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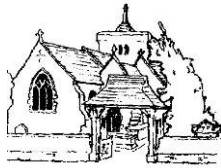
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Worship – Our main service – see diary page

5.00 pm Occasional special evening services will be shown on the diary page and announced in advance

See inside for full details of all this month's services

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I've been reading what is described by its author [Tom Wright] a biography of the Apostle Paul. It is excellent, and it has reminded me that Paul was a man of unshakeable contentment in Christ. His personal circumstances varied and were frequently very testing [take a look at 2 Corinthians 11: 25 - 28 some time and see what I mean!] but still he held on to his contentment through Christ who always gave him strength. Indeed, he even remained content in Christ whilst facing execution because he knew that union with the living Christ is the secret of being content and the source of our abiding strength in everything.



By contrast, in the western world self-centredness is a boom industry. But Paul was clear and we need to be clear as well. We are not self-sufficient but Christ sufficient. And no matter what challenges may lie ahead as we turn into a new year and a new decade, Jesus Christ is big enough to meet them. To be content in need or in plenty, in whatever situation we face is not the product of human skill. The secret isn't us; it is Jesus *in* us. Because the strength that Christ gives us is sufficient for anything we face in life.

Of course, to change our understanding from the self-centred ways taught by the world to the Christ centred way of God as exhibited by Paul takes discipline, it takes growth and maturity, it takes trust and it also takes time as well. In Christ, Paul learnt the discipline of self and to be content with what he had as well as a deep trust in God to provide all that he really did need. He was contented because God is trustworthy: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). And that is true for us as well. In Christ we too can meet all circumstances with contentment.

"My God", says Paul, "will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus". And he will meet our need to the full as well. His supply will not be limited to the size of our need but according to his riches in Christ, which, and to borrow Jesus' words

in Luke 6 we can be assured will be: "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, poured into your lap."

With my prayers and best wishes for the New Year,



Two New Authorised Lay Ministers for Ardingly



Kathy James and Sue Laker were among 58 people commissioned at Chichester Cathedral on 11th January 2020 by Bishop Martin as Authorised Lay Ministers. The service at the Cathedral was the culmination of 10 weeks and 3 away days of study, writing and online/face to face training. Kathy and Sue will be involved in Pastoral Work in Ardingly and assist with Holy Communion.

Services in February 2020

Sunday 2nd February

9.00am HC [BCP]

*With refreshments served
from 10.15am and
throughout the service
Our worship begins at 10.30am*

5.00pm

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple [Candlemas]

Hebrews 2: 14 - 18; Luke 2: 22 - 40

sunday@thecentre

a café style service for everyone in the Church Centre

“Open to God”

A quiet and reflective service for the end of the day

Sunday 9th February

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

The Third Sunday before Lent

1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 12; Matthew 5: 13 - 20

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Sunday 16th February

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

Morning Praise

The Second Sunday before Lent

Romans 8: 18 - 25; Matthew 6: 25 - 34

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Sunday 23rd February

9.00am HC [BCP]

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW] with prayer for healing and wholeness

The Sunday next before Lent

2 Peter 1: 16 - 21; Matthew 17: 1 - 9

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Wednesday 26th February

7.00pm

Ash Wednesday

A service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes to mark the beginning of Lent

NOTICE BOARD

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

In February we will meet on 10th and 24th in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. If anyone needs a lift to Meeting Point please contact Jeannie Leadsom on 892571 before the day.

Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



Ardingly History Society

At 7.45pm on Tuesday 11th February in Hapstead Hall
Joe Hughes will give a talk on
"History & Memories: St Francis Psychiatric Hospital"
£3 to non-members

CUCKFIELD DEANERY DAY on Saturday 8th February

10.00 – 15.30 at All Saints Church, Lindfield. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome: a day of study, worship and prayer for members of the Cuckfield Deanery churches. The day will be led by the Rt Revd Julian Henderson (Bishop of Blackburn)

WHO LET THE DADS OUT – St Peter's Church Centre 9.30-11.00 on 15th February,

A morning of fun, food & relaxation for dads and children up to about Year 6 – dads can be any age ...



...with Lunch!!

**@ St Peter's Church Centre
Thursday 20th February 12-2pm
Activities, Bible story ... Food!**

Interested in coming?

Email Phil Kelly: philandanne53@hotmail.com

... so that we know numbers for catering!

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Film Night dates:

30th January: "Judy"

27th February

26th March

Tickets £6 from Fellows Bakery or the Post Office

"Rebuilding the Ruins" by Samara Levy

For those who missed Samara's talk at St Peter's in September and would really like to hear her, there is another opportunity. She will be speaking at Grace Church in Bolnore Village on 1st February between 8 and 10pm. The evening will include live jazz, some light food, Samara's story and she will be selling copies of her book.

Christmas Post Box

Thank you to everyone who used the St Peter's Christmas Post Box. Post was delivered around the village on 23rd December and donations received amounted to £74. This has been passed on to Off the Fence in Brighton to support their work with the homeless.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all those who have already paid their subscription for 2020. If you have not yet paid and would like to receive the magazine for another year please put your subscription in an envelope with your name and address on it and drop it in to Rye Cottage, 35 High Street, as soon as possible.

The minimum subscription for magazines which are delivered, or collected from the back of church, is held at £3. This is only possible because many of you round up the amount to £5. Postal subscriptions are £12.50 and cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Church Ardingly.

Many thanks,
Sue



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

In November I was in Uganda with fellow trustee Sylvia.

Among the highlights of this trip were visits to a school we are beginning to support, where children with visual impairment - many totally blind - learn alongside sighted children. It has been lovely to see how the children are encouraged to support one another.



We have recently provided the school with Braille machines and we took with us several books for the school library, some of them in Braille. The children were able to demonstrate their skill in reading and writing in Braille. We have been told that many children with disabilities are

locked away out of sight at home. Theirs is a dark world in more ways than one. With love and encouragement, the children in the school we visited grow in confidence. They begin to feel valued.

Our newest scholarship child is Harriett. Harriett was born sighted. When the LRA rebels were active in the area, Harriett and her family moved into a refugee camp. It is not clear what happened but while they were there Harriett lost her sight.



Her father died and Harriett and her mother moved in with her uncle and his family.



She longed to go to school like other children. She is 14 years old but has only spent about 2 years in school. Sometimes she is sent home because her mother cannot afford the fees. When she is in school she works hard and is doing really well. We visited Harriett at home and met her family. Now she can attend school regularly. We have high hopes for this bright and chatty little girl and we will follow her progress with interest.

The school is very grateful to all those of you who helped raise money for Braille machines by sponsoring Phil Payne who took part in the Great South Run. They are also very grateful for the books that were donated for their school library. I add my sincere thanks to theirs.

Belinda

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOU ...



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons,
Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.
Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

“If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,
‘Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.’ ”

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,
“Ryan – you be Jesus”

WARDENS WORDS ...



The PCC has resolved to revise the **timings of the Sunday services** from 8 a.m. to a new start time of 9 a.m., and from 10.15 a.m. to a new start time of 10.30 a.m. This change will take effect on Sunday 2 February and will be for an initial period of 4 months at which time a review will take place.

The old timings are perhaps so deeply ingrained that the new ones will take some adjustment, but we hope that they will make life somewhat easier for those attending the first service, while not disturbing too much the shape of the morning for those attending the second service. The monthly Open to God service will continue at its 'winter time' of 5.00 p.m. until the clocks go forward. Given that all the changes will be reviewed, we would welcome any feedback during this time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who give so generously of their resources to maintaining the church and its property: Jim and Sarah who maintain the inside of the graveyard hedges, the churchyard yew hedge and verge; Jackie who cleans the Centre, Mark and Martin who have responded so promptly to the need for Centre maintenance,; Pam and her brass cleaning team; Belinda and her flower arrangers; Anne and her cleaners; Lynn and his bell-ringers, all those who launder the communion cloths or the Centre tablecloths, empty the bins in the church and graveyard, maintain the flower beds, weed around the perimeter of the Centre, distribute the magazine, keep the churchyard looking cared for or lock the church of an evening. We are truly blessed by those who serve Christ by all these behind-the-scenes contributions.

John and Nigel.

God is before me: He will be my guide.

God is behind me: No ill can betide.

God is beside me to comfort and cheer.

God is around me, so why should I fear?

(source unknown)

Ardingly Climate Change Group

Catastrophic bush fires in Australia; 92% of December's normal UK rainfall falling in one day; late leaf-fall and early flowering of Spring plants; the very late breeding and hibernation of hedgehogs ... These are just some of the events this winter which are being linked to climate change.

Climate change is caused by a build-up of a range of gases in the atmosphere and the best known of these is carbon dioxide. These gases create a warming effect similar to being in a greenhouse, hence the term "greenhouse gases".

All of us are being urged and challenged to make a difference to the way we live and therefore to our environment so Ardingly now has a Climate Change group which is looking at ways in which Ardingly residents can do more to reduce our 'environmental footprint' and improve our local environment.

Many people are already taking lots of small steps to help, and every week new ideas are being found. Everything we buy has to be produced, transported and disposed of, so one of the areas the Climate Change group is looking at is re-use and recycling. Did you know, for instance, that Amazon delivery vehicles emitted 44 million tonnes of carbon dioxide in December alone (equivalent to the total annual emissions of Denmark)? The group has some suggestions about re-use and recycling locally which you can find on pages 10 to 12. Please do take a look as there may be things listed which you didn't know about!

St Peter's Church has offered to be a collection point for unwanted or used inkjet cartridges in the village, so there is now a tub just inside the main door where you can deposit these, rather than sending them off for recycling in a plastic bag, or putting them in landfill. Hopefully some cartridges will generate a small amount of money which will be given to charity.



RECYCLING AND RE-USE – some suggestions:

Old metal and clean tin foil: Give to Steve Doerr (01444 892431). He collects and sells it to raise funds for the Old Jeshwang Maternity Clinic in the Gambia

Milk bottle tops: Give to Jill Veasey (892442). She passes them on to the Trefoil Guild who pass them on for recycling into things like wheelchairs.

Milk and juice bottle tops: give to the Bay Tree café in the Orchards, Haywards Heath

Old Biro's and highlighters: take to Cloughs, Sunte Avenue, Lindfield, for recycling

Wool: packs suitable for knitting can be given to Sue Laker (01444 892117) to be made into garments for Samara's Aid. Smaller balls can be given to Margaret in the Post Office to make into cat blankets.

Very old towels, or blankets – Horsham & District Cat's Protection <http://www.cats.org.uk/horsham> and some local vets can use these (check first)

Unwanted pillows, duvets, bedding, towels and clothing in reasonable condition: give to the homeless through either Open House in Crawley or Off the Fence in Brighton

Unwanted new toiletries: Kleinwort in Haywards Heath are glad of these for patients who have no family to shop for them.

Sheets, towels and clothing which are not suitable for anyone to use can be given to Help the Aged for sale as rag.

Bric-a-brac, DVD's, CD's and clothing in decent condition – most Charity shops will take these

Books: Charity shops or the 2nd hand bookshop at Nyman's. (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nymans/features/the-second-hand-bookshop>) Proceeds go to Nymans.

Clothing (decent quality) – put in the clothing bank eg. at Sainsbury’s or give to Caroline Steer (892108) for FSW (Family Support Work)

Shoes – put in the shoe bank at the Post Office

Computers: check online as Computer Aid International may be able to take them

Glasses (spectacles): take to Boots in the Orchards or send to Vision Aid Overseas

Batteries: recycle at Sainsbury’s and other shops

Jewellery, currency, mobile phones, cameras and gadgets:

The Fundraising Company Ltd, T/A Recycling For Good Causes
14 Amber Business Village, Amington, Tamworth, B77 4RP
Tel. 0800 633 5323 Email: info@recyclingforgoodcauses.org
www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org

- **Jewellery & Watches** (in any material even if damaged or broken)
- **Currency** – Any coins or banknotes, UK & foreign
- **Cameras** (old film, digital and video)
- **Gadgets** (Sat-Navs, Ipods, MP3 players, games consoles, games & accessories).

Mobile phones: Give to Oxfam or send to Salvation Army, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN

All kinds of **tools** in good condition, **Sewing machines, dress-making materials and haberdashery:** Tools for Self Reliance (www.tfsr.org) . There is a drop off centre in Sharpethorn. Call Derek Shurvell 01342 810780 to arrange a suitable time.

Inkjet cartridges: St Peter’s Church will recycle these. Put in collection tub inside church (No toner cartridges please)

Empty crisp packets: Take to Lindfield Primary School or St John’s Church in Burgess Hill.

Unwanted Bra's in decent condition: 'Against Breast Cancer' have a pink Bra Bank collection bin at 5-ways in Brighton. Bras are sent to developing countries (Togo, Ghana, Kenya) where people can't afford to buy them.

Postcards: Mission Aviation Fellowship (flying people and aid in remote areas of the world). Email Allyson Edwards at allyson.edwards@maf-uk.org or call 01303 851955. [They made £18,000 in 2018 by selling postcards online!!]

Old and new Stamps (UK and overseas): Send to Air Ambulance Stamp Appeal, 59 Mitre Copse, Bishopstoke, Near Eastleigh, Hants SO50 8QE

Foreign/obsolete currency: Oxfam or Halifax Building Society

Crawley Down & Turner's Hill Repair Café may be able to fix something which isn't working (bicycles, ornaments, jewellery, leather goods, furniture, toys etc). They will be open from 10.30-1.00 on the 4th Saturday of every month in 2020. The service is free but donations are invited. There's also a Repair café in Forest Row and in Chailey (open on specific days): chaileyrc@gmail.com

Unwanted furniture: Freecycle
<https://groups.freecycle.org/group/HaywardsHeathUK/posts/all>

Furniture and other household items in good condition: St Peter & St James Hospice. To organise a pick up call 01444 470205. The British Heart Foundation also take these items.

Tinned food which is in date: Foodbank (9 Sussex Road, Haywards Heath but check opening times) or leave at St Peter's Church in FSW collection box

TV's, white goods, computers: take to the tip or put in the freighter which comes twice each year (April and October usually)

Link to recycling guidance and A-Z for Mid Sussex:
<http://www.recycleforwestsussex.org/home-recycling/your-recycling-bin/mid-sussex/> East Grinstead and Burgess Hill are our nearest Waste Recycling Centres. Visitors must now show photo ID.

Festival of Nativities at St Peter's

This year, instead of the usual Christmas Tree Festival, we held a Festival of Nativities. The idea, led by Nigel and Jane Cheater, invited various Ardingly organisations to contribute ideas for their own nativity to be displayed in the church.



This produced a huge range of home-made styles and ideas and these, together with the floral and other seasonal decorations as well as the array of candles made our church especially resplendent and dramatic this year as all who came and saw them agreed. About twelve different nativity scenes, in addition to the church's own nativity, were displayed in



and around the windows plus two display boards prepared by the school, and hand-painted items hung on a Christmas tree.

There were so many to enjoy and marvel at but the simple, but very effective display of silhouettes placed along the base of the window between the church and the bell-tower was generally felt to be an outstanding and ingenious contribution.



Thanks are due to everyone who contributed, namely Angels and Urchins, St. Peter's PCC members, St. Peter's Church Choir, St. Peter's Pre-



School, St. Peter's CEP School, Ardingly Parish Council, Ardingly WI, NSPCC (Mrs. P Dennis), 1st Ardingly Beavers and Cubs, 1st Ardingly Scouts and Explorers (2 exhibits as they also did the silhouettes in

the bell tower), Ardingly Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and Mr. & Mrs. Doerr.

Lynn Wilson

Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year message:

In his New Year Message, recorded aboard an RNLI lifeboat, Archbishop Justin Welby invites us to follow Jesus' example and take the risk of connecting with others.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution's station in Dover, part of the Diocese of Canterbury which I serve, faces the busy grey seas of the English Channel. As we wonder how we are going to start healing some of the divisions that we've seen over recent years, the sort of people at this lifeboat station are signs of hope.

I've met some of the over 70 volunteers who are involved in keeping this station operational twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. It's not just a group of people working together. It's a family. The sea-going crew include a student, a train driver, a chef, an electrician. The youngest is seventeen, the oldest is sixty-two. When their pagers go off - day or night - they're prepared to risk everything to rescue whoever needs their help.

There are so many ways we can connect with others. It could be by joining a voluntary organisation or a charity. It may be sorting food in a food bank. Or joining a lifeboat crew.

When we hear someone described as 'a Good Samaritan', we think about that person taking the time to help another. But it's also a story told by Jesus about someone taking the risk of reaching out to another who was very different to them. Yes, the person needed help - but they also needed connection.

Christian faith doesn't promise us a comfortable life. Christ promises us hope, meaning, peace, purpose and joy - but not comfort! It's about following in the footsteps of Jesus, who took the risk of connecting with people who were separated from him.

We rightly think of lifeboat crews as heroic, although they may be embarrassed to hear that. Yet every time we reach out and connect with someone, it is an act of heroism. Don't underestimate it. It could be someone you know. It could be someone you've always wanted to connect with but never have. It could be someone you really disagree with.

Let's go for a heroic New Year's Resolution. Let's resolve to reconnect. To reach out to just one person we don't know, or from whom we have drifted apart. Pick one person. Pick up the phone. Send them a text. Meet them for a cup of tea. Make that connection. Let's begin cementing our unity one brick at a time.

For this new year – and this new decade – I pray that we find the hope offered in Jesus Christ.

*May I wish you all a happy New Year.
Most Revd. Justin Welby*

ANGEL TREE – ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!



This year, Prison Fellowship, with the help of various churches and supporters, have once again delighted many children by delivering a Christmas present to them on behalf of one of their parents who is in prison. We sent a fantastic 140 presents! – 90 to the families of Lewes prisoners and 50 to those with fathers in HMP Huntercombe, which is located near Henley-on Thames.

Some of the presents were purchased and wrapped by supporters individually and the rest of the wrapping was completed by a team of willing helpers over two days which was fun once we got into the swing of it! Our noble volunteer, Nigel, ferried each parcel to a small local post office which needs such custom in order to prove the value of keeping the post office open! So in a way we served the local community as well as the two prisons!

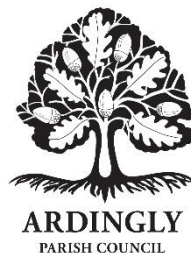
Prison Fellowship runs the Angel Tree programme primarily to reinforce family ties at a time when relationships can be fragile and by doing so helps to contribute towards reducing reoffending rates. It reassures the children that Daddy or Mummy still cares in spite of being absent from their lives, and my thanks goes to all those who helped, supported and donated to this valuable programme.

Also a big thank you to those who contributed towards the new Nativity set that was purchased for Lewes prison. The prison establishment expressed their gratitude for the kind donation and it has brought much pleasure to all who have seen it and will continue to do so for years to come!

Adele Collins

Ardingly Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to wish all parishioners a Happy New Year and extend their excitement as they look forward to the opportunities that 2020 will bring.



Parish Council News

The Parish Council has now submitted its comments to MSDC in response to the Public Consultation on SA25 (the development of the Red Car Park at the Showground) and a copy of these comments are available on the Parish council website www.ardingly.org or from the Clerk directly.

The Parish Council is aware of the possible impact the potential development could have on the Village of Ardingly and continues to liaise with both MSDC and the Showground to protect the best interests of the village.

Wellbeing and Events

The Parish Council has created a Wellbeing and Events working party to identify events within the community that could benefit from Parish Council support. The Parish Council is keen to hear from Parishioners that currently lead any events that improve the wellbeing of Parishioners and would welcome Parish Council support with their event. Equally the working party will look to identify areas where there is no provision for particular parishioners within the village and work with volunteers to create new events. The Working Party will be meeting for its initial meeting at the end of January. Working Party meetings are closed to the Public but the Parish Council would encourage residents that have information about existing events or indeed ideas for new events to email the Clerk on ardinglypc@hotmail.co.uk and their information will be passed to the Wellbeing and Events Working Party.

Ardingly College Planning Application DM/19/5212

Construction of a new 193 space car park and new vehicular access from College Road to serve Ardingly College, along with associated landscaping

The college has recently submitted a planning application to Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) for the development of a 193 bay car park at the top end the field in-between the college entrance and Reservoir Road.

The College has designed the car park to screen it from all viewpoints, bar a glimpsed view of the entrance when passing on College Road and various ecological measure are proposed to enhance the area. In addition, the college has taken steps to reduce traffic by other means such as introducing car sharing apps and increasing the school bus services. Full details of the application are contained within the documents on the MSDC planning portal. The Parish Council has attended a site visit and will be submitting comments to MSDC, however if Parishioners wish to make comments on this application they can do so as follows; <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Please use the application reference in the search box to bring up the application and then click on the comments tab at the top to submit a comment electronically.

Forthcoming meetings held at Hapstead Hall, Ardingly: -

Planning Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 4th February 2020 at 7.00pm

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm

Sunday@thecentre

All are welcome at Café Church
Sunday 2nd February
at St Peter's Church Centre

Coffee served from 10.15am and throughout the service. Our worship begins at 10.30 a.m.

(There are activities for children)



News from St Peter's C of E School



Returning to school or work after the Christmas break can be a little bit of an anti-climax; not so for the pupils and staff at St Peter's School! A packed agenda awaits everyone, with lots of exciting learning for all. As well as engaging lessons, there are sports events, school trips, visiting authors....lots to do and enjoy!

The Christian values that underpin all that happens at the school are emphasised through many ways. This term, the focus is on 'courage' and the children are looking at what courage means in everyday life. They will be trying to capture this in a photograph - there could be some interesting views expressed here and, hopefully, some imaginative photography.

Our parents are incredibly supportive and demonstrate their support in lots of ways, some very tangible. For example, the fundraising that is coordinated by FOSPS (the Friends of St Peter's School) continues to grow from strength to strength. The money raised has facilitated the school buying new iPads and laptops for use by the pupils and staff.

Later this term, there will be a special assembly which will be a Mother's Day service at the school. The Rector of St Peter's will be leading the service which will allow the children to celebrate their mums and all that they do.

Phew, what a lot to do! We will need courage AND enthusiasm aplenty to tackle all this term has to offer!! *Kathy James*



NEW YEAR THANKS

Thank you to everyone who supported the New Year walk and lunch. 11 of us enjoyed a very muddy walk in the Warninglid area before coming back to join 29 others for a splendid lunch at St Peter's Centre, prepared by Deb Ruse and her team of helpers. Donations received at the lunch totalled an amazing £264 which was split between Imara Uganda and Old Jeshwang. **Jill Veasey**



AROUND THE VILLAGE

WORDS OF ADVICE from Neighbourhood Watch

As you may have seen in TV reports, there have been thefts from cars parked on Ashdown Forest recently – an Ardingly resident's car was broken into and her bag stolen. Thieves watched as she put her belongings into the car and prepared to go for a walk. Be vigilant and maybe put things in the boot before leaving home.

Changes to the use of household waste recycling sites

Since 1st December 2019 West Sussex County Council have introduced new procedures at their recycling sites (Burgess Hill and East Grinstead). Anyone using a recycling site will now need to provide proof of residency in West Sussex showing both a photo and address. Access to sites will be denied if you do not have proof of address or live outside of West Sussex.

The Council have introduced these changes because they have strong evidence showing that people living outside West Sussex are using our household waste recycling sites. This has resulted in West Sussex County Council paying substantial disposal charges applied to their waste, and increased congestion from the extra traffic coming to our sites.

Ardingly Showground have put some advice for residents on Facebook warning that they will be having events at the Showground on the following dates which will include some loud bangs: **4th-5th February and 13th March.**

The events will take place during the day and be finished by 6pm.

Parish Register

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

Prayer of a Young Person in Vanuatu

O Jesus,
Be the canoe that holds me in the sea of life,
be the steer that keeps me straight,
be the outrigger that supports me
in time of great temptation.
Let your Spirit be my sail
that carries me through each day
as I journey steadfastly
on the long voyage of life.
Amen
(used with permission from Tearfund)

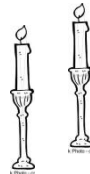
Flower Rota

14th February: Pam and Angela
25th February: Pat and Sheila (foliage
decorations)



Meeting Point Rota

10th February: Adele, Alison, Deb
24th February: Margaret, 'Lyn, Belinda



Brass Cleaning Rota

29th February: David and Clare Hadden

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“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
And I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.  
For I am gentle and humble in heart,  
And you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

*(Matthew 11 v 28-30)*

## **General Information**

**BELL RINGING:** Practices on Thursdays at 8.00pm. New recruits please contact Lynn Wilson (892113).

**BIBLE READING NOTES:** Regular reading helps us to grow as Christians. Bible Reading Fellowship notes are available from Margaret Dale (892252).

**BOOKS:** On loan and for sale at back of church or can be ordered specially. Contact Anne Kelly (892540).

**BRASS CLEANING:** If you wish to join the team, contact Pam Dennis (892692)

**BRASS RUBBING:** Appointments may be made via Churchwardens. Fee £10.00.

**CHOIR:** The choir, who practise on Wednesdays from 7.15pm to 8.00pm, always welcome new members. Please contact Jill Veasey 892442

**CHURCH CENTRE:** Hire of Centre, crockery, cutlery and chairs: contact Carol Grossman 416707

**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 (440979). 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.

**HOME GROUPS** meet for bible study, prayer and fellowship on various nights of the week in homes.

**MAGAZINE:** Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (Post extra). **MAGAZINE EDITOR:** Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, Ardingly RH17 6AN (892117) Please submit items for inclusion by noon on the Saturday before the penultimate Sunday in the month. Email to: [emails4sue@gmail.com](mailto:emails4sue@gmail.com)

**TRANSPORT:** If you require transport to church or to Meeting Point, or if you could provide it for others, please contact Jeannie Leadsom (892571).

**YOUTH:** Crèche and Children's activities - Contact Anne Kelly 892540

**ANGELS & URCHINS:** Thursdays 9-11.00 Contact Jill Veasey 892442

## PRAYER DIARY FEBRUARY 2020



*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Phil. 4 v 6)*

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2** Praise God for His great love and that we can know Him
- 3 Chris Sutton and his interim ministry, his work and family
- 4 Australia and all those affected by the bush fires and heat
- 5 Off the Fence & Open House; all who are homeless this winter
- 6 Our village schools – their staff, pupils and governors
- 7 Pray for peace wherever there is conflict or unrest
- 8 Steve Doerr and the work of Old Jeshwang in the Gambia
- 9** Pray for all church services today and those who lead them
- 10 Police officers and all working to maintain law and order
- 11 General Synod, meeting this week
- 12 IMARA. Pray for Belinda and her team. For wisdom & guidance
- 13 Angels and Urchins – mums, babies and helpers
- 14 Refugees around the world and those attempting boat crossings
- 15 The NHS and all who work in it; local doctors and dentists
- 16** Praise God for our freedom to worship. Pray for Christians who are persecuted
- 17 Those who are frail, lonely or housebound
- 18 Prison Fellowship, supporting prisoners and their families
- 19 TEARFUND, helping those with no clean water or sanitation
- 20 The government & all MP's. The election of a new Labour leader
- 21 All clergy and bishops, bearing heavy work loads
- 22 World leaders: pray for wisdom, integrity & a will to seek peace
- 23** Today's worship. All who need peace, love and healing
- 24 Meeting Point: give thanks and pray for the team who run it
- 25 "Christians Against Poverty" and families in financial difficulty
- 26 **Ash Wednesday.** May we grow in love and faith during Lent
- 27 Social Services and all who work in that sector
- 28 Missionaries, working far from home
- 29 Praise God that He is Sovereign and he cares for each one of us

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