

# *St. Peter's Ardingly*

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## **St Peter's Church, Ardingly**

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### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**(mostly on zoom during lockdown)**

**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 on Sundays and on Thursdays  
from 10am to 4pm for private prayer**

## RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The Apostle Paul was a man of unshakeable contentment in Christ. His personal circumstances varied and were frequently very testing [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 has for a long while been 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 we may now be experiencing and no matter what challenges may lie ahead, 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 also takes trust and 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,



"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark you don't throw away the ticket and jump off – you trust the engineer"

*Corrie ten Boom*

## Services in February 2021

*Lent is an invitation and an opportunity to immerse ourselves in prayer*

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

### **The Second Sunday before Lent**

9.00am HC [BCP]

Deuteronomy 8: 1 - 10;  
Matthew 6: 25- 34

10.30am  
Morning Praise

Deuteronomy 8: 1 - 10;  
Matthew 6: 25 - 34

5.00pm Open to God: (on-line service)

*A 'Zoom' service of readings, prayer, and quiet reflection.*

*A 'Zoom' invitation for any who wish to join this on-line service will be available on the Church website.*

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

### **The Sunday next before Lent**

9.00am HC [BCP]

2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6; Mark 9: 2 - 9

10.30am  
Holy Communion [CW]

2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6; Mark 9: 2 - 9

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February : Ash Wednesday**

7.00pm

*A service of Holy Communion to mark the beginning of Lent*

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

### **The First Sunday of Lent**

9.00am HC [BCP]

1 Peter 3: 18 - 22; Mark 1: 9 - 15

10.30am  
Morning Praise

1 Peter 3: 18 - 22; Mark 1: 9 - 15

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

9.00am HC [BCP]

Romans 4: 13 - 25; Mark 8: 31 - 38

10.30am

Romans 4: 13 - 25; Mark 8: 31 - 38

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

### **MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2021**

Many thanks to all who have already paid their subscription for 2021. If you have not yet paid and would like to receive the magazine throughout 2021 could you please put your subscription in an envelope with your name and address on it, and drop it in either to Michael Denman, 35 High Street, or Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, as soon as possible.



The minimum subscription for magazines which are delivered in Ardingly, or collected, is held at £3. This is only possible because many of you so kindly round up the amount to £5 ! Postal subscriptions for 2021 will be £6.50 and will go back to the normal rate in 2022.

Cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Church Ardingly.

Many thanks, Sue Laker

*NB. The magazine is likely to be online only during lockdown as Ardingly College is closed and cannot print for us.*



If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.



# THANK YOU'S

## CHRISTMAS POSTBOX in Church



Thank you to everyone who used the St Peter's Christmas Post Box. Post was sorted and delivered around the village on 21st December, and donations received amounted to £70. This will be given to a charity (to be decided by the PCC at their next meeting). Thank you to everyone who helped!

**Jill Veasey**

## Christmas gifts for FSW

On behalf of the families that I work alongside, I would like to say a big thank you for all the time, effort and generosity given to help the families known to FSW locally feel that they are supported.

I have received many cards and messages from families thanking us for the hampers, toys, gifts for adults and gift cards for teenagers.

We were able to host seventeen families for a short individual celebration at the Bentswood Hub, with refreshments and crafts and presents for the children to open.

Between us we provided 36 families with a Christmas Hamper and most of those families were given a bag of toys for parents to wrap for the children with many also being provided with gifts for adults for the children to wrap for their parents.

Thanks to the generosity of a local farmer, we also provided thirteen families with a lovely fresh turkey.

Life can be difficult for anyone at the moment but it was heart-warming to see how local churches and individuals worked together to support families currently going through stressful or sad times.

With all best wishes for a happy and safe 2021.  
Many thanks to all, **Caroline Steer**

## News from our Missionary friends ...

A and B are still in Europe, unable to return to their mission country in South East Asia. They spent Christmas in lockdown with A's parents, where they have been most of the year, and were grateful to be warm and comfortable and able to support his family in these difficult times.

This Christmas was even more different for them because it was the first time they have spent Christmas apart from their 2 children. However, "in some ways it's good to have a low-key Christmas," they wrote, "because we get to celebrate its real and deeper meaning and not be caught up with shopping frenzy and outward frills."



Because they are staying in a small and quiet village, it is easy to either cycle or walk on peaceful roads or paths. In the warmer months they cycled a lot but now they are doing a lot of walking on Sundays, usually walking 6-8 km after a heavy lunch and usually hitting at least 8,000 steps on B's step counter! She says, "That, I think, is quite an achievement for an Asian like me who's used to taking door-to-door public transport!"

They are longing to return to their assignment country and are hoping that it might be possible in March. However, cases of coronavirus are rising in that country and hospitals are becoming overwhelmed, so they are seeking God's guidance about the future. In the next few months they will be taking various language tests, health checks and other formalities needed to start the visa application process all over again.

Their children are safe and well on the other side of the globe, and have been able to have face-to-face classes since there a few, if any, cases of the virus in the city where they live. They are able to visit friends and enjoy sleepovers with them.



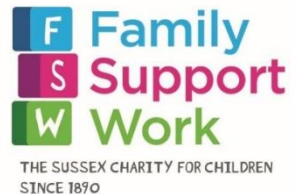
In B's home country her family home was severely flooded following 2 typhoons. One metre high flood water came into the house, soaking beds and toppling some wooden furniture, even the refrigerator. Fortunately her family were able to flee to a metal tower in the garden, specifically made for such occasions. The water receded after a day but left a huge mess behind which took several days to clean and put right.

In His Love,  
A & B

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### **FSW update,**

*taken from an email From Nikki Kerr,  
Director of Fundraising & Marketing*



Dear Friends,

What a year 2020 has been. None of us could have anticipated how events would unfold but we are still here and have continued to support almost 500 families throughout this crisis.

November was very busy for our practitioners as families needed a lot of support during the second lockdown. Despite schools remaining open, many of our children had to isolate due to coronavirus cases in their schools. We again provided emotional support to parents and also made sure that children had enough activities to keep them busy. Sadly mental health issues again escalated amongst parents, so we have been helping them to access specialist support where possible, although these services are themselves overwhelmed at the moment.

As Christmas approached we were overwhelmed by the generosity of churches across the Diocese with donations of Christmas food and toys for distribution to all of our families. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to help us provide the best possible Christmas for our families.

## **ARCHBISHOP Justin Welby's new year message**

DESPITE the "tremendous pain and sadness" of 2020, there is hope in the New Year ahead, the Archbishop of Canterbury said in his New Year's message.

Archbishop Justin Welby used the message as an opportunity to reflect on his time as a volunteer assistant chaplain at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in central London, part of which is across the road from Lambeth Palace.

He recollected: "One evening, I might be with a young child, praying with him and his mother. On another, I could be sharing a joke with someone — finding a moment of warmth and connection in a frightening time. Sometimes the most important thing we do is just sit with people, letting them know they are not alone."

The Archbishop continued: "This year [2020] has seen tremendous pain and sadness. Many of us have lost family members or friends, often without being able to say goodbye. For anyone who is on the dark and difficult journey of grief — a path I know myself — I want to assure you that I am praying for you.

"But it's at St Thomas' that, alongside acknowledging this darkness, I find reasons to be hopeful for the year ahead. Because what I see here teaches me something about human beings — and about God. This crisis has shown us how fragile we are. It has also shown us how to face this fragility.

"Here at the hospital, hope is there in every hand that's held, and every comforting word that's spoken. Up and down the country, it's there in every phone call. Every food parcel or thoughtful card. Every time we wear our masks."

In the Bible, he says, "God rejoices in these small acts of love — because they reveal who we truly are: human beings made in God's image, deeply connected to one another. Such gestures speak to me of Jesus — the one who shows us what God's love looks like. And for this reason, we can have hope for each and every month ahead."

Speaking before his message was broadcast, Archbishop Welby said that working at St Thomas' Hospital during the pandemic, and recording his New Year message in the chapel there, had been a humbling experience.

He had been reminded of the “essential role that chaplains play in healthcare settings — providing comfort, reassurance, spiritual support and hope to staff, patients, and relatives. During this crisis, when so many people have been alone in hospital without their loved ones, they have offered something valuable beyond measure.”

He concluded: “As we enter this New Year, key workers right across our society should be very much in our prayers. Let us be praying for their protection and safety, and resilience and wellbeing. Let us be praying, too, that we take inspiration from the courage and compassion of the staff here at Guy’s and St Thomas’ and across the NHS.”

*(taken from Church Times)*

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## **ANGELS AND URCHINS**

On 17<sup>th</sup> December a happy band of Angels and Urchins ended their term with a visit to the church where Father Christmas [George Ruse] read some stories to them. He then presented all the children with a book to take home and read for themselves. After having their photos taken with him they all went home very happy.

(Angels and Urchins are not able to meet during lockdown.)





## IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

When I last wrote for the Parish Magazine all the schools in Uganda were closed because of Covid-19. We did our best to provide the children and young people with whatever they needed to study at home, knowing it would not be easy in a culture where girls are expected to do many of the chores around the house and both girls and boys to work the land leaving little time for study. We were pleased to learn in October that the children who were due to take national exams could return to school. This involved 10 of the Imara-Uganda scholars. Seventeen others have been at home for nearly a year. It was expected that they too would be back in school this month.

A general election on 14<sup>th</sup> January was accompanied by riots and violence and the internet was cut off making communication with our team difficult. The last I heard was that the seventeen children and young people were still at home. We are awaiting better news. It is difficult to estimate the full impact of Covid-19 on the lives of the people of Uganda.

Certainly the effect on education is a serious one. Increased poverty at a time when there is a reduction in foreign aid will have a huge negative impact.

As well as supporting the children's home learning, we have provided the families with support packages – food, soap and other items to see them through this time of hardship while the children are at home and there are extra mouths to feed.





St. Symphorian's Church in Durrington raised over £1000 for a special Christmas support package for each of our families. Our Ugandan team members, Kevin and Moses, put together baskets of special items such as biscuits and Fanta and each family was given a little money to enable them to buy meat or chicken, a real treat for poor families. Basic foods, posho (maize meal) and beans were delivered later.

Kevin and Moses spent much of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day delivering the gifts and they were met with big smiles that made it all worthwhile.

Sue Laker joined me for Christmas and as we ate our Christmas dinner, there was a frequent 'ping, ping' on my phone as Kevin and Moses got a bit carried away with their photography and between them sent about 55 pictures via WhatsApp! Only a few are included here!

As you pray for our own country and the very real difficulties and tragedies so many are facing, please also pray for people in the poorest countries of the world where the resources to cope are very limited.

## Belinda



## **News from Nepal, received at the end of 2020:**

Dear our beloved friends and partners,

We are so happy to send you this email with hope that you are well in body and in spirit.



We managed to have a few days holiday together in Pokhara and enjoyed very much going out from the home after 8 months. We still managed to visit different areas to encourage people with words and charity work.

During this difficult season the church could help many families who were/are in need.

Aanandit charity Center: By the grace of our Lord and generosity of our friends/partners we could give relief help to people who were displaced by landslides and also victims of Covid19. At the end of the year we could distribute 23 goats and other items to the victims and physically challenged families in Sindhupalchowk. We are going to do this more around Kathmandu this week.



The Girls Hostel and Children's Home are doing well. All the girls are safe and sound. After Christmas we are planning to have another sponsored walk to raise funds for the charity. Also we are in the process of starting a farm in Sindhuli, 3hrs drive from Kathmandu, where we will have rice, veg, other grains, poultry, livestock etc.

May the mighty God be with you always and bless you.

Lots of love and God bless.

# St Peter's C.E. Primary

School Hokey Cokey, anyone?!!

The first day back of the Spring term can often feel a bit strange – we are over the excitement of Christmas and now we face a new term.

This year was even more complicated with the addition of COVID-19. A staff INSET day on 4 January meant that pupils were due to return on 5 January, but instead, overnight, the country found itself in another lockdown with all school buildings closed except for the children of critical workers!



Although the school building is closed (with the exceptions outlined above), that doesn't mean that school is closed. Online learning delivered by the school was very successful during the previous lockdowns. Since then, we have developed further our skills and abilities and now, not only do we have work set and available online for all pupils, we also have live lessons each day for each class! Children are enjoying seeing their teachers and classroom assistants and also sharing in the learning as it is happening in the classroom. Of course, it is not the same as being in school, but it keeps our school community together.



We want to give a special mention to our parents for their continued support. We know that home learning is not straightforward to manage and parents have undertaken this Herculean task with real determination – thank you. Thank you, too, to InCrowd Sports for donating some laptops to the school, enabling families who otherwise might have difficulties to actually get online and participate.

Kathy James

"So do not fear, for I am with you:  
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you:  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"

*Isaiah 41 v 10*



## ANGEL TREE 2020

Prison Fellowship has yet again come up trumps and after a slow start has delivered the best part of 100 Christmas presents! For some reason the prisoners seem to want to leave the applications to the very last minute which piles on the pressure! However, shoulders were put to the wheel and wrapping paper, brown paper, boxes, yards of tape, bubble wrap



and so on came to the fore and scissors were wielded, parcels tied and one long suffering gentleman stood in queue after queue at the Post Office to post each and every parcel! Angel Tree accomplished all that was required and there will have been many smiling faces on Christmas day as parcels were unwrapped. It makes such a big

difference to the families as vouched for by a letter received from a prisoner with a big thank you for the gifts and saying that his children were very happy!

The scheme also helps to reinforce relationships between children and parents in ways that wouldn't be immediately evident and one dad said that through sending his daughter a present she had asked him to read a story to her. The prisoner did not have any story books but was able to borrow some from the prison library and is now able to read to her each day over the phone!



I cannot say a big enough thank you to all of you who responded to my call for help; I have been completely overwhelmed with your generosity! I received offers of help, presents and a total of £395! Fantastic!



I was unfortunately unable to take up offers from people to help wrap this year due to covid restrictions but I appreciated your willingness to do so! It's so good to know that there is support out there to call upon if needed. So God bless you for showing such love and kindness to these children and their families, you have done Angel Tree proud! And a huge thank you from me!

**Adele**

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## **Pre School News**

We had a great time at Preschool in the run up to Christmas, the children enjoyed learning Christmas songs, making cards and tea-light holders for their families and talking about the story of Christmas, and although we were unable to hold our usual Christmas performance for friends and families, we did manage to have a wonderful Christmas party, which the children all enjoyed.



We are currently lucky to be able to open Preschool as normal to all our families during this time. The children are delighted to be able to come and play with their friends, and enjoy the various activities on offer. We have been exploring Winter, looking at ice and what happens if you warm it up and spending time outside looking at our bulbs starting to poke through.

We are also enjoying cooking together at the moment, and have made cheese muffins, pancakes and cheese straws. The children are learning valuable skills of being able to wait for their turn, listening to and following instructions and how to use equipment safely, and we also get yummy treats to eat afterwards!



St Peter's Pre-School and Toddler Group  
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Charity Number 1022794 registered in England & Wales  
Tel: 07969 890907

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

## **Ardingly Connected Together – our Wellbeing Group**

The run up to Christmas turned into a busy time for the Connected teams in the village. As well as the support group offering help with essential shopping, medicine collection, lifts etc, the Connected at Christmas team worked hard to spread some Christmas joy for everyone in the village, in spite of restrictions imposed because of COVID-19. Thank you to everyone who got involved in whatever way – your help was much appreciated. Many villagers have contacted the team to say how much of a difference it made, so thank you.



As we move into the new year, we are continuing to offer support to those wanting help. We have a group ready and willing to do essential shopping, offer lifts where needed and collect medicine etc. Please just call Kathy James on 01444 891047 or 07703 295081 (or email [kathrynjames7@sky.com](mailto:kathrynjames7@sky.com)) with your request and she will coordinate the support that is needed.

We are also continuing to support families who need help at this time by providing food boxes. Should you need this sort of help, please let us know by contacting Kathy James (contact details above). If you wish to donate non-perishable goods to support this, we will have boxes in the village at Fellow's bakery and also at the Old Post Office store. Some residents have contacted us, wishing to donate money. This is fine and we would use any cash donations to purchase food for the boxes. Should you wish to donate cash, you can give this to any one of Kathy James, Fiona Rocks, Deb Ruse or Jim Sloane.

Thank you for all your continued support in the village. Please do speak to any of us if you have any ideas for further support that we could possibly offer. We are so lucky to live in a caring village – let's all keep the connections working!



## **Ardingly Parish Council**

The Parish Council has continued to meet virtually during December and January, with residents being able to access the meetings remotely. The agenda for the meetings have been full and detailed discussions have taken place covering a number of different issues.

One of the main items for consideration has been the proposed housing development on the showground. Because this is part of the national planning process and contributes to the housing requirements made of Mid Sussex in terms of the overall housing stock, the whole matter will be considered by a national inspector. A submission was prepared by the Parish Council and submitted to the inspector for consideration. It is not yet clear when a hearing will be held to consider all the submissions – potentially winter '20 – spring '21 – but the Parish Council is planning to make verbal representation at the hearing.

Late in 2020, the post box was removed from part way down College Road. There was no consultation on this with the Parish Council from Royal Mail and a number of residents raised their concerns about the removal. One of the Parish Councillors contacted the responsible authorities to request an alternative location for the post box and initially was told that this would not be possible. This decision was appealed, and the councillor has now been informed that an alternative location will be found, and the post box replaced. At the moment, there is no date given for this replacement.

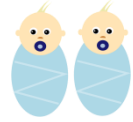
Discussions have been held on the plans to refurbish and extend the pavilion on the recreation ground. Currently, because of national COVID restrictions, the pavilion (along with the tennis courts etc) is closed to the public. There has been some confusion at Mid Sussex District Council over the plans held there for the works to be done. It was agreed at the (reconvened) Parish Council meeting on 19 January, to resolve the confusion with the authority and make every effort to get work underway. It was noted that this would include resubmitting the agreed plans in order to extend the time available to apply for necessary grants. The aim is to get the refurbishment and/or the extension underway as soon as possible. In the meantime, the pavilion will be open for use as soon as COVID restrictions are lifted.

Minutes of all Parish Council meetings are on the website, [www.ardingly.org/parish-council](http://www.ardingly.org/parish-council). Village residents are able to attend meetings of the Parish Council; these are held on the SECOND Tuesday of every month (apart from August). Currently, these are virtual meetings so please contact the Clerk for details.

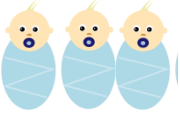


## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ...

Four expectant fathers were in a Minnesota hospital waiting room while their wives were in labour. The nurse comes in and tells the first man, "Congratulations, you're the father of twins."



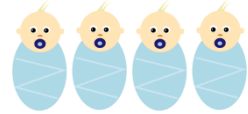
"What a coincidence!" the man exclaims. "I work for the Minnesota Twins baseball team!"



The nurse returns a short while later and tells the second man, "You are the father of triplets."

"Wow, what a coincidence!" he replies. "I work for the 3M Corporation."

When the nurse comes again, she tells the third man that his wife has given birth to quadruplets.



"Another coincidence!" he tells her. "I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!"

At this point, the fourth man faints. When he comes to, the others ask him what was wrong. He moans, "I work for 7up!"



Children were lined up for lunch in the school cafeteria. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Someone had written a note and placed it next to the apples. It read, "Take only one, God is watching." At the other end of the table was a large pile of

chocolate chip cookies.... One little boy wrote his own note and placed it next to the cookies. "Take all you want, 'cos God is watching the apples."



## **Some lighthearted Ponderings on Covid in 2020**

### **10 Points to ponder as 2020 recedes:**

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people.  
2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old people are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came to my house & told my dog..... . We had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, “I wouldn’t touch him/her with a 6-foot barge pole” would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I really need to practise social-distancing from the fridge.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the garden. I’m getting tired of the living room.
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank clerk with a mask on and ask for money.

*(sent in by a reader)*



## AROUND THE VILLAGE

Although it's February it seems only right to record a big "Thank You" to the 'Ardingly Connected Together' group who lifted so many people's spirits at Christmas in a number of ways, making sure we were 'connected at Christmas'. Garlands appeared on the bus shelter and lampposts; Villagers were invited to hang their own decorations on the Christmas trees at the crossroads and at Priceholme; Christmas scarecrows popped up around the village; hampers of food were delivered and others received little surprise gifts of chocolates, biscuits etc. Meals were offered to those who were alone and there was even a prize for the best decorated house in the village! Carol singers were once again heard around the village (socially distanced, of course!). And instead of being in church we had a Christingle and Carols service on the Recreation ground. What a difference all that made! **THANK YOU!**

Here are a few reminders of Christmas 2020:





The winner of the best decorated house lives in Hett Close:





The combined Christingle and Carols service on the Recreation Ground was led by Rev John Crutchley and Jill Veasey and Lynn Wilson played the keyboard. Over 200 people attended.



# Parish Register

The funeral of David Shepherd of Gravelye Lane, Lindfield who died on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 aged 81 years, was held at St Peter's Church on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Dear Lord,

As the New Year unfolds,  
We look to You for hope, joy, and peace.  
Give us courage to do all that You ask of us.  
Please also help us to not do what isn't from You.  
Show us how to walk in grace  
and embrace Your love for us even more. Amen.

*Based on a prayer by Holly Gerth*



# PRAYER DIARY FEBRUARY 2021



*"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart" (Philippians 4 v 6)*

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Chris Sutton: his interim ministry in Nutley & Mannings Heath
- 3 Our Prime Minister, government & all MP's, making difficult decisions
- 4 The Covid situation at home and abroad
- 5 NHS staff, under such pressure at the moment
- 6 IMARA: pray for Belinda and her team – for wisdom & guidance
- 7** Give thanks for our church and its leaders and worship on zoom
- 8 The challenges of home studying for all teachers and pupils
- 9 Our village community and all who volunteer to help others
- 10 Our local Hospices and Care Homes and all who work in them
- 11 World awareness of climate change and its effects
- 12 All who serve in the Forces, at home and abroad
- 13 Tearfund, relieving poverty & hardship, often in remote areas of the world
- 14** Pray for hope and healing for all who seek God's help today
- 15 Chaplains ministering in hospitals, prisons and the Forces
- 16 The Queen and the Royal Family
- 17 **Ash Wednesday.** Pray that our faith may grow during Lent
- 18 Give thanks and pray for friends and family
- 19 Bambi & Andreas: plans & preparations to return to S.E. Asia
- 20 All refugees and migrants around the world
- 21** Praise God for fellow Christians. Pray for those with no faith
- 22 Our local clergy & bishops – Martin, Ruth and Will
- 23 All who are anxious or unwell and those who care for them
- 24 Praise God for the seasons and signs of new life in nature
- 25 All who support and counsel people in crisis
- 26 'Christians against Poverty' and all who are in financial difficulty
- 27 Praise God for his sovereignty and his love for all
- 28** Praise God for his promises and presence, today and always

**The deadline for the March magazine  
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