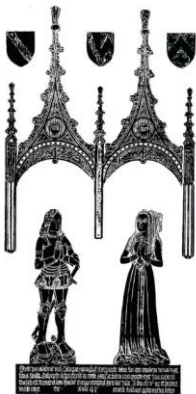
On Saturday 8th July The Monumental Brass Society visited St Peter's and held their Annual Meeting here. In the afternoon they invited members of the church congregation, friends, villagers and the History Society to come and listen to three illustrated talks on the splendid brasses which we have at St Peter's. The following is an extract from the one given by Robert Hutchinson on the history of the brasses.

“The earliest brass is atop a freestone chest tomb in the Chancel and is of Richard Wakehurst the elder and his wife Elizabeth, beneath a double canopy. The brass was engraved around 1500 by the London ‘F’ workshop. As Ardingly is some distance from the sea or any navigable river, the slab and its brass must have arrived here after a tedious journey, trundling over poor, unmade roads. Richard died on 4th January 1454 and Elizabeth died on 19th July 1464.

Richard Wakehurst was a member of Parliament for Sussex in 1413, was a lawyer specialising in land tenure law, and a Justice of the Peace for Sussex for 48 years. His will included bequests to Ardingly church, Robertsbridge abbey, the Austin Friars at Rye and the hospitals of St. Mary of Bethlehem and St. Anthony, London. He asked to be buried here in his parish church.

The second and third brasses, in the Chancel, are of Richard and Nicholas Culpeper and their wives. The Culpepers were an ancient family which had suffered some ups and downs over the years. Richard and Nicholas were sons of Walter Culpeper of Goudhurst, Kent, who, with two of their brothers, were among the 5,000 who joined Jack Cade's rebellion in April-July 1450.

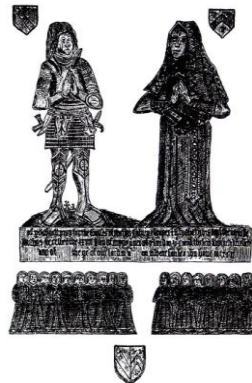
Richard Wakehurst's two teenage granddaughters and co-heiresses, Margaret and Elizabeth, were the daughters of Richard the younger (who pre-deceased his father) and his wife Agnes Gaynesford. The girls were sent by their grandmother Elisabeth to live with Nicholas and Richard's brother, Sir John Culpeper of Bedgebury in Kent. The following year they were abducted by Nicholas and Richard “with force and arms” and were taken to Bobbing, Kent, the home of their sister Margaret and her husband Alexander Clifford, and afterwards to London, where they were allegedly detained against their wills. Soon after, Margaret was married to Richard and Elizabeth to Nicholas, although no record of the place or date of these clandestine marriages survives. Attempts to disinherit the two couples failed twenty years later.



*Richard Culpeper and
His wife Margaret Wakehurst*

Margaret died on 25th July 1504 and Richard died in 1516 but the date was never inserted in the inscription on that particular brass. His brother Nicholas died in 1510.

The brasses of Nicholas Culpeper and Elizabeth Wakehurst depict ten sons on the left and eight girls on the right - an impressive family of eighteen children - and the largest family group on any Sussex brass. Why such large families? The key is the very high infant mortality rates in Tudor England, coupled with the impact of epidemics, scant medical knowledge and poor diet: only 10% of Tudor citizens lived beyond their fortieth birthday. Records show that Nicholas and Elizabeth had only five sons surviving into adulthood.



Wakehurst Place was built by Sir Edward Culpeper in 1590. The blocked doorway in the east wall of the south aisle at St Peter's originally provided access to the property's manorial pew.

The fourth brass is of Sir Edward's wife, Elizabeth, who died in 1633, and is set in a black limestone slab in the chancel floor. Elizabeth, daughter of William Farnfold of Nash in Steyning, married Edward Culpeper in 1584. They had thirteen children: four sons and nine daughters. Edward was knighted in 1603. He was twice sheriff of Sussex in 1596 and 1606. He died intestate in 1630 and the parish registers recorded on 9 April that year: 'Sir Edward Culpeper, an ancient Knight, was buried close to the south Window in the church'.

The last brass commemorates another Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Sir William Culpeper and granddaughter of Elizabeth. She died in 1634, aged 7. It has been relaid in a freestone slab in the floor on the south side of the chancel."

Mr Hutchinson's talk included many more details than is possible to repeat in this short space and 2 other speakers gave even more fascinating insights into the origins of Ardingly, history of the area and details of life, customs and fashion in the 15th and 16th century. It was an excellent afternoon which everyone who attended found extremely interesting.

MEETING POINT OUTING

The Meeting Point outing to Camelia Botner Garden Centre on 14th August was once again a very enjoyable occasion and our thanks go to Belinda Maclean for organising it. Some people were unable to come, so we were fewer in number than in previous years, but 13 of us enjoyed an excellent tea, with a choice of wonderfully fresh scones, cream and jam or a variety of cakes, and the staff couldn't have been more helpful or attentive. It was a lovely afternoon.



An Invitation To Sing With Ardingly Choral Society



Singing is good for you! It raises the spirits and provides a strong sense of community. If you would like to join our friendly non-auditioned local choir and sing superb music in a relaxed atmosphere you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Our new calendar of rehearsals and events for 2023/24 is just starting. If you have never sung major works of four-part sacred and informal music in a large choir complete with orchestra and soloists then why not give it a go. It is hugely rewarding and surprisingly not as difficult as it sounds.

Our programme for 2023/24 is:

Remembrance Day 2023: Gounod - St. Cecilia Mass.

Advent Concert 2023: Vivaldi - Gloria, carols and other advent items.

Easter Concert 2024: J.S. Bach - St. Matthew Passion.

A summer social with a musical flavour rounds off the year.

The Bach Passion is a large event written for two choirs and orchestras, so this is a wonderful year to get involved.

We rehearse on Thursday evenings at Ardingly College. Do get in touch to find out more:

Lorraine Doron, Secretary: 07878 315901

Email: info@ardinglychoralsociety.org.uk

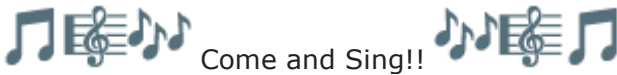
Website: www.ardinglychoralsociety.org.uk

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AROUND THE VILLAGE

NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR



Have you been singing in the bath or shower this summer? Do you think now might be the time to come and exercise your vocal chords with others? Well, here is your chance - come and join us at the Ardingly Community Choir!

We had our first taster session in July but:

- don't worry if you weren't able to come.
- don't worry if you don't read music.
- don't worry if you haven't sung before

Instead, come along and experience the joy of singing with others. Most of all, come and have some FUN!!! Please come and join us at our first 'proper' weekly session on **Monday 4th September**.

Kathy James (kathrynjames7@sky.com)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Nigel Cheater, on being awarded the Order of St Richard by the Bishop of Chichester! This is an annual award for 40 lay people within the Diocese who have made exceptional contributions to their church/community. He will receive his award in a ceremony at Chichester Cathedral on 30th September.



Mr David Everitt

On Facebook the death of Mr David Everitt was reported recently. He was a teacher at St Peter's Primary School from about 1956 to 1978 and was very well liked and respected by many of us older Ardingly residents who had the privilege of being taught by him. He is remembered as a quiet, gentle, humble man who was patient, kind and caring. Many remember his proficient piano playing and how his pupils regularly enjoyed the BBC radio "Singing Together" programme. He had an enthusiasm for music and encouraged many of us to learn to play the recorder. Sometimes he would read Enid Blyton stories to his pupils and occasionally we would play "Simon Says...", when we all had to sit, jump up and down, stand on one leg etc, according to the instruction given. As one former pupil said, "He was a lovely man".

HALIFAX CLOSING

This is not Ardingly news, but is relevant to anyone who uses the Halifax Building Society in Haywards Heath. It seems that the branch in South Road is closing on 25th September. Staff there have advised that the Burgess Hill branch will be the nearest for any customers who live in Ardingly.

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## REPAIR CAFÉ DATES IN SEPTEMBER

The logo for Repair Café, with the word "REPAIR" in blue and "CAFE" in red, both in a bold, sans-serif font.

**Lindfield:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
United Reform Church, Lindfield, RH16 2HL. 10.00am – 1.00pm  
Tel. 07817 465965

**Forest Row:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ. 10.00am-1.00pm

**Crawley Down & Turners Hill:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
The Glebe centre, Crawley Down 10am - 12noon  
Contact: Ian Gibson 01342 716790

## Highbrook Sponsored Walk for Ukraine

*Caroline Rich has been walking again! Here is her account of the sponsored walk she did on 30<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds for essentials needed in Ukraine (food, medicines, tourniquets, blankets and just whatever is needed in a war zone).*



“Yet another bright idea from Highbrook!!! Masochism is a Wonderful Character Forming Virtue, when it’s over....

The route was 17.5 miles [there were shorter distances, with pick-up/drop-off points suitable for those wanting a more enjoyable(!) walk] and started from Highbrook, going past Wakehurst, Paddockhurst Lane, Worth Abbey, Worth Way, Crawley Down, Kingscote, Sharpthorne, Vox End, X Bluebell Line, and back to Highbrook.

The walkers could each choose how far they wanted to take on, and I signed up to the full Monty, so we didn’t walk together much. It’s much easier to walk all day on your own because everyone walks in a different way. Also, you can take it all in with no distractions. But when you do come upon company, it’s very encouraging. Other people notice things you miss and vice versa, like identifying flowers, comparing blisters, and counting down the miles.

By the end of it, I was pretty tired, and the last hill up to Highbrook Church was a real slog. I sat in Highbrook Church porch eating egg mayonnaise sandwiches and honey cake, no-one around, very peaceful. We are so lucky to live in such a place!!

Then a bath before a very jolly gathering in The Green Man in Horsted Keynes.”

Caroline

## **Ardingly Parish Council**

Following an unusually high turnout for the Parish Council election, your new Council is now in place. Many thanks to all who stood and we hope everyone will find a way to be involved in the village, whether successfully as a councillor or in another capacity.



We have immediately started working through a backlog of projects and are making some progress, albeit never as quickly as hoped for.

We recently received the resignation of Richard Wheatley, our Responsible Financial Officer, and are in the final stages of recruiting for the newly combined role of RFO and Parish Clerk. We hope to successfully fill the position by the September meeting. Many thanks to Richard for his fantastic job as RFO and we wish him all the very best in his future endeavours!

Also being progressed is the final stage of the tender process for the refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion at the Recreation Ground. We will be receiving quotes and recommending a construction firm to work with at our upcoming meeting. Hopefully we will begin works before the end of the year.

We have been looking at how to better maintain the village on an ongoing basis and as a start have worked through identifying ownership of hedges and frequency of trimming. A huge thanks to whomever cut the hedge to the school and to the Showground Team who removed the redundant fencing. They understand how important this is for access and going forward are working in partnership to keep it clear.

We welcome all suggestions and should anything be on your mind, please do come and let us know at our next meeting on September 12th at 7:30pm in Hapstead Hall!

Margaret Meldrum  
Parish Council Chair

## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY...



Two professors were sitting chatting on a veranda overlooking the sea, watching the sun set. The history professor asked the psychology professor, "Have you read Marx?"

To which the professor of psychology replied, "Yes, and I think the problem is these pesky wicker chairs."



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple  
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"

I told my doctor's receptionist I need an appointment.

"How about 10 tomorrow?" she asked.

"I don't need that many," I replied.

## NEW DOG BREEDS (Ha ha!)

Collie + Lhasa Apso = Collapso: A dog that folds up for easy transport

Pointer + Setter = Poinsetter: A traditional Christmas pet

Pekingese + Lhasa Apso = Peekasso: An abstract dog

Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel = Irish Springer: A dog fresh and clean as a whistle

Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever = Lab Coat Retriever: The choice of research scientists

Newfoundland + Basset Hound = Newfoundland Asset Hound: A dog for financial advisors

Terrier + Bulldog = Terribull: A dog that makes awful mistakes

Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabador: A dog that barks incessantly

Malamute + Pointer = Moot Point: Owned by...oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway

Collie + Malamute = Commute: A dog that travels to work

Deerhound + Terrier = Derriere: A dog that's true to the end



## **GOOD NEWS FROM SYRIA**

*Amongst the many sad stories in Syria there are some encouragements. Samara writes:*



## **INDEPENDENCE FOR WIDOWS**

Around two years ago we started running small courses from our city outreach centre to train widows in hairdressing. It has proved to be a very popular course, and we now have 20 graduates from these courses. Of these widows, 12 have gone on to establish their own businesses, while 6 are currently working from home but are hoping to establish their own salons. One of this number is not a widow but an 18 year old girl who I met nearly 18 months ago when I visited her, her widowed mother and family in their home in a small village in the desert. The snow was melting fast through their leaking roof. After her father died, it was a massive struggle for them to make ends meet. With absolutely no prospects in her tiny village, and having not completed school, she jumped at the chance to learn hairdressing and has been one of our star students and graduates. She is now a successful hairdresser, bringing in an income in her village to support her widowed mother and siblings. It's such an incredible encouragement to see how each of those lives has been so wonderfully impacted through the training we have provided.

## **TREES IN THE DESERT**

16,000 new trees are now being planted in the desert (on top of the 14,000 planted last year). We have been supplied with huge numbers of fruit tree and productive pine tree saplings at an incredibly low price through a patient of our medical centre who was keen to use his connections to give something back to supporting our work. Many of them were donated free. As well as providing food year after year, these trees are part of our project to re-green a small part of the desert.

Samara Levy and the team



## THE TAPESTRY IS BACK AT THE CATHEDRAL

The exuberant three-part Benker-Schirmer tapestry has come home to Chichester Cathedral following conservation work to preserve its future. The tapestry had been removed following the discovery of an infestation of moths in the Quire stalls in March 2022, also necessitating the removal of the High Altar tapestry by John Piper (1966) and kneelers. The Cathedral used a specialist studio in Brighton to carry out the conservation work. Zenkie Tinker from the studio reported cleaning took 88 hours and the moth damage had been considerable.



It was designed to harmonise with the architecture and colours of the nearby Chagall window. The centre panel was woven in Germany and the two side panels at West Dean College, north of Chichester. Benker-Schirmer assembled the forms as if they were rock crystal fragments. The tapestry was dedicated on 15th June 1985.

# Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register for the past month

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## PRAYER

Dear Father in heaven,

September is a time of change, a change of season, changes in many areas of our lives as a new term begins and new opportunities present themselves. It can be a time of challenge and uncertainty for many of us as well as excitement. Thank you Lord, that You never change, Your promises never change, Your Word never changes. You are constant and rock-solid, always.

Amen.

(Daphne Kitching)

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### **Flower Rota**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Jean

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Belinda

### **Meeting Point Rota**

4<sup>th</sup> September: Adele, Diana & Sue

18<sup>th</sup> September: Jill, Deb & Kathy

### **Brass Cleaning Rota**

16<sup>th</sup> September: John Witherington and  
Dylis Taylor



## 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 SEPTEMBER 2023



*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" Psalm 46 v 1)*

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Our government, Prime Minister and all MP's
- 3** Church services today: pray for growth, in every way
- 4 Our village schools as the new term begins
- 5 IMARA – funding for scholarships and the new school
- 6 David & Emma and all who care for children with special needs
- 7 Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- 8 Hawaii, following the devastating wildfires last month
- 9 Historic Churches Ride & Stride today. All who take part/visit us
- 10** Church services today. Pray God's blessing on them
- 11 AOJA and the work of the clinic in The Gambia
- 12 Our local Care Homes & hospices. Sally's work at St Catherine's
- 13 King Charles and all the Royal Family
- 14 Refugees worldwide and the Cross Channel migrants situation
- 15 Christians Against Poverty, helping those in financial difficulty
- 16 Street Pastors, helping people in trouble on the streets at night
- 17** Our services today and John Witherington as he leads
- 18 The media and all who work in it
- 19 Give thanks and pray for the NHS and all its staff
- 20 Kathy and Sue and all who provide Pastoral Care at St Peter's
- 21 International Day of Peace. Pray for Ukraine and Sudan especially
- 22 Our local Foodbanks and those who use them
- 23 All who are in need of healing or comfort today
- 24** Our services today and all who will attend them
- 25 The businesses, shops and pubs in Ardingly
- 26 All who serve in the Police Force and Justice system
- 27 Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses. All who provide home care
- 28 All Aid Agencies fighting extreme poverty around the world
- 29 Climate Change and the world's response to it
- 30 Give thanks for prayers answered this past month

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