

# *St. Peter's Ardingly*

## Parish Magazine

November 2024



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



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

### **Who's Who at St Peter's**

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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,

I have always enjoyed walking around graveyards. I enjoy the history that they recall. I enjoy reading the inscriptions with their stories of achievement and joy. But I also like to read the memories of struggle and sadness, of life cut short and of life fraught with pain. They are a reminder of the frailty and fragility of life and that despite the many changes that have happened across the centuries, death is always a constant. Which may sound rather maudlin and morose. In truth, I find graveyards anything but. Because somehow transcendent to all of this is the sense of the love that has been given and of the love that has been shared. A love that still lingers. It lingers for all to see and to share today in the headstone inscriptions. Placed there by those who remembered they are words that speak of a love that is far greater than all suffering and which nothing can ever overcome. It is this, I think, that instills the sense of peace and rest that most graveyards seem to contain.



And this sense of enduring love is never more apparent than with the war memorials that so many graveyards contain. I always take a moment to read them especially, and so to quietly recall. There are always the grand sounding words of duty, loyalty and service, words that echo from a time now long past. But there is more. Much more. For me, the more powerful touch comes from reading the lists of names. Each a person. A brother, son, father, husband or friend. Reading these names is never more powerful than where the list contains several with the same surname, two, three even four. Such loss, but such love. Because behind each of them is a family, groups of friends, a community and a nation that were all changed because of the loss of that one. They were loved. And they are remembered. And that love lives on in their names set there for all to see and remember. Walking around graveyards and sharing the history, the struggles and the love always reminds me that remembering matters, that right remembering matters and that my remembering really matters too.

It reminds me not least that remembering must be about more than setting aside a day in a year to remind ourselves of the facts of history. It must also be about recalling that those remembered were once just like us, with hopes and plans, with dreams and aspirations for the future. Standing at any grave or war memorial or in any service of remembrance should alter how we live in the light of the facts we remember. Those facts should be allowed to change us and how we address the future. But there needs to be more. We need also to be aware of the love that still lingers. It's there in the words of memorial, in the prayers, hymns, and songs. It is that love that should really grasp us in remembrance and cause us to live in the light of the facts of history determined to be changed.

There is nothing more powerful than love. And so it is that love that should at remembrance turn our hearts and minds to God, who is love and whose loving promise is of a future that really will be different. God's ultimate promise for us is that He will dwell with us, that there will be no more mourning, no more crying, no more pain. That we will get out of our cycles of violence and war because all of that has been gathered up in Christ who has shown us a different way. He has set before us God's way and that is the way of love.

Yours in His service,



## Need a helping hand?

Serving the community in simple ways  
If you have a problem there are people willing to help



**AT YOUR SERVICE**

Call 892442 or 892307

A community project managed by St Peter's Church

## Services in November 2024

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**THE 4th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

9.00am

Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34

**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)*

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
[The 3rd Sunday before Advent]**

9.00am

Hebrews 9: 24 - 28; Mark 1:14 – 20

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

**10.45am**

**“We Will Remember Them”**

*A short service and Act of Remembrance to be held on the Recreation Ground, Ardingly.*

*“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*      *Isaiah 41: 10*

5.00pm

A Service of Evening Prayer at Remembrance

**Open to God**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**THE 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

9.00am

Hebrews 10: 11 - 14; Mark 13: 1 – 8

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

Hebrews 10: 11 - 14; Mark 13: 1 - 8

**Holy Communion [CW]**

with prayer for healing and wholeness

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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

9.00am]  
**Morning Prayer**

Revelation 1: 4b - 8; John 18: 33 - 37

10.30am  
**Morning Praise**

Revelation 1: 4b - 8; John 18: 33 - 37



## **CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Our Carols by Candlelight service will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> December this year, at 6.30pm. We would once again like to make it 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 the Church Centre, beginning on 13<sup>th</sup> November. This allows enough time to learn anything new and be confident with the music. The last practice, on 18<sup>th</sup> December, will be the most important, and this one will be in church.



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

## **NOTICEBOARD for November**

### **Meeting Point Coffee Mornings**

These will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



**Deanery Synod:** The next deanery synod meeting is at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield on Tuesday 12 November at 8pm.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- Remembering: 3pm Service in the graveyard 3rd November
- Remembrance service on the Rec 10<sup>th</sup> November
- PCC on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 0900 hours in the Church Centre
- Music & Mince Pies at the College 4<sup>th</sup> December
- 6<sup>th</sup> December Wreath Making Workshop at St Peter's Centre

### **ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY**

Tuesday 19th November  
at 7.45pm in Hapstead Hall  
Roy Simmonds will be speaking on  
"Ardingly Maps and Buried History"

### **Hapstead Jam Tarts W.I.**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 am – 12 noon in Hapstead Hall.

We are making home made hand cream at the meeting with natural ingredients. Everyone is welcome to come and take part, or they can watch and enjoy cake and a cuppa with us all.

The cost for visitors will be £5 for the ingredients, should they wish to take part, otherwise they are all welcome with no charge.

### **Ardingly Evening W.I.**

Thursday 21st November at Hapstead Hall 7:30pm. Our crafty ladies from the 'Scissor Club' will be helping us to make some simple Christmas decorations. Come along and do as much or as little crafting as you wish. Tea, coffee, biscuits and chat are freely available! Visitors and new ladies are always welcome! **Andrea Fall**

**ARDINGLY FILM NIGHT:** Thursday 28 November. "FIREBRAND", starring Jude Law and Alicia Vikand. 7.30pm. Tickets available from Fellows and Ardingly News.

**ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION**

We will hold our Annual General Meeting at the Church Centre on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 2.30pm. This is an Open Meeting to which all are welcome to hear what we have achieved in the past twelve months and also our plans for the future. Light refreshments will be available.

**Lynn Wilson**

**VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Village Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in Hapstead Hall. Tickets are £10 and will be 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 4<sup>th</sup> November? 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 cellotape, so that at Christmas they can be given to families within our Deanery who are supported by FSW. Gifts can be brought to church up until and including Sunday 1st December, after which they will be collected. Thank you.



**Deb Ruse**





## HAPSTEAD HALL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Fayre will take place on Saturday 7th December 2024 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.

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!



### FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED

We have a small flower arranging team who take it in turns to arrange the flowers in church once a fortnight, and on the big occasions like Easter, Harvest, Christmas and sometimes weddings, we have lots of flowers and the whole team gets together to help. Is there anyone who would like to join the team? If so, please talk to Belinda 01444 892368.



### Music & Mince Pies Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

An event for the senior citizens of Ardingly. Join the Prep School Choir for individual & group performances at 11.00am in the Recital Room, Music Department, Ardingly College, RH17 6SQ

Transport starting at 10:35a.m. from Turnpike Court, then from the Village Hall & Priceholme.

RSVP for attendance & transport: [Debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com](mailto:Debbie.nicholson@ardingly.com) or Tel. 01444 893289. Admission is free. All welcome.

## IMARA Coffee Morning

A big 'thank you' to everyone who donated cakes, items for sale or for the raffle at the IMARA-Uganda Coffee Morning on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Also to all those who helped. We raised a total of £382.90 which will help towards school fees for the students who are on scholarships. Belinda Maclean



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### LINDFIELD

Saturday 2nd November

10am - 1pm

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

## REPAIR CAFE

### FOREST ROW - Saturday 16th November

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

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

### TURNERS HILL & CRAWLEY DOWN

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10.30 – 12.30

The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ



HANDCROSS PARK SCHOOL CHOIRS

CONDUCTOR - **ROBERT HAMMERSLEY**

MID SUSSEX

# REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

Jenkins - Armed Man Suite

Bach - Magnificat

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2024**

**7.30PM ST WILFRIDS CHURCH,  
HAYWARDS HEATH**

in aid of

**The Royal  
British Legion**  
and

**Lovey Foundation**

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## NEWS FROM S.E. ASIA

Dear friends,

Greetings from Germany! We are here for just six weeks to help our daughter move to her university town.

We praise the Lord for allowing us to be with our children this year and for the way He has watched over them while we were away. Also for the way He has provided them with friends they consider family, who give them accountability and care when needed. God is good!



## HOUSE FELLOWSHIP



We thank the Lord for His work in the lives of the believing women here. It is an encouragement to us to see them engaging in the Word as we study together.

Two of the women recently returned from a 10-day trip to another area where they learnt how to reach out. It was a mountain-top experience for them, especially as they had never been off their island before and had little contact with other believers from similar backgrounds. When they returned home, however, they were met with blame by their families for neglecting their duties (cooking, looking after the young children, cleaning the house), even though their families had given them permission to go. One lady's husband even thought she would come home with a lot of money from her trip. Both ladies have many plans to apply what they have learned, but they are distracted by their family's attitudes and wrong choices.

These families are very poor, with husbands in unstable, low-paying jobs. One often gets drunk and causes the children to miss school. When his wife mentioned unpaid school fees, he said, "Just let them stop going to school!" Education is not a priority for some families. We need wisdom and prayer to know how we can help.

New believers from poor backgrounds often see us as rich benefactors and need to learn to rely on God for help.

My partner and I are hoping to run some parenting and health workshops with the women. Pray that we can find new partners to help us run these workshops and improve the lives of these women and their families.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

Every week about 100 people view our ads on social media and we see about 2-3 people a week who say they want to study Scriptures further. Many of them stop studying either because they are not interested in anything spiritual or because they find out we are Christians. But the good news is being preached to many people each week and we know that God's Word will not return empty.

We're thankful for the national believers, many of them seminary graduates, who serve as digital responders. Willing contacts are passed to the virtual follow-up team. Some disengage, but some engage.

We also need more digital responders. We currently have only 8. This is volunteer work, but it takes commitment. Those who sign up for it want to learn and are grateful for the opportunity to reach out to those from the majority religion without having to meet them face to face.



**MOVING HOUSE** There is still no clarity regarding our move to the heartland. Unfortunately, there is no faculty or department at the university that needs A's expertise, although the Rector and Vice-Rector are very open and would like him to start teaching this term.

Blessings,  
A & B



## **NEWS FROM HEATHER JOHNSTONE (CMS)**

Dear friends,

Tumshukuru Mungu! Praise the Lord! My work and residence permits have been approved for a further two-year period. The authorities have indicated that this is my final grant. The decision can however be appealed 6 months before the expiry date, so I already have an action point in my diary for 23 December 2026.

Recently we had the privilege of catering for the VIPs attending two big diocesan events. Firstly, in June, Mothers' Union in Mara diocese hosted 1,300 delegates from the dioceses of Mara, Rorya and Tarime. The conference was a time of vibrant fellowship and encouragement among the Mothers' Unions in these dioceses.

Rehema Café was tasked with catering for approximately 100 VIP guests, and the team worked tirelessly over three days to prepare delicious food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, catering for the bishops, their wives, the Mothers' Union leadership team, as well as special guests, including a member of parliament and her entourage. Most of the Rehema team slept at work as transport was difficult – they had to get up at 3am to prepare for breakfast and often didn't finish until around midnight, which made for an exhausting day.



The second big event, in July, was a fundraiser (harambee) to contribute to the purchase of a car for the Diocese of Mara. The deputy minister of constitution and law, Hon. Jumanne Abdallah Sagini, attended along with his entourage as well as many esteemed guests from the Diocese of Mara. The team managed to comfortably cater for the more than 100 guests and served them efficiently and cheerfully.

It was also a pleasure to host the teams from UK Christian charity Go MAD (Go Make a Difference in Tanzania) again this year. They



visited Musoma over a seven-week period from the end of June until the end of August. The Go MAD teams ate at Rehema four times a week and our onsite craft shop saw the benefit of having a lot of visitors. Many of the volunteers also had items of clothing made by our seamstresses, which is part of the volunteers' Tanzanian experience and a real blessing for our seamstresses and to the project.

One of the Go MAD volunteers ran an origami workshop for the Rehema ladies, which was great fun and very well received. The team learned how to make, among other things, a box and a bird of paradise. The lesson culminated in a very competitive paper aeroplane race. As a thank you, the ladies sang songs and danced with their teachers and taught them to sing Hakuna Mungu kama wewe ('There is no God like you').



Through our assistance programme we recently were able to help a very impoverished lady by the name of Nyambuli. I overheard her telling one of our seamstresses about the problems she was having at home as she was getting rained on inside her house and needed to fix her roof but didn't have the wherewithal to do so. I went to visit her at home and was shocked to see that her house was literally falling down around her. The tin roof was completely rusted through and provided no protection against the elements, the house had also been very shoddily constructed and bricks were falling out of the wall. Her young teenage son was sleeping in the lounge as it was too dangerous to sleep in his room. We replaced the roof and rebuilt most of the walls above lintel height. While doing this we realised she had no toilet facilities, and as her health is not great, by the grace of God we were also able to build toilet facilities.

A dozen or so of the Rehema ladies have started a new social tradition. Each month one of the women will host a get-together at their home.

They will provide food and sodas and all the attendees will contribute an agreed sum of money which will cover their host's costs as well as a financial contribution enabling them to buy something they need or would like. It is a bit of a savings scheme with a social slant. As their "mama" I am fortunate enough to have attended all the celebrations. We pray, sing, and dance together. There is a bit of pantomime, a bit of banter and a lot of fun, love and respect.

Last year I wrote about Sweet Beth who had tragically lost her baby in childbirth. Today, I have great news – thanks be to God, in the early hours of this morning Sweet Beth gave birth to a healthy 4kg baby boy.

May God bless you all.  
Heather

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## **ECO CHURCH**

Eco Church is a scheme run by A Rocha UK, equipping churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement and individual lifestyles. Churches can be considered for an Eco Church Award at either Bronze, Silver, or Gold level.

There are five areas with which a church must demonstrate environmental engagement to receive an award:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

St Peter's Church Ardingly is now registered as an Eco Church so the first award to be worked towards is the Bronze award.



## ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



We live in a very beautiful part of the country and we at St Peter's School make sure that we take advantage of our surroundings as much as we can. Our children in Cuckoo Class are really enjoying their weekly forest sessions at Borde Hill.

While the pupils are having fun doing things like hunting for treasure and having adventures, they are also learning skills like problem-solving, independence and teamwork.



It's not just Cuckoo Class that are having fun! In September, Swallow Class (years 5 and 6 pupils) were able to have a whole week away on a residential visit to Hindleap Warren. How exciting!! They abseiled, went orienteering, stacked crates, went through obstacle courses, all the while being able to stay away from home and spend time with their friends. Oh, and the food was good too!

We have been able to celebrate our Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church. This was led by pupils from years 1 and 2 and attended by parents, grandparents and carers. Donations given as part of the service were passed on to Ardingly Connected Together who will use the provisions to support families in the village.

Do come and have a look at what is happening at our school if you are thinking about applying for a place for your child. Contact the school office for details of forthcoming open mornings or to make an appointment

Kathy James

## NEWS FROM SAMARA'S AID



### SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE CHILDREN

This summer our team put on a series of overnight camps for our orphans and vulnerable children from our city outreach centre. They have never had anything resembling a holiday before, and many have barely even left the city before. The team hosted them at our rural outreach centre, putting on games, activities, and most of all teaching them about the farming process, showing them our solar and wind power, our irrigations systems, the sheep, horses, donkeys and cows. The children got to see where much of the food we feed them is grown.



The team described how when the children arrived they looked nervous and depressed, but as the day went on they thrived in the fresh air, running around and spending time with the animals in nature. The evenings were filled with singing, music, dancing and warm snacks. At night, the classrooms in the building were turned into bedrooms with sleeping mats - three rooms upstairs for the girls and three downstairs for the boys. They were like different children going home the next evening.

### HARVESTS: GRAPES AND MORE

It's grape picking season and we have had a good harvest with four tonnes of grapes so far from the vineyard. The team have been distributing big bags of grapes to the poor, bringing smiles to the faces of so many.



This year the team have also been growing and harvesting aubergines, peppers, beans, okra, tomatoes, cucumbers, peanuts, molokai, sunflower seeds and cabbages. We are hoping to start harvesting the peanuts soon, although the primary reason for growing them is their nitrogen-fixing properties as a “green fertiliser” to improve the soil-quality of the land. The peanuts will be the added bonus.

From the sheep we have had milk, yoghurt and cheese in huge quantities, and a little meat as well as wool, and from the chickens a little meat and more eggs. We have planted so many productive trees which we hope will bear much fruit that we can distribute to the poor

over the coming years.

### **NEW OUTREACH CENTRE**

Work is well underway on the new Outreach Centre in the mountains. It will be one larger room with two small rooms, a small kitchen and two WCs, and will function as a small distribution centre and a small outreach centre. We have learnt over the years that each area has its own unique personality and that each service we provide needs a different flavour to serve that specific community in the right way.



### **REFUGEES FROM LEBANON**

We currently have 3 permanent, functioning distribution centres in different areas – all within reach of the Lebanese borders. Thousands of Lebanese have been fleeing into Syria to escape the war and they are arriving in the very areas where our teams and projects are. We had hoped to offer support by providing food, but there are just too many people for us to do that. Instead, we will be offering medical support as we have just opened our 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical Centre in one of these very poor areas.



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

### **SCAM ALERTS**

Mid Sussex District Council are warning the public to be vigilant because fraudulent QR codes have recently been found on payment machines in car parks across the county. They are supposedly for the PayByPhone service, but MSDC do not use that company. They use MiPermit.

There is also a national scam doing the rounds (this one was sent to the editor) where a text message, supposedly from DVSA, claims that a parking fine is due and must be paid that day, using the link provided. DVSA never issue parking fines via text messages.

In a third scam (another one sent to the editor) a text message supposedly from Gov.uk says that government living expenses will soon be disbursed to help people through the winter; click on the link provided in order to apply. It ended with "Thank you for supporting the UK Government". The message came from a private mobile number – something the government would never use.

### **FORMER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

The Koorana Centre (later the Simon Wellbeing Centre) has been closed since the end of July and a planning application has now been made for a change of use and conversion of the building to a single house with secure cycle storage provision, vehicle parking, and private amenity space.



## War and Peace

War is not a new thing;  
It's been here from the start,  
When Cain slew brother Abel  
And their lives were torn apart.

Brother still fights brother  
And nations go to war.  
It seems these things will never end.  
Perhaps we need to ask 'what for?'

Man has chosen his own path  
Where might and power tell.  
But God desires a better way  
Where harmony and peace can dwell.

And so a time will come at last  
When all man's rule will cease;  
Emmanuel will come to reign,  
Our Lord and Saviour, Prince of Peace.

*By Megan Carter*





**ARDINGLY**  
PARISH COUNCIL

## **ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

We would like to give a very warm welcome to Tracy Cruickshank, our new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). She will be hosting Parish surgeries at Hapstead Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 2-4 pm. Please do drop in and introduce yourself and share any suggestions or concerns you might have. Please note there will not be surgeries during the months of January and August.

There are also changes in Councillors. We welcome Adam Parsons who was newly co-opted, and say goodbye to Dale West who recently resigned due to increasing commitments. We would like to thank him for all of his work on the council and his ongoing support. His departure opens up an opportunity for someone else to join the council, so should you be interested please contact Tracy on [clerk@ardingly.org](mailto:clerk@ardingly.org).

Other active projects are the removal of a number of diseased and dead trees on both the Recreation Ground near the Pavilion and Multi-sport courts. A large thank you to Tim Hughes and his team for volunteering to help complete this work.

Elsewhere, a working party met last month at the allotments to clear the boundary areas in preparation for digging a ditch to improve drainage. These works will be completed in the coming weeks. There are a number of vacant allotments in varying sizes, so should you be interested please contact Tracy on [clerk@ardingly.org](mailto:clerk@ardingly.org). The new season commences on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 and we hope to have all 31 allotments filled by that time.

In other projects, we have been able to release nearly £20,000 in S106 monies generated from the building of Monks Meadow to create 8 new parking spaces at the Recreation Ground. These works will be commencing shortly so please bear with us during this time. Also in the Recreation Ground we have newly installed automatic locks on the doors to the Public Toilets so that in the future they will open automatically from 7am until dusk. The toilets are a valuable resource for our community and others in the surrounding area, so please use them with respect.

And lastly, do join us in December at both the Hapstead Hall Christmas Fayre and the annual Carol service under the oak tree just outside Hapstead Hall where, as usual, the Parish Council will be serving complimentary mince pies and mulled wine.

Margaret Meldrum (Chair)

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*The following is a poem written by Adele Molony, a member of Rosemary Molony's family. It was written in 1938 when she was a young girl, aged 14 years and 6 months.*



Why do people have to fight and conquer?  
Why do they risk such danger, and such pain?  
Don't they understand what it will end in?  
They just go on fighting, and fighting again.

They don't seem to realise the ruin they're preparing,  
The destruction that spoils the beauty of this earth;  
What utter despondency and desolation,  
An awful end to joyfulness and mirth.

They go on marching onwards, ever onwards.  
They go on dropping gas bombs from the sky.  
They go on killing women and little children,  
And causing all to suffer, or to die.

They don't seem to realise the terror they are teaching;  
The anguish that burns inside the souls of men.  
Their deep, unfathomed meaning is past comprehension.  
They just go on doing it, again and again.



A festive wreath making workshop poster. The background is a lush, green wreath made of pine needles, decorated with dried orange slices, red berries, and pinecones. A pair of purple-handled scissors is visible on the left side. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular area.

# Festive Wreath Making Workshops

£40pp

Enjoy making a festive wreath from locally grown foliage with a glass of fizz and mince pie

Fri 6th Dec - 6:30pm - 9pm at  
Ardingly Church Hall

Sat 7th Dec - 2:30pm - 5pm at  
Wivelsfield Church Hall

To book please email:  
[ammiaandgreen@gmail.com](mailto:ammiaandgreen@gmail.com)



## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

A woman telephoned her Bank and spoke to the official who looked after her holdings. "I want to make some changes," she said.



The official needed more details. "Are you interested in Conversion or Redemption?" he asked.

"Good heavens", came the reply. "I must have got the wrong number. I wanted the Bank of England, not the Church of England."

While visiting a water show, a tourist asked one of the divers, "Why do scuba divers always fall backward off the boats? To which the surprised diver replied, "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat".



A student asked his teacher how many problems there would be in the final exam.

The teacher looked the student over and replied, "I think you will have lots of problems in the final."

A student was writing to the head of the mission in England which had founded his local school in the African bush. He wanted to end with a blessing, 'May heaven preserve you.'

Not being quite confident of his English, he looked up the word 'preserve'. When the letter reached the head of the mission, it ended with the words: 'And may Heaven pickle you.'

A South London clergyman who was appointed to another living received a letter from a firm of furniture removers. It assured him: "Dear Sir, we would like to remove you. In the last year we have removed 40 South London clergymen, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned."



# Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register this month.

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## ***Some words of Jesus:***

“In this world you will have trouble,  
But take heart!  
I have overcome the world.”



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## **Flower Rota**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November -

Pam and Jean

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November -  
(*Remembrance Sunday*)

Belinda and Jill

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November-

Pat and Sheila

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November-  
(*Advent*)

Pam and Jean



## **Meeting Point Rota**

November 11<sup>th</sup> : Belinda, Alison and Sue

November 25<sup>th</sup> : 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) or Jane Taylor Cheater (892769).

**BELL RINGING:** If you are interested in joining the team of bell ringers please contact Lynn Wilson (892113)

**BIBLE READING NOTES:** Regular reading helps us to grow as Christians. Bible Reading Fellowship notes are available from Glynis Doerr (892431). Email: [glynismdoerr@gmail.com](mailto:glynismdoerr@gmail.com)

**BOOKS** can be borrowed from the back of church, free of charge

**BRASS CLEANING:** Help with brass cleaning is always welcome. Contact Adele Collins (892189)

**BRASS RUBBING:** Appointments may be made via the Churchwardens (John 892277 or Nigel 892769). Fee: £10.00

**FLOWERS:** Belinda Maclean (892368) is always glad to hear from anyone who would like to arrange/give flowers for the decoration of the church.

**GIVING:** Special weekly or monthly envelopes or bankers' order forms are available from Jean Jeffery (415317). It is also possible to donate on our website. Anyone paying income tax or capital gains tax is encouraged to sign a Gift Aid declaration which would enable the church to claim tax (currently 25 %) on all their giving. 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](mailto:emails4sue@gmail.com)

**ST PETER'S CENTRE:** Hire of Centre, crockery, cutlery and chairs: contact Carol Grossman 416707

**TRANSPORT:** If you require transport to church, or if you could provide it for others, please contact Jill Veasey on 892442 or Jonathan Summers on 892307.

## PRAYER DIARY NOVEMBER 2024

*"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you"*  
(Psalm 55 v 22)



- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Sir Keir Starmer and his government. All in authority
- 3 Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 4 The Presidential elections in USA tomorrow
- 5 Bonfire night; pray for fun, safety and the emergency services
- 6 Our village schools – the pupils, staff and governors
- 7 Our local hospices and Care Homes
- 8 Cross Channel migrants – pray for a solution
- 9 Pray for peace around the world
- 10 **Remembrance Day** services. Pray for all who are suffering the effects of war
- 11 The Armed Forces and all who serve our country overseas
- 12 Samara's Aid – pray for good staff for the new Medical Centre
- 13 Our Home Groups and their leaders
- 14 Christians Against Poverty and all who are struggling financially
- 15 Belinda and the IMARA team. Pray for progress on the new school
- 16 Our PCC, meeting this morning
- 17 Our services today. May God's love be felt and lives renewed
- 18 Our Parish Council, making important decisions for the village
- 19 The effects of Climate Change and our response to it
- 20 Give thanks and pray for the At Your Service helpers
- 21 Foster families and all children who do not live with their parents
- 22 Prison Fellowship and all who live and work in prisons
- 23 All bishops, clergy and chaplains
- 24 Our services today, led by John Witherington and the music group
- 25 The Link to Hope shoeboxes, travelling to Eastern Europe this month
- 26 All who are living with a long term illness or disability
- 27 Jill Veasey and the choir, preparing for the Christmas Carol Service
- 28 Youth Pastors and all who work with young children
- 29 Ardingly Connected Together, supporting people in the village
- 30 Praise God for his Fatherly goodness during the past month

**The deadline for copy for the December/January magazine is  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**