

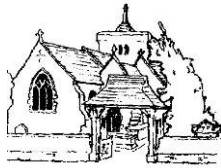
St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

November 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 4pm for private prayer**

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

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The season of Remembrance is a poignant time. The remembrance of those we have loved and lost is moving and emotional and filled with memories that are frequently joyful but always tinged with sadness. And then follows our remembrance of those who gave their lives in the service of their country. With its stillness and silence and cry of 'We will remember them', it is a moment to cause any of us to shed a tear and to heighten our longing for peace. For a lasting peace. Especially as we watch, helplessly, the events that forever unfold across the globe. At the continuing horrors of the war in Ukraine with the suffering and devastation that it has brought to so many lives. And now a horrendous terrorist attack on the people of Israel, so extreme in its brutality as to defy words, but bringing with it the suffering of so many innocent Palestinians that has already been the response. Our grief and shock just grows as we witness the lives of so many ordinary people being devastated. 'How long O Lord, how long' writes the psalmist. How long indeed before we all heed the call for peace.



But perhaps we are not so helpless in all of this. As we remember we should be praying in thanks for the peace that we now enjoy, but also praying for the peace of our world and for reconciliation between all people. It is clear beyond all question from the teaching of Jesus and his apostles that Christians are called to peace and to be peacemakers. It is all a part of the truly radical way of living that Jesus taught us and showed us in the Kingdom of God. We are actively to 'pursue peace', we are to 'strive for peace with all people' and so far as it depends on us, we are to 'live peaceably with all'. And this all calls for prayer. Something we can all do. In such prayer we are asking to share in the true nature of God, seeking to overcome evil with good, and hatred and fear with love.

I was struck many years ago by hearing someone say that it is underlying negative attitudes that are at the root of all human conflict. Negative attitudes towards others or about others and their ways.

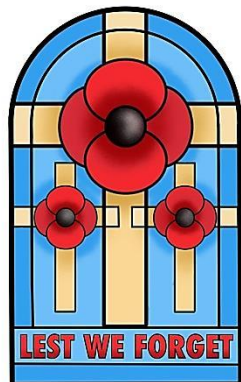
Such negative attitudes need to be challenged, in others, but also when they occur in us. That self-assertiveness and divisive critical spirit that so easily divides people into 'them' and 'us'. True peace begins with us and in our determination to count others 'in' rather than counting them 'out'. True peace starts when we break down those barriers between people whether caused by race, creed, religion or whatever other difference we may think we have. True peace starts when we remember instead as the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians that now 'there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for [we] are all one in Christ Jesus'. It may sometimes be difficult to be a peacemaker, Christ himself has certainly shown us that, but we must always be prepared to pray for peace and to give peace a chance.

Let me leave you with this prayer of Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem. Use it in your own prayers for peace.

O God of all justice and peace,
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence
and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;
we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and
for all people of the land.
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the
establishment of peace,
we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity
and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly
Father.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen

With my own prayers and best wishes.



Services in November 2023

Sunday 5th November

THE 4th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 24: 1-14

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 24: 1-14

Holy Communion [CW]

3.00pm **Open to God:** "Remembering those we have loved and lost".
A service to be held in the graveyard of St Peter's Church.

We have already commended those we have loved and lost to God, but now we show our continuing love as we remember with gratitude the gift of their lives to us. This short act of worship and remembrance will be held in the graveyard of the church (weather permitting) and will be followed by refreshments in the Church Centre.

Sunday 12th November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY [The Third Sunday before Advent]

9.00am

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.45am

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM" - A short service and Act of Remembrance to be held on the Recreation Ground, Ardingly. 'God,' says the writer of Psalm 46: 1, 'is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.' May he guide our world into lasting peace.

5.00pm **Open to God:**

A Service of Evening Prayer at Remembrance

Sunday 19th November

THE 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Morning Prayer

10.30am

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Morning Praise

Sunday 26th November

**CHRIST THE KING [The Sunday
next before Advent]**

9.00am

Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46

Holy Communion [CW]

with prayer for healing and wholeness



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A community project managed by St Peter's Church

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

This year at St Peter's Church we would once again like to make the Carol Service (17th December, at 6.30pm) a truly village affair, and would like to invite any singers who would like to, to join our choir for the occasion. We will mostly be leading the congregation in singing well known carols, but also singing one or two items on our own. Practices will be at 7.00pm on Wednesdays in Church, beginning on 15th November. This allows enough time to learn anything new and be confident with the music.



If interested, please contact Jill Veasey (892442) or Lynn Wilson (07713 324620).

NOTICEBOARD for November

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 13th and 27th November in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 21st November
at 7.45pm in Hapstead Hall
Chris Horlock will be speaking on
"A Sussex Christmas"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Remembering: Service in the graveyard on 5th November
- Remembrance service on the Rec 12th November
- PCC on 18th November at 0900 hours
- Music & Mince Pies at the College 6th December

ARDINGLY FILM NIGHT: Thursday 30th November in Hapstead Hall. 7.30pm. Maggie Smith stars in "The Miracle Club". Tickets available from Fellows and Ardingly News.

AOJA AGM

The AOJA AGM is NOT now being held on 28th October but will now be on Sunday, 29th, October, 2.30pm . This is a change from what I put into the Parish Magazine. Lynn Wilson

Bridging Ages Café at Ardingly College

The Bridging Ages Cafe will be closed on 19th and 26th Oct and 2nd Nov due to a whole College event & then half term.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Village Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 13th December at 12.30 in Hapstead Hall. Tickets available from the Village Shop.

Please buy your ticket early in order to be sure of getting a place, and also so that the caterers know how many to cook for!

Link to Hope Shoeboxes



If there is anyone who has not yet given me their shoeboxes, could I please have them by 31st October? Please let me know if you need them collected. Many thanks! Sue Laker (892117)

FSW TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

As in previous years, FSW is inviting everyone to donate gifts of toys and other gifts for children, gift cards, wrapping paper and sticky tape, so that at Christmas they can be given to families within our Deanery who are supported by FSW. brought to church up until and including Sunday 3rd December, after which they will be collected. Thank you.



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Deb Ruse



HAPSTEAD HALL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 2pm to 4.30pm. Stalls of all types will be selling cards, gifts and other produce for Christmas and also fundraising for local organisations. Father Christmas will be making a visit! After the Fayre, at about 5.30pm, there will be Christmas Carols under the tree, with mince pies and mulled wine. DO PLAN TO COME!

St Peter's Church will be having our usual Handmade & Homemade stall, so offers of goods to sell will be very welcome, as well as offers to help set up and/or man the stall for an hour or so. If you can help please contact Jill Veasey (892442) or Sue Laker (892117) Thank you!





MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Ardingly College students raised £540 at the Macmillan Coffee morning. Thank you to everyone from the village who came and supported this.



CRAFTS AT PRICEHOLME 18th November 10am – 4pm

Since July Sara Fay has been organising monthly craft days at Priceholme. People can bring along whatever they are working on for companionship whilst they stitch, get advice from expert knitters, quilters, crocheters, embroiderers, painters etc. People have learned step by step how to make macrame plant hangers and how to hand build a clay mug / bowl / plate. The Craft Workshop at Priceholme on 18th November will focus on Christmas Wreaths. Kits cost £20 but you only need to pay this if you wish to

participate. To book and purchase a wreath kit email workshops@sarafay.co.uk Otherwise everyone is welcome to bring their own craft and work on it. Tea, coffee and cake are provided. Bring your own lunch.

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES



LINDFIELD

Saturday 4th November 10am - 1pm

United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HL

FOREST ROW - Saturday 18th November 2023

Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ. 10am-1.00pm

Special focus on Christmas tree lights which don't work!

NB. There is no Repair Café in December

TURNERS HILL & CRAWLEY DOWN

Saturday 25th November 10.30 – 12.30

The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ

NEWS from NEPAL

Milan sent us the following update in October:

[My wife] Shusma is currently in Canada for 3 weeks for meetings, sharing and speaking. Here in Kathmandu from Sunday October 1st, we have started a one-month Leadership Training where we have 17 participants from various parts of Nepal.



We had a great family time at the Ichthus Revive and Overseas conference in the UK in July/August. It was our great joy and blessing to participate at the conference and also visit a few places - Colchester, London, Bristol, South Wales, North Devon, Bracknell, Binfield, Scotland etc.

Since we arrived back in Nepal, Prajwalita and Nesia started their school at the new grade, and they are enjoying it. Amishu had a great time in the summer Project run by Ichthus in London. Now she is continuing her IT Study in Kathmandu.

Shusma and I have been busy with the Church, Charity, School and also visiting within Nepal for the ministries. We have so much to thank God for. Also, it was really encouraging to see that our work amongst children, young people and women is growing very much. Aanandit Church celebrated its 21st anniversary on August 31st. Now we have 12 Churches in Nepal. We have also started an online church for the Aanandit members who are overseas and there are around 30 of them scattered in around 10 countries.

We are continuing to help and serve orphans and destitute Children of Nepal. Sometimes it is quite a challenge to serve the needy in a country like Nepal where Christians are seen as an agent of the west and so forth. Please pray that our authority and system can understand the importance of social and charity work and they would be positive towards this.

It is our great joy to announce that the building of Project 2030 is going to start soon as we've just signed the contract with a Christian

Building Company. We are ever so grateful and value your prayers for this project.

We have a number of programs in the days ahead as there will be big Hindu festivals and long holidays in October/November. We will have our own program among church people, women and youth. We would love to have your prayers in this matter too.

Finally, thank you so much for reading so far.

God bless,
Milan

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY



film crew was on location deep in the desert. One day an Old Indian went up to the director and said, "Tomorrow rain."



The next day it rained. A week later, the Indian went up to the director and said, "Tomorrow storm." The next day there was a hailstorm. "This Indian is incredible," said the director. He told his secretary to hire the Indian to predict the weather. However, after several successful predictions, the old Indian didn't show up for two weeks.

Finally the director sent for him. "I have to shoot a big scene tomorrow," said the director, "and I'm depending on you. What will the weather be like?"

The Indian shrugged his shoulders. "Don't know," he said. "Radio is broken."

The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Young James nodded with understanding. "My mum looked back once while she was driving," he observed, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN S.E. ASIA



Dear friends,

It is already October and we are almost at the end of our short home assignment. We are truly grateful to God for the opportunity to meet up with supporters and family and especially to be with A's parents and our children. We have just said our goodbyes to our children – our son has moved to a city in Eastern Europe where he is studying. We are thankful that he has found some Christian fellowship. Our daughter has also begun 'Orientation School' where her brother spent the past two years. Praise the Lord for we know that He will look after them while we are apart.

The past months we have been staying with A's 84-year old parents. They live on their own but Dad has dementia and a month ago he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. My Mum (in Asia) also has cancer in her lymph nodes and a very large swelling around her neck. She is in good spirits and just celebrated her 85th birthday. Please pray that we can still see each other – hopefully next year.



Personally we are thankful for our own good health. We are also grateful for time we have spent with friends and supporters here in Europe and that we can enjoy the beauty of this land as we travel and visit people.

It was also great that our children could be present during some of our presentations here in Europe. They have been able to learn more about our work which we could not share much of when they were younger.

Now we're preparing to go back to S.E. Asia and our last four weeks will be full of preparations, including final medical appointments and getting new visas before they expire at the beginning of December. We're hoping to fly back on 5th November.

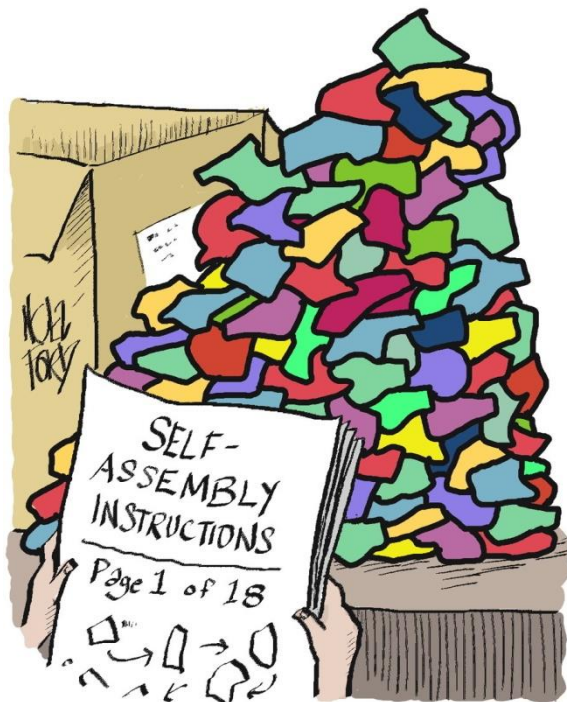


The house fellowship that I am involved in continues to meet but the women are preoccupied with family problems and the husbands are not supportive of their new faith. One lady is forced to go to a local 'healer/medicine man' [i.e. not a doctor] when her children are sick.

We hope to start a social media campaign soon to reach our focus people group. Please pray for content which will really speak to them and for national believers who can help.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. May the Lord be gracious to us and strengthen us so that we may be courageous and obedient that His name may be glorified in and through us.

Blessings in Christ, **B & A**



The vicar was already regretting ordering the new stained-glass window from IKEA

FSW October 2023 update

Dear Friends,



I am writing this as the Harvest donations arrive thick and fast following Harvest Festival services at the start of October. The foodbank is starting to fill up nicely after a period of being rather low on stock, and we are extremely grateful to all the churches and their congregations who have been so generous during the last few weeks. More and more of our families are asking for food support now so it is wonderful to be able to provide them with help in this way.



Since September there has been a continued stream of new referrals, as the new school year brings issues to the surface that may have been hidden over the summer. We are spending a lot of time in meetings with schools, supporting parents in achieving the most appropriate help for their children so that they can thrive. One parent wrote to their practitioner earlier today after such a meeting, saying: "Thank you so much for meeting me this morning. It was so lovely to finally feel there is light at the end of the tunnel."

We were able to take 12 families to Dalesdown for a weekend residential in early September, which proved to be a wonderful time with unseasonably nice weather. Activities included cake decorating, stick man craft, football tournaments and the ever-popular prize bingo!



Our Christmas plans are well under way, with parties being planned by nearly all our practitioners, as well as arrangements for Christmas toy and food collections.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



HANDCROSS PARK SCHOOL CHOIRS
ORGAN - DAVID MOORE
CONDUCTOR - **ROBERT HAMMERSLEY**



REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

Gounod - St Cecilia Mass
Parry - I Was Glad

SATURDAY 11TH
NOVEMBER 2023

7.30PM ST WILFRIDS CHURCH,
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SAMARA'S AID EXPANDS ITS WORK IN SYRIA

Samara writes:

In spite of the enormous challenges and heartbreak we are seeing every day in Syria, I'm so encouraged by the difference our work and our teams are making in the lives of the vulnerable women and children we are serving. To empower, train and equip vulnerable widows and single mothers to be able to support themselves and to feed and clothe their children, makes everything we are doing in Syria worthwhile. Yet we are doing so much more than that.

We have been looking for a building or piece of land in a new part of Syria to open a 3rd centre for Orphans and Widows. After being offered many which were not suitable, or too expensive, we are thrilled to have finally found a building that is ideal. The fact that it is only partially built is perfect because the foundations and structural columns have been laid, and the vendor will complete the exterior walls for us, then also help us finish the rest of the building, while we still have the freedom to design the internal spaces to suit our unique needs.



The building is on the outskirts of a very populated area and is on four floors, each 250m², which enables us to separate the different spaces in a logical and secure way, with each floor having its own internal entrance which can be locked independently. We have seen the importance of having space for training women in hairdressing and sewing to give them incomes. We also need to separate the spaces being used for adults and children for safeguarding reasons. As with all of our projects, our plan is to cover the roof with solar panels to provide the power needed.

This building will enable us to have a store where the aid we send can be securely kept and sorted. This is essential if we are to continue to send aid from the UK to Syria. We are struggling in the area where our city outreach centre is based from a complete lack of storage and distribution space. Until now the nearby empty medical centre building has been a great blessing to use as a storage and distribution area, but as the team are now preparing to open this 2nd medical centre very soon, there will be nowhere there to use for storing or distributing aid. We have learnt from experience that in our new projects, space with ground floor access is now urgent and essential.

One floor will be a dedicated third outreach centre for orphans, poor and vulnerable children. It will offer around the same amount of space as the first two centres, but will be a better use of the space and will be more efficient, based all on one floor. It will have five classrooms where various lessons and activities can be provided, and a dedicated large dining room which can seat up to 130 children in one sitting which can also be used as a room for showing films and doing group activities.

We are also now in real need of a dedicated office for our sister charity (which we founded with our team in Syria a number of years ago). Given how much our work has grown in Syria in recent years it is now long overdue. We don't currently have any dedicated offices or admin space for the overall running of all our work there, in spite of our numerous projects.

Some of the space will also be used for new projects we are planning, which I will share more about in the coming weeks, which will support our medical work in Syria.

Samara Levy

St Peter's C.E. Primary School



Life at St Peter's School is well and truly underway, with all our children settled and enjoying their learning. We are very lucky to have a fantastic library at the school and everyone is encouraged to develop a real love



of books and of reading. Some of our pupils are designated as librarians and they take the time to share books they love, guide the younger children to find a book they will enjoy and choosing books from the reading challenge book lists to share. With book clubs already established in Greenfinch and Robin classes, the library really is a busy place! We were also excited to have a

visit to the school from Vanessa from Book Nook, an independent, award-winning children's bookshop in Hove – a real treat.

At the beginning of October, we held our annual Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church. Parents and Carers were able to join us as Cuckoo Class presented the service based on the theme, 'A Rainbow Harvest'. What a colourful and musical time we had! Well done, Cuckoo Class. Thank you to all of the families who were able to bring the generous donations of food and other provisions. This has gone this year to Ardingly Connected Together who work in the village supporting families.

As we move through the term, we will be having various parents evenings and the occasional workshop. Please do check on our website for all the up-to-date information and dates. We have an open morning coming up in the school on November 7th so, if you know any prospective parents, please do let them know – we would love to see them and let them see our lovely school.

Kathy James

PRE SCHOOL NEWS

We have been enjoying Autumn Term. We were joined in September by a number of new children, and they have been settling in well and making friends with each other and the children that already attended Preschool.

We have been exploring the village together, and have been on many nature walks on the showground, as well as visits to the bakery and play. We have also been collecting nature finds and bringing them into preschool to discuss with our friends and have also enjoyed adding them to our outdoor "mud" kitchen and making potions with autumn leaves, soil and water. We are going to make the most of the children enjoying all things nature and being outside by planting bulbs and plants to brighten up the outdoor area.



The children are also enjoying exploring building activities, playing with bricks, magnatiles, the marble run and other construction toys.



All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free early years education so please get in touch if you would like to know more and visit the Preschool to have a look around, we have spaces available for January.



St Peter's Pre-School and Toddler Group
St Peter's Church Centre, Street Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UN
Charity Number 1022794 registered in England & Wales
Tel: 07969 890907

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



Ardingly Parish Council

Autumn is proving to be a promising season of progress.

We would like to welcome Lee Dunkley who will be joining the Parish Council in the newly combined role of **Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)**. He recently moved from Cornwall to the local area and is looking forward to getting to know Ardingly better and helping us to improve our processes. We will soon be announcing timings of the clerk surgeries so that you can have the opportunity to meet him and share any comments or concerns you have. His first monthly Parish Council meeting will be our next session which is November 14th at 7:30pm at Hapstead Hall where all are welcome.

Following a thorough tender process, we have agreed to work with GHP Construction from Crawley to progress the refurbishment of the **Ardingly Pavilion**. Given the increased expense of everything in construction, we have developed a plan which will be a cost effective approach and ensure our commitment to shifting the use of the pavilion to that of a community asset - involving both the sports teams and the village. This will mean ensuring the building is renovated so that it is warm, dry and has up to date plumbing and electrics, and also is adapted to be accessible and offer a welcoming space for all. We will be commencing with clearing the roof of moss and repairing the tiles in the coming weeks and intend to have all works completed by the spring. In order to deliver this plan we will require village involvement in some of the strip out and decorating stages, so should anyone want to get involved, please do contact any of your Parish Councillors or Lee on his [email](mailto:clerk@ardingly.org): clerk@ardingly.org.

You also may have noticed that we have purchased and installed a new green metal storage unit at the recreation ground to help with storage during the pavilion refurbishment works and going forward. Half the new unit will be allocated to the Ardingly Football Club to store all of their equipment and the other half to be used by the Parish Council. Ardingly Cricket Club will have sole use of the garage unit beside it. This will help to keep the pavilion free from clutter and ensure ease of use for everyone. This was funded by the Parish Council and a grant from the Football Foundation.

On Remembrance Sunday the village will be populated with poppies to recognise those who fought bravely in wars for our country. The memorial gates to the recreation ground, which were erected to commemorate WWII, are planned to be refurbished before then. The WI will decorate the benches and the gates with their crocheted poppies. There will be a Remembrance Service on the morning of 12th November at the recreation ground, so please do come along.

We continue to work through our outstanding maintenance works throughout the village, and welcome anyone who can offer to lend a helping hand - no matter how much time you have! Should you be interested in getting involved, please do let us know!

Margaret Meldrum
Parish Council Chair
margaret.meldrum@ardingly.org

IMARA COFFEE MORNINGS in September

The total sum raised from the two coffee mornings in September was £522.84 for the scholarship funds. A very big "thank you" to all those who supported the coffee mornings.

Belinda Maclean



Remembering the National Service – 60 years on

This year marks 60 years since the end of National Service. The Royal British Legion and the nation will be celebrating all that a generation of young men did for this country during those years, when conscription became just a part of growing up.



National Service drew in a staggering number of young men – more than two million of them were conscripted between the end of the Second World War and May 1963, when the last serviceman was demobbed.

Conscription had come about following the war, when there was a huge demand for military resources in Britain. Young service men were badly needed to retain the Empire, and to contribute to the occupation of Germany and Japan. Yet low birth rates in Britain in the 1930s meant there were fewer young men available for military service.

And so the 1947 National Service Act was brought in as a solution. It meant that young men aged 18 – 26 were required to serve in the Armed Forces for 18 months. They were sent to posts in the UK and to British garrisons around the world. Some fought on the front lines, and some worked as clerks. Some taught in the Education Corps, and some were on sentry duty.

For many of them, it would have been the first time they lived away from their family, let alone left the country. So the National Service made great demands on them – and left them with a wide range of experiences.

(source: parishpump.co.uk)

ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER



It's hard to think that we are already so far through 2023 that it is harvest time already! Next thing we know, blink and it will be Christmas...

As many of you already know, ACT supports some families in the village who need some help by delivering basic provisions to help them out. We had two lovely donations this October, one from St Peters Church and one from St Peters Primary School. Both were as a result of donations given at the respective harvest festival services. Thank you to the church and the school AND to all those who gave as part of the services. This has meant that we are able to continue with the provisions deliveries. Incidentally, if you, or someone you know, feels in need of a helping hand at the moment, please just let us know and we will do what we can.



Finally, a note about the hub at the back of Hapstead Hall. We are delighted that so many of you are using it and finding the array of books exciting and interesting. Thank you to all those who provide used books for us to offer to residents. However, we have recently had a large number of books left on the floor of the hub which meant that we had to close the hub to allow us time to sort them out! We weren't able to open because the books were obstructing the fire doors and were a health and safety hazard. We are VERY grateful for donations but can we ask, please, that if you have any books to donate, you either let one of ACT know or deliver a maximum of 10-12 books at any one time? If you have a lot of books you want to bring, please let us know so that we can make sure we are able to cope with them!

Thank you again for all your involvement with ACT and what we do. It's great to see Ardingly becoming even more connected!

Kathy James



AROUND THE VILLAGE

NIGEL CHEATER

Nigel Cheater received his Order of St Richard from Bishop Ruth at Chichester Cathedral on 30th September. This is an annual award for 40 lay people within the Diocese who have made exceptional contributions to their church/community. Over the years Nigel has devoted much of his time to St Peter's Primary School, as Chair of Governors; to the uniformed groups in Ardingly; to St Peter's Church as Churchwarden, choir member and Chairman of the PCC with specific responsibility for monitoring church finances, and in many other activities at St Peter's and across the village.



Nigel's technical expertise was invaluable in seeing the church through lockdown. He set up hardware and trained everyone - even the technophobes - in the art of remote access to services, which not only kept everyone together as a church and gave a wider audience during the pandemic but has continued to allow those physically unable to worship in church to do so remotely from home via zoom. Nigel's business experience is a vital asset to the church in dealing with other organisations and his technological and practical expertise is relied on heavily in maintaining the church's two listed buildings.

On top of all these skills, he and Jane cooked a delicious roast lunch for 40 people as part of our Harvest celebrations this year!

WELL DONE NIGEL – AND THANK YOU!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On October 8th, St Peter's Church had the joy of celebrating our harvest festival. It is the time of year when we are able to come together to thank God for his bountiful provision and his mercy. With all the concerns of the world around us, sometimes it is difficult to remember how blessed we are. Harvest allows us to remember the good things that surround us and to give thanks for everything.

This year, we had our harvest service in the church centre. We gathered together for our service, bringing gifts to thank God. Our donations were then given to Ardingly Connected Together to help them with their deliveries to support families in the village.



We followed the service with a lovely roast dinner! It was definitely a treat to have roast beef with all the trimmings provided to us, followed by a choice of delicious desserts.



People commented on what a pleasure it was to be together:

'How lovely it was to have a meal all together again!'

'How nice not to have to cook for myself'

'What a treat – I don't ever cook a roast for myself''

Our thanks go to Nigel and Jane Cheater, ably assisted by John and Sally Crutchley,

for this wonderful meal. Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into this – you gave a lot of joy to all the people there and allowed us to celebrate the harvest in the best possible way!

Kathy James

Parish Register

The funeral of Roy Edward Gibson of Franklyn Road, Haywards Heath who died 25th September 2023 aged 83 years was held at St. Peter's Church on Thursday 19th October 2023.

PRAYER

O God of truth and justice,

We pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict

*And for the service men and women
Who have died in the violence of war –
Each one remembered by and known to You;*

For all those who are in danger this day;

*For civilian women, children and men
Whose lives are disfigured by war or terror.*

*Bless the peacemakers and peacekeepers
Who seek to keep this world secure and free.*

*And as we honour the past,
May we put our trust in your future;
For you are the source of life and hope,
Now and for ever. Amen.*



Flower Rota

3rd November: Belinda (includes Remembrance Sunday)

17th November: Pam

Meeting Point Rota

13th November : Belinda, Alison and Dilys

27th November : Adele, Diana and Kathy (Christmas stall)



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. Cheques should be made out to *St Peter's Church, Ardingly* and please email the editor if you need our bank details.

HOME GROUPS meet for bible study, prayer and fellowship on various afternoons/evenings of the week. New members are always very welcome. Contact: John Witherington (892277)

MAGAZINE: 2024 Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (if posted the cost is £14.00 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 FOR NOVEMBER 2023



"Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

(Joshua 1 v 9)

- 1 All Saints' Day. Pray for all who encourage and help us
- 2 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 3 Afghanistan and other countries suffering from earthquakes and other natural disasters
- 4 Pray for fun and safety this Bonfire weekend
- 5** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 6 Pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine & other places at war
- 7 Andreas and Bambi – their work in S.E. Asia and their family
- 8 Our village schools – their staff, pupils and governors
- 9 Give thanks and pray for the NHS and all who work in it
- 10 All who are struggling with energy prices and the cost of living
- 11 Samara's Aid – plans for the new Centre in a new area
- 12** Remembrance Sunday. Pray for today's services and ceremonies
- 13 Our Prime Minister and all in positions of authority
- 14 King Charles – 75 years old today. The Royal Family
- 15 Nigel, Sally & Jean, looking after St Peter's finances
- 16 FSW and ACT, supporting families in Ardingly
- 17 AOJA and its work in the Gambia
- 18 The PCC meeting today
- 19** Praise God for all his blessings. Pray for our services today.
- 20 Heather Johnstone and her work with the Rehema ladies in Mara
- 21 All who are affected by anxiety or difficult relationships
- 22 The Parish Council and all who serve on it
- 23 Belinda Maclean, travelling to Uganda today. The work of IMARA
- 24 Praise God for the seasons and beauty of creation
- 25 Refugees & migrants and all who have fled from violence
- 26** Church services today. Pray for a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit
- 27 Those who have lost a loved one and are grieving
- 28 Climate Change and its effects: our response to it
- 29 The Link to Hope shoeboxes travelling to Eastern Europe this month
- 30 Praise God for his faithfulness and unending love

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