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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,

Writing about the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3 – 12) the author Philip Yancey notes that: *Blessed is far too sedate to carry the percussive force Jesus intended. The Greek word conveys something like a short cry of joy, "O you lucky person!*



And he is spot on! Reading them again has revealed to me that there is wonderful beauty, order, and rhythm in the eight Beatitudes. Each begins with the assurance of God's blessing. Each then describes a kingdom characteristic or value which Jesus says is foundational to living as a child of the Kingdom. And each then ends with a promise of what lies ahead for those on this particular path. Next, all the promises refer to blessings, some of which are promised in the future and some of which are promised now. It is a balance of 'now' and 'not yet' that expresses the paradox in Jesus' teaching: that the kingdom of God, God's reign and rule, has come among us, yet we are still to pray for its coming.

The blessed possess the kingdom of Heaven, they possess the earth, those who mourn are comforted, those who are hungry are satisfied, they receive mercy, they see God, they are called the children of God, and their heavenly reward is great. All of these blessings belong together because together they are the privileges of being a citizen of God's Kingdom. This is what the enjoyment of God's rule means. This is the fruit of great light shining in darkness. How wonderful! O you lucky person!

It seems to me that the Beatitudes show us the foundation on which the kingdom announced by Jesus is built and that they then take us into a whole new realm of living by and in the grace of God. So, they are a summons to live in the present in a way that will make sense of God's promised future. As such, they provide the perfect food for thought in the coming season of Lent.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John'.

Services in March 2025

Sunday 2nd March

The Sunday next before Lent

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP] Exodus 34: 29 - 35; Luke 9: 28 - 38

10.30am

Morning Praise

Exodus 34: 29 - 35; Luke 9: 28 - 38

5.00pm

Open to God

A service of evening prayer and quiet reflection to end the day.

Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

10.30am A service of Holy Communion with the imposition of Ashes to mark the beginning of Lent

...but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40: 31*

Sunday 9th March

The First Sunday of Lent

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Luke 4: 1-13

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Luke 4: 1-13

Sunday 16th March

The Second Sunday of Lent

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Luke 13: 31-35

10.30am

Morning Praise

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Luke 13: 31-35

Sunday 23rd March

9.00am

Morning Prayer [BCP]

10.30am

Morning Praise

The Third Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55: 1 - 9; Luke 13: 1 - 9

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**Sunday 30th March
Sunday of Lent)**

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

10.30am

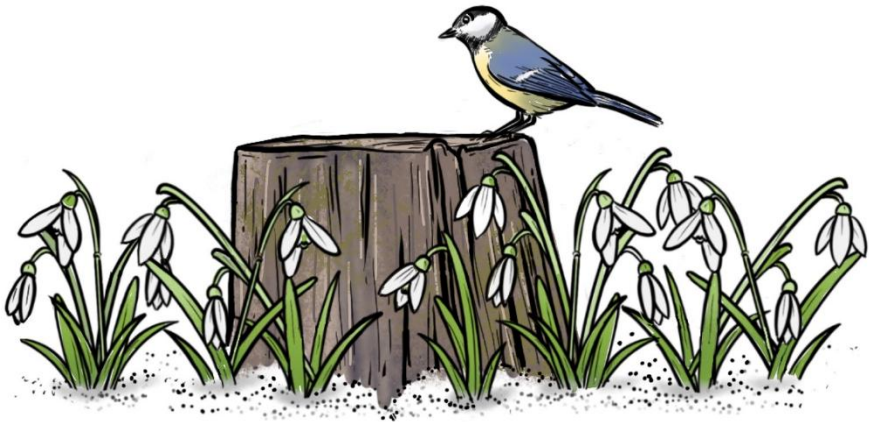
Holy Communion [CW]

With prayer for healing and wholeness

Mothering Sunday (The Fourth

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; John 19: 25b - 27

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NOTICEBOARD for March

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 10th and 24th March from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



Mothering Sunday 30th March

Do come and bring all the family!

Help in providing flowers and greenery for the Mothering Sunday service, and in putting together posies, would be very much appreciated by the St Peter's flower arrangers! Please bring any contributions and meet at St Peter's Centre at 10.00am on Saturday 29th March. Thank you. Belinda

Ardingly History Society Annual General Meeting

in Hapstead Hall

Tuesday 18th March at 7.45pm

To be followed by a talk on Ardingly College

The Hapstead Jam Tarts WI will be holding their first Annual Meeting on Weds 19th March at 10am in Hapstead Hall. They will be looking back over the past year at their events, challenges, and achievements, all followed by refreshments. Visitors are very welcome to attend. Contact Fiona on 07513411893 or email hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk

Ardingly Evening W.I.

Thursday 20th March 7:30pm - Our annual meeting at Hapstead Hall with the election of officers and reports of our year, followed by a taste test quiz and a bit of social fun.

Wednesday 26th March - 'Scissor Club' at Emma's - recycling oyster shells into trinket dishes.

Book Club - monthly at Ardingly Inn. All welcome - date TBC, just ask (andrea.fall@talk21.com).

ARDINGLY FILM NIGHT

22nd March: **Movie Quiz and Supper fundraiser** at Hapstead Hall. Tickets £25. Doors open 7pm for Quiz 7.30pm. Bring a team or just come and meet new people. Cash bar with wine and beer. And bring some £1 coins for heads and tails!

AND

Thursday 27 March, 7pm for 7.30pm
"BRIDGET JONES MAD ABOUT THE BOY"
Tickets from the Village Shop, Fellows Bakery or online
at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Advance Notice

Church Spring Clean on Saturday 5th April, 9.00am onwards. More details next month.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It is time once again for our annual collection of the boxes that you have in your homes in order for us to send off the money to the Children's Society. We would be grateful if you could bring your boxes to church during March, if this is convenient. We normally attend the 10.30 service, but if it is easier for you, we are happy to collect the boxes from you. If you would like us to arrange a suitable time to collect your box from you, please contact us by telephone (01444 415317) or email us. Thanks again for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

Jean and Tony Jeffery (jeanandtonyjeffery@hotmail.com)



World Day of Prayer 7th March 2025



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Each year the liturgy is prepared by women from a different country.

There will be a service at **St Andrew's Church, Burgess Hill** at 10.30 a.m. on 7th March. They will be using a Liturgy which has been prepared by the women of The Cook Islands. The theme is "I made you wonderful," based on Psalm 139 v 14.

EASTER LILIES

At Easter the flower team decorate the church with lilies and other flowers in memory of loved ones. If you would like to remember a family member or friend in this way please let me know by 31st March so that we know how many flowers to order. Lilies cost around £3-£4 each. A donation of between £5 and £20 will enable us to make the church look lovely.



Many thanks. Belinda (892368)

PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all those who have paid their subscriptions for 2025, especially those who have given more than the minimum £3 and those who have very generously sent additional donations. These are all much appreciated.

Sue



Celebrating Faith

2025 is the year of celebration of the
Christian faith across Sussex.

[Find out more](#)

Our next Deanery event "Uncovering the Nicene Creed"

on

Saturday 15th March 2025 10am - 1pm

at

The Ascension Church

110 Vale Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4JS

*We welcome back Rev Canon Dr Earl Collins as our
speaker, following his enjoyable and informative talks
last year.*

STOP PRESS: Our Lent Studies will be on how the story of the bible fits together, using an 8-week Bible Society course presented by Andrew Ollerton called "The Bible Course". More details to be announced when they are available.

News in brief from our friends in S.E. Asia



- Our social media outreach program theme has been 'Hope for the new year'. Quite a few people have clicked on our ads and a few of them are open to sharing their burdens. We are now trying out AI and Chatbot. We hope that this will provide even more support and opportunities.
- Our national co-workers plan to visit those who have said they want to believe in Jesus. We have only 2-3 people who can do this. We pray that the Lord will send us more, especially those who can do face-to-face follow up.
- We would like to move to a nearby town but need a permit for A to teach there. Also for B to teach English there. Semester begins mid-February so A is currently busy preparing his lectures.
- Many in the young women's fellowship have a lot of personal and financial problems which can be overwhelming but the Lord is bigger than their problems. We would love to see some growth in numbers, as well as faith.
- One of our co-workers is in hospital, very ill. We don't know what the future will hold for her. She was about to retire very soon.
- It has been raining heavily for weeks now and a lot of people are getting sick and some areas got flooded. The ladies' fellowship was cancelled last Sunday. May everyone's enthusiasm for meeting together hold strong despite the current situation.

SAMARA'S AID

Much has happened in Syria since the last update from Samara's Aid. The humanitarian situation in Syria is dire, with many people unable to afford food, leading to increased hunger among children. However, the good news is that the charity will open four new outreach centers this year, including one in a Christian area, and will provide nutritious meals and education for hundreds of vulnerable children.

Fuel is now available for people to buy, unrestricted, but is now far more expensive than it was before. The supply of electricity is still very erratic.

Construction work is continuing on the new city outreach centre in an earthquake affected area, as it is for the medical centre/small hospital there.

This year there are severe droughts in Syria which will significantly impact the availability of essential foods - in particular wheat - to enable the provision of people's daily bread - the staple food in Syria. Droughts have been an issue in many recent years, but it is especially dry this year, raising serious concerns around increasing food insecurity.

Samara asks for prayer for the safety of the team and for financial provision for these critical projects.

Dozens of meals being prepared:



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL EXHIBITION

As part of its celebration of the 950th anniversary in 2025, Chichester Cathedral is presenting [Religion, Rebellion & Reformation](#), a compelling exhibition curated by its Canon Treasurer, the Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron.

Running from 14th February to 15th November 2025, the exhibition features artefacts and treasures contributed by local parishes and community groups, bringing together pieces from churches, archives and libraries across the Diocese of Chichester, which spans over 100 miles through East and West Sussex.



Starting in 1075, each artefact uncovers stories of faith, resilience and transformation through the lives of educators, thinkers, reformers and rebels. It includes medieval Bishops' rings, a 12th-century reliquary, a 15th-century theological treatise and a Bible carried into the trenches during World War I. Together, these artefacts offer a profound insight into Sussex's heritage and its ties to the Christian faith.

The artefacts featured in the display each embody the challenges and transformations of its time, inviting visitors to reflect on the role faith has in shaping lives. Through themes of religion, rebellion and reformation, the exhibition explores how faith has influenced responses to hardship, conflict and change.

Canon Vanessa says, "It's important to stress that this exhibition is not only about faith; it is about human stories. " "We face many of the same challenges today as our ancestors did. The questions of faith and resilience are timeless."

The exhibition is free, but a donation of £5 is suggested. The Cathedral is open from 9am to 5pm Monday-Saturday and from 12.30-2.30 on Sundays.

WALKS WITH ESTHER AND GLYNIS

To mark the 950th Anniversary of Chichester Cathedral, Esther Wigmore and Glynis Doerr will be walking from St Peter's Church to the Cathedral, as a pilgrimage and to raise funds for St Peter's. If you wish to sponsor us in this endeavour, there will be a form at the back of the Church. The distance will be covered over a series of walks, varying in distance. We are hoping those of faith and no faith might like to join us on one or more of our walks. The walks will be led and follow footpaths and established walking routes, such as the South Downs Way and Monarch's Way.

If you would like to know more or to join us on one of the sections, please contact Esther Wigmore: ewalker68@gmail.com (07759 038823) or Glynis Doerr (01444 892431).

The provisional dates for these walks:

Friday 14th March
Sat 12th April
Sat 17th May
Sat 14th June
Sat 19th July
Bank Holiday Mon 25th Aug
Sat 13th Sept
Sat 11th October



UNWANTED RAGS

Colin McFarlin, the Volunteer Advanced Waste Prevention Advisor for Mid Sussex County Council, asks us not to dispose of unwanted textiles in our landfill bins. This kind of waste should be taken to the Recycling Centres in Burgess Hill or East Grinstead. However, if you can't get to the Recycling Centres it's possible to put old rags in a black bin bag and take them to a Charity Shop such as Age UK, which accepts rags. They can sell the rags and make a little cash from them.

FSW February 2025 update

Dear Friends,

Our work continues to be hugely busy with many new referrals since the start of the year. There have been some very challenging situations, particularly regarding obtaining support for children with SEN where schools are reluctant to commit funding and resources. These cases take up a large amount of practitioners' time but when we are able to successfully secure support, make a lifechanging difference to the children in question.



We are also finding financial hardship striking many more families, and we are receiving requests to help with even essential items like winter coats and pyjamas as families simply cannot afford these.

Many events are now being planned over the coming months. Our Cuckmere Pilgrim path sponsored walk, which we did for the first time last year, will be returning on May 15th and we would love to have as many participants as possible. There are also a number of local events being organised by our deanery committees, so please take a look at our website to see what is happening near you.

www.familysupportwork.org

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

LINDFIELD

Saturday 1st March

10am - 1pm

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

The logo for REPAIR CAFE is located to the right of the Lindfield event details. The word 'REPAIR' is in blue and 'CAFE' is in orange, with the letters in a bold, sans-serif font.

FOREST ROW

Saturday 15th March

10am - 1pm

Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

A poem for Mothering Sunday

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

When you thought I wasn't looking you hung my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking you fed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking you baked a birthday cake just for me, and I knew that little things were special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking you said a prayer, and I believed there was a God that I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking you kissed me good-night, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt - but that it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking you smiled, and it made me want to look that pretty too.

When you thought I wasn't looking you cared, and I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking - I looked . . . and wanted to say thanks for all those things you did when you thought I wasn't looking.



ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Busy days at St Peter's School!

Life at school is always exciting and this term is no different. We have been really delighted to welcome The Travelling Natural History Museum team to the school. Earlier in the term, Greenfinch and Cuckoo classes looked at



'Awesome Arctic', enjoying the opportunity to study animals, plants and the environment of the Arctic. Since this included some hands-on experiences and sharing the classroom with life sized representations of an Arctic Wolf and a Polar Bear, it was an enthralling time!

More recently, Robin Class has been working with the Team, looking at Riveting Rocks and Fossils. Learning that fossilised dinosaur poo is called coprolite AND actually seeing some (!!) was followed by the chance to make model fossils in plaster of Paris.

Reading plays a very important part of school life and so World Book Day is always a time for celebration. This year, World Book day is on 6th March and we will be celebrating special words, based on the book, Word Collector. Visits to Haywards Heath library are often part of our plans and, this term, it was the turn of years 3, 4 and 5. Of course, we are very proud of our own library, which is used every day.

Our life experiences through school are also extended by out of school events. Residential experiences are wonderful, of course, and we have those for our KS2 children. However, we also have the joy of visiting local highlights such as Wakehurst Place. We have continued to be involved with Borde Hill, too, with their work on 'Reinventing Borde Hill'. This has been facilitated for the school by our friends at Ardingly College, who kindly lent their minibuses to get the children to Borde Hill.

We are proud of our school, part of our lovely community, and we are glad that the recent Ofsted inspection recognised the school's strengths:

- *The school has high expectations for all pupils, and these are largely realised."*
- *"The school has designed a broad and ambitious curriculum."*
- *"Reading is at the heart of the curriculum... Pupils say they love reading and speak enthusiastically about their favourite books and authors."*
- *"In lessons, teachers skilfully adapt the curriculum to assist pupils' learning where needed."*
- *"Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) access the same ambitious curriculum as their peers and achieve well."*
- *"Pupils celebrate each other's achievements and understand each other's different strengths and needs."*
- *"The provision for pupils' broader development is a strength. The school offers a multitude of opportunities to develop skills and talents beyond the curriculum."*

Great comments to read, we hope you agree!

Kathy James

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ...

A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife's snoring. "It has to STOP," he insisted.



The doctor was intrigued: "Does it really bother you that much?"

"Well, it's not just me," confided the minister. "She is bothering the whole congregation."



A traffic police officer stopped a woman for doing 15 miles over the speed limit.

After he handed her a ticket, she asked him, "Don't you give out warnings?"

"Yes, madam," he replied. "They're all the way along the road. They say, 'Speed Limit 30.'"



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Spring isn't too far away!

We took advantage of one of the loveliest days in early February and planted the hundreds of daffodil bulbs generously donated to the village by the Ardingly Horticultural Society. Members of the Parish Council were joined by 14 others, including a few eager children, to plant the bulbs along the verges of Holmans, Oaklands and the Recreation Ground. All enjoyed cake and a cuppa afterwards. **THANK YOU** to everyone for a job well done!



You may also have noticed that we have been successful in getting an electronic display screen installed at the Ardingly Bus Shelter. It indicates live bus arrival times. This completes the south bound route and we await confirmation of timings for when the north bound route will follow.

We had a productive meeting with our MP Mims Davies at Hapstead Hall where we raised issues of traffic and infrastructure. Thank you for all of your input. In particular we highlighted speeds of traffic, lack of bus provision and poor mobile network coverage. She shared details of the devolution priority program within which Sussex (east and west) / Brighton have been included. We will become mayor-led strategic authorities by May 2026. The government hopes plans to create more Mayoral Authorities in England will bring funding and local decision-making powers down from Westminster. Mid-Sussex District Council is currently operating 'business as usual,' however will soon be removed shifting responsibilities to a unitary local government. More details can be found on <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/future-of-local-government-in-sussex/>

NEW VILLAGE AWARD. The Parish Council wants to recognise, celebrate and congratulate the unsung heroes of the village who work to make a difference to our local community. We are asking for nominations for the first annual **ARDINGLY COMMUNITY AWARD**. These may be individual residents or businesses who have made a significant contribution, either from a specific action, or event, or as a cumulative effect over a longer period of time. Nominees must be over 18 years of age and the award must be for unpaid services. Nominations should be no more than 150 words and returned to the Parish Clerk who will keep submissions anonymous. We will be accepting applications until the 30 April 2025 and the award will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

We have agreed the date for our **Annual Village Meeting** to be on Thursday **22nd May, 7pm** at Hapstead Hall where we will share details of what the Parish Council have been working on and priorities for the coming year. Look out for a Village Survey coming soon to incorporate your thoughts into these plans.

And we still have allotment plots available. Should you be interested, please contact Tracy, our Parish Clerk.

Margaret Meldrum (chair)



AROUND THE VILLAGE

A SAD LOSS TO THE VILLAGE

It was with great sadness that we heard the news recently that Roy Tester has died. He lived most of his life in Ardingly and played a very active part in the community for many years. He will be remembered with much affection by a lot of people. Our sincere condolences go to Judith and Claire and the rest of his family.

HYACINTHS

Many thanks, once again to the Ardingly Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for the lovely Hyacinth plants left on the doorsteps of the Seniors in Ardingly this month. Just the thing to brighten up dull February mornings!



NEW BUS STOP

The new digital bus sign near the bus shelter! It doesn't seem to be fully operational yet but it looks promising! There is a button to press for audio information (but at the moment it only tells you the time and to check the timetable).

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 4th March is Shrove Tuesday, or 'Pancake Day'. This is when people traditionally used up ingredients they were not allowed to eat during the next 40 days of Lent — especially ingredients that would spoil, like eggs and milk. It was this which caused Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent, to become known as Pancake Day or Fat Tuesday (*Mardi Gras* in French).

The most well-known pancake event of Shrove Tuesday is the race in Olney in Buckinghamshire, where the church has always had a significant involvement. Folklore says the Olney tradition started in the 15th Century when a harassed housewife, rushing to attend church on Shrove Tuesday, ran to the service with a frying pan still in her hand!

In memory of this happening the pancake race has been held each year since 1948. The ladies still line up in the Market Square in the morning, wearing head scarves and aprons, and carrying a cooked pancake in a frying pan. As the competitors run to the church, a distance of over 350m (400 yards), they have to toss the pancakes.



Parish Register

There are no entries in the parish register this month.

He said "Be joyful, keep the faith
and do the little things".
Words spoken by a Celtic Saint
to common folk and kings.

The joy of the Lord is our strength,
and faith in the goodness of God.
He has a path for us to walk –
one He's already trod.

All that He plans for us to do
may seem of little worth,
But they're the very things He'll use
to bring His love to earth.

By Megan Carter

Flower Rota

Tuesday 4th March – Belinda and Jill (Lent)

Friday 21st March – Pat and Sheila (Lent)

Meeting Point

March 10th – Jill, Ruses and Sue

March 24th – Adele, Diana and Kathy

Brass Cleaning

29th March – Deb & George Ruse



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

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)

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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 MARCH 2025



"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41 v 10)

- 1 John and Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2** Our services today. Pray God's blessing on Ardingly
- 3 Pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and Sudan
- 4 Families in Ardingly who are struggling in any way
- 5 Ash Wednesday. Pray for our service today
- 6 AOJA and the work of the clinic in The Gambia
- 7 World Day of Prayer. Pray for women in need around the world
- 8 Pray for the safety of young people in this country
- 9** Our services today. Give thanks for our freedom to worship
- 10 Meeting Point. Pray for all who attend and help
- 11 Our Prime Minister and government
- 12 All who live and work in prisons
- 13 Belinda, Kevin and all the children sponsored through IMARA
- 14 Our local hospices; the terminally ill and all who are grieving
- 15 All refugees and migrants around the world
- 16** Our services today. Praise God for his love
- 17 Deb Ruse and the work of FSW
- 18 King Charles and all the members of the Royal Family
- 19 The NHS and all who work in healthcare
- 20 Milan & Shusma and the work of the Aanandit Church in Nepal
- 21 The selection of a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- 22 Jo Crutchley & Courtney, getting married today. John presiding
- 23** Our services today. Pray for all who lead worship
- 24 Protection and encouragement for the Samara's Aid team
- 25 All who work in the emergency services
- 26 Praise God for his creation and the delights of Spring
- 27 CPAS, providing training, support and resources for parishes
- 28 All who work in Social Services
- 29 Tearfund, helping to relieve poverty around the world
- 30** Mothering Sunday. Pray for all mothers and those without one
- 31 Thank God for his love and faithfulness to each one of us

**The deadline for the April magazine is
Friday 21st March**