

St. Peter's Ardingly

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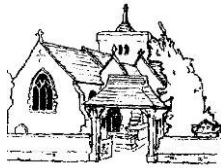


EASTER

He is Risen!

HALLELUJAH!





St Peter's Church, Ardingly

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Worship – our main service – see Services page

**The church is also open daily
from 10am to 5pm for private prayer**

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

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As Mary went to Jesus' tomb on the first Easter Sunday morning she was in despair. Her world had ended. It seemed that the cycle of evil and retribution had triumphed and that the grave had overcome the most exciting life she had ever encountered. But then Mary heard the Gospel, the good news: CHRIST IS RISEN.

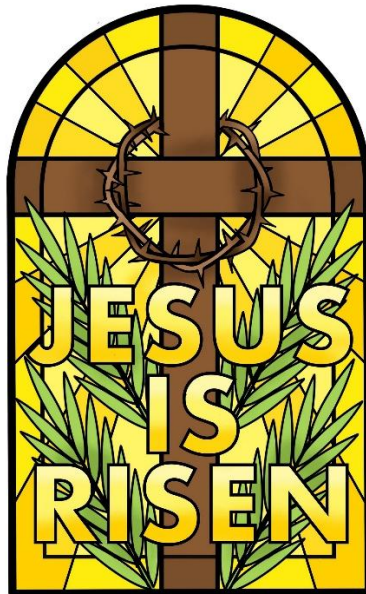


In other words, she understood that life is stronger than death, that light overcomes darkness, and that love will always conquer evil and hatred. And the glorious truth of Easter is that the resurrection is not just about one man over two thousand years ago in Palestine. It is about the whole way the Universe works. The resurrection says that there is more to life than we can see in this world alone and that means that we still have hope. Hope amid all that might otherwise lead us to despair, both in our own lives and in world events. And there is still more. Because it is also the hope and promise beyond death of new life. Of life everlasting.

The truth is of course, that our lives, indeed our entire world, can sometimes seem very dark with war and rumours of war. And God certainly does not promise that there will not be such moments of struggle – indeed, Jesus explicitly said that there would. But the promise of Easter is of light breaking through the darkness. The promise of Easter is of a magnificent 'Son Rise.' The good news of Easter is that darkness will pass because the light of Christ displayed to the entire world in the resurrection conquers death and evil and love triumphs.

So, whatever we may be struggling with now we should hear again the Easter message. It is the message of our loving God who says to his beloved world that what may seem hopelessly dark from a human perspective holds the potential for a new beginning. It is the darkness before the dawn! The miracle begins at that empty tomb where we greet the Risen Lord Jesus Christ saying in faith and as Christians have said across the centuries: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With all my prayers for a blessed and Holy Easter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', written in a cursive style.

A Common Thief

I've lived a life of emptiness. A common thief am I;
Of no great use to man or beast and now I have to die.

They've nailed me to a wooden cross. They took my clothes as well;
The pain and shame are all I have and soon I'll be in Hell.

But this man nailed next to me, he's done no evil thing.
His innocence is clear to see – they say He is a King.

There hangs, beyond, another thief. Just hear him swear and curse!
Demanding that He saves us all. He's making all this worse.

We knew that this would be our fate. We've known it all along.
But have respect for this poor man for He's done nothing wrong!

"O Jesus, when Your Kingdom comes, my Lord, remember me."
He looked at me with tender love, responding to my plea:

"The truth of what I say to you you'll shortly come to see.
For you will come, this very day to Paradise with Me."

I wept upon my painful cross. No thing I had to bring;
But yet He looked upon this wretch and gave me everything.

By Nigel Beeton



Services in April 2025 and for HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Sunday 6th April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Philippians 3: 4 - 14; John 12: 1 - 8

10.30am

Morning Praise

Philippians 3: 4 - 14; John 12: 1 - 8

6.00pm

Open to God

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

Sunday 13th April

PALM SUNDAY

9.00am

Holy Communion [BCP]

Psalm 118: 19 - 29; Luke 19: 28 - 40

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

Psalm 118: 19 - 29; Luke 19: 28 - 40

Thursday 17th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm *As we remember how Jesus and the disciples gathered in the Upper Room to share the Last Supper, we will gather **in the Church Centre** for supper followed by a celebration of Holy Communion.*

Friday 18th April

GOOD FRIDAY

11.00am

For God so Loved the World
*A short service for everyone held **in the Church Centre***

2.00pm

**A Service of Prayer and Reflection
for Good Friday**

A service that through music, word, quiet reflection, prayer and meditation, and images, will help us to focus upon the death of Christ on the Cross.

Saturday 19th April

Easter Eve

6.00 pm – An **Open to God** service of evening prayer and quiet Reflection on the eve of Easter.

Sunday 20th April

EASTER DAY

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Acts 10: 34 – 43; John 20: 1 - 18

10.30am

Holy Communion [CW]

“Hallelujah, hallelujah. He is Risen!”

A service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday morning

Sunday 27th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Acts 5: 27 - 32; John 20: 19 – 31

10.30am

Morning Praise

Acts 5: 27 - 32; John 20: 19 – 31

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

NOTICEBOARD for April

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 7th and 28th April from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



PCC Meeting: 12th April at 0900 hours at St Peter's Centre



Walks with Glynis and Dilys

The next 'Pilgrimage walk' is scheduled to take place on **12th April** and will be from Scaynes Hill to Ditchling (7 miles) (*More on page 13*)

Ardingly History Society

in Hapstead Hall

Tuesday 15th April at 7.45pm

Lady Teviot will be speaking about "Workhouses"

The Hapstead Jam Tarts W.I. are welcoming Helen Mole from 'Indigo Mole' for a workshop making beautiful paper flowers at their meeting at 10am on 16th April. Helen is a very talented crafter, and places are limited but visitors are still very welcome to come along and enjoy the meeting, and refreshments.

Contact Fiona at hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi@wsfwi.co.uk

The Ardingly Evening W.I. are holding their annual Spring Supper on Tuesday 8th April, with a Mexican twist on this year's meal. There will also be a silent auction and time for social fun with neighbouring W.I.'s. At the monthly meeting on Thursday 17th April at 7:30pm Gary Marsh will be speaking about The South Downs National Park.

Next Village Lunch: 14th May. Tickets £8 each from Ardingly Village News

ARDINGLY FILM NIGHT

Thursday 24th April, 7pm for 7.30pm

"A Complete Unknown"

Tickets from the Village Shop, Fellows Bakery or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk

NEW ADDRESS:

Margaret Dale has moved. Her address is now as follows:

The Gables Care Home
Bennett Drive
Hagley
Stourbridge DY9 0WA



CHURCH SPRING CLEAN
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL



It's that time of year again! Each year we give the church a good clean before Easter, so please do join us on Saturday 5th April, any time from 9.00am onwards. Bring dusters, cloths, brushes and any cleaning materials which you think would be helpful. Cobweb brushes are always useful.

If enough of us are there, it only takes a couple of hours – and it's only once a year!

Suitable refreshments will be on offer during the morning.

Come when you can and go when you must!



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

A new school year has begun in Uganda and another intake of students has joined Senior 1 in our new school. Included

are several students with visual impairment and some with other disabilities – students with big hopes for a promising future.

Once again we face the challenge of how we can get the poorest children into school and make sure they do not drop out because the struggle to pay fees is just too much.

Ivan attended the primary school next door to our school



and won the top position in the Primary Leaving Exam. His mum is a single mother living in a slum area of Lira with her two children. She works hard selling cooked cassava and sesame paste in order to provide for the family as best she can. She bought some of the things required for school and raised enough money to pay half the fees, but she was unable to pay the balance and Ivan remained at home until we were able to help him.

There are 5 blind or partially sighted children from families too poor to pay the



fees. At the start of this term they either remained at home or they arrived at school having travelled over 100 miles from an area with no secondary school for the blind. They were about to be sent home but Kevin said we would try to raise the funds for them if possible. We have given them all the help they need for this term and they are in school. The challenge will be to continue to support them.

My personal plan is to cut my weekly food/household costs during Lent to save enough for at least one of the children's fees next term. **If anyone would like to sponsor a child or help a**

child with school fees next term, please get in touch.

Work is progressing rapidly with the construction of the girls' dormitories at the school after a long delay. We are hopeful that they will be ready for the start of Term 2 in May. The girls will be delighted to have their own dormitories complete with matron's room and sick bay at last.



Imara Scholars: These pictures show Imara scholarship students preparing to return to primary school and nursing school for the new term.



A proud moment!

Jasper was one of our first Imara scholars and an orphan. When he was 9 or 10 years old he was captured by the LRA rebels. He remained with the rebels for 2 years as they moved from place to place sleeping rough and with little food to eat, often beaten and very afraid. He witnessed such terrible cruelty. Finally he was rescued and returned to his grandmother.

The picture shows Jasper at a ceremony where he was awarded a diploma in electrical engineering. Now he is teaching electrical engineering at a technical college.

We are grateful to all our supporters for making this work possible. Please pray that we will be able to help many more children and young people on the path to a brighter future for years to come.

Belinda 01444 892368

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 - THE COOK ISLANDS

"I made you wonderful"

On 7th March five of us from St Peter's church set forth for St Andrews church, Burgess Hill to attend this year's World Day of Prayer which had been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. We were greeted at the door and given a brightly coloured flower which some of us put in our hair or on our lapels. (Mine is still going strong and a reminder of the Cook Islands where flowers are an integral part of the island's identity and often worn as flower crowns).



At the front of the church a blue cloth was laid out signifying the importance of the ocean for the Cook Islanders, providing food, ways to travel, and livelihoods. Laid on top was a coconut coming from a tree where every part is used, providing food, drink, medicine, handicrafts and building material. There was also a huge, beautiful seashell. In front of these a photo had been placed showing the altar in St Josephs Cathedral on the island of Rarotonga which has been designed in the form of a canoe, which is the traditional means of travel for the islanders.

The service was based on Psalm 139 and centred on the fact that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We were welcomed with the words "*Kia Orana*" which is the Islander's Māori greeting and means not just "*hello*" but "*may you live long!*", "*may you live well!*", "*may you shine like the sun!*", "*may you dance like the waves!*".

During the service we listened to the experiences of three women. The first was Mii, who explained how frightened she was when her family came into contact with covid 19 and she thought they would all die. However, although she was terrified, she knew that God knows every detail of her life and that prayer would calm her fears.

The second lady, Vainiu, described how their culture had been devalued and told of her childhood schooldays whereby if you were found speaking your native Māori language rather than the English that was being taught, you were humiliated and punished. She herself had been caught and made to wear a placard saying "I am a Māori speaker" and put in detention and made to pull out prickly weeds called "Pikikaa" on a hot day. However, Vainiu knew that in spite of this God was with her.

The final speaker was Dr Dawn who said that becoming a paediatric doctor was one of the hardest things she had done but realised over the years that God has made us all wonderful, "our bodies, minds and spirits are knit together by our loving creator".

We shared the peace, when we were able to mingle and bless each other by saying "Kia Orana, God made you wonderful!".

After the service we were invited to participate in refreshments when we were able to spend time chatting to others in a very relaxed atmosphere and enjoy a very welcome cuppa!

Next year the World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6th March (always held on the first Friday of March) and is being prepared by the women of Nigeria so do keep a note of this date and keep an eye on the WDP website where you will find details of a church holding a service near you. The services are always thoughtful and inspiring and a reminder of the constant wave of prayer worldwide and of our brothers and sisters in Christ, of their struggles and their witness to God's strength in their lives. So encouraging!

Adele Collins

EVENTS AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL IN APRIL

Tuesday 1st April – Sunday 13th April 2025

“Cathedral on Canvas” Entry is free

To mark the 950th anniversary of Chichester Cathedral, Oxmarket Contemporary is hosting a special exhibition that brings together a stunning collection of works inspired by the Cathedral’s rich history, architecture and spiritual significance. It will showcase a diverse range of artistic interpretations of the Cathedral, with all pieces available to purchase. There will be paintings, photography, ceramics, textiles and jewellery and metal artist Helen Solly will exhibit a piece crafted from the Cathedral’s former green copper roof.

Friday 4th April 2025, 19.30 hours

The Band of His Majesty’s Royal Marines Collingwood: Best of British Tickets £17.50/£25

A spectacular programme celebrating the “Best of British” symphonic and traditional music.

Thursday 10th April 2025 at 1900 hours

Concert: The Academy of St Martin in the Fields and Anthony Roth Costanzo Tickets £20 - £60

PROGRAMME : Haydn Symphony No 26, Golijov *LAIKA* (European premiere), Handel’s *Messiah* (excerpts: *He was despised, Thou art gone up on high, I know that my redeemer liveth*), Couperin *Troisieme Leçon de Tenebrae* (excerpt for harpsichord, cello and countertenor), Golijov *Tenebrae*

Tuesday 22nd April at 10.30 – “Unveiling of the Bug-thedral” at the West Doors Entry is free

In celebration of Earth Day the Cathedral unveils the Bug-thedral – a unique, eco-friendly sanctuary for insects and mini beasts, created from salvaged materials in partnership with local schools. This project not only provides vital shelter and nesting sites for wildlife but also serves as a sustainable tribute to the Cathedral’s 950th anniversary, supporting biodiversity and nature conservation.

PILGRIMAGE WALKS



On Friday 14th March, we commenced our Pilgrimage walks, covering 6.5 miles from St Peter's in Ardingly to St Augustine's Church in Scaynes Hill. We were blessed with some sunshine and received a very warm welcome from Jenny Walker and a reviving cup of tea and hot cross bun. We also enjoyed seeing and hearing about their beautiful altar tapestry.

Our next leg is on Saturday 12th April, walking almost 7 miles from Scaynes Hill to Ditchling. It is a relatively level section of our walk with just one short incline up Slugwash Lane.

For timings and more information please contact Esther Wigmore 01444 891654 or Glynis Doerr 01444 892431. We need to know final numbers by Saturday 5th April.

Esther

Spring into Community

Explore the gardens for free during our spring festival and discover what Wakehurst has to offer.



Join us for free art and music workshops, explore the world-famous Millennium Seed Bank and engage in fascinating hands-on workshops for all ages during Spring into Community at Wakehurst.



Thursday 24 April 2025

Friday 25 April 2025

Saturday 3 May 2025

For more details on workshops and how to book, please visit [kew.org/learning/spring-into-community](https://www.kew.org/learning/spring-into-community) or scan the QR code.

We'd love to see you there!

Wakehurst



REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

LINDFIELD

Saturday 5th April

10am - 1pm

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

REPAIR CAFE

FOREST ROW

Saturday 19th April

10am – 1pm

Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

RECYCLING

The latest advice from WSCC Waste Prevention Advisor, Colin McFarlin, is that we can now include **plastic netting** with the soft plastics that we take to Sainsbury's and similar supermarkets. The type of netting is that which Chocolate coins come in at Christmas, some fruits such as Easy peelers, or the plastic nets which peanuts (bird food) come in. Even the small plastic clips can be recycled along with our other soft plastics. Any small metal tips can be included as these will be extracted with magnets when the netting is shredded at the recycling centre.



TIME MARCHES ON ...

Clocks go forward by an hour at 1 a.m. on 30th March





ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

There has been much talk about devolution in the press as there is currently an active consultation to collect our views ending on 13th April. The link to the survey is: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/sussex-and-brighton-devolution-consultation/> This structure has already been adopted in the majority of the country and now is being rolled out in the south. We have posted a helpful explanatory presentation from Mid Sussex District Council on our website should you want additional information. Key information is that we will have an election for Mayor in May 2026 and Mid Sussex District Council will run as usual until the end of April 2028 when it will be replaced by a mayoral combined authority including Sussex (East & West) and Brighton.

We have confirmed that Katy Bourne, current Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Sussex, who will be deeply involved in this process will be joining us to speak at our Annual Village Meeting on Thursday 22nd May at 7pm at Hapstead Hall. Please put the date in your diaries to come along and enjoy what is certain to be an informative evening.

And please do send in your nominations for the new Village Award. This is an opportunity for you to recognise those who work hard to make a difference in our village, but don't always get recognised. All submissions are anonymous and the recipient will be selected by the Parish Council.

Margaret Meldrum (chair)



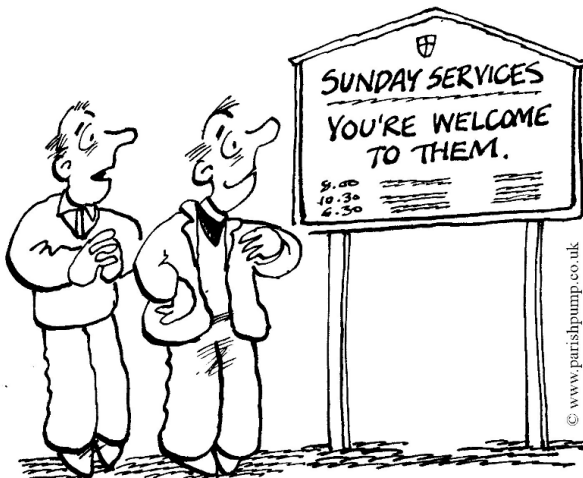
NEW ★ VILLAGE AWARD

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.



*...love the new notice board, Vicar...
...just not quite so sure about the wording...*

ROY TESTER

On Monday, 10th March, following a private burial in the morning, a Memorial Service was held at St Peter's in the afternoon to celebrate the life of Roy Tester. Roy was the youngest son of Edna and Frank and brother to Jack and Rob. He was born in 1933, in 'Hickpots' opposite the Showground. Roy attended the village school, then went on to Scrasebridge School (now Oathall College) and eventually to Brighton Technical College to study building trades. After serving an apprenticeship with the Ardingly builders, Munnion, and only interrupted by National Service, he worked for Building Engineering Services, again in Ardingly, followed by 20 years with Corralls and finally, with his brother, in the oil tank business at Little London Services.



He met Una at the wedding of his eldest brother Jack, who was marrying Una's eldest sister, Margaret. They married in 1963 and subsequently had their daughters, Claire and Judith. Roy always loved sport – he played football and cricket for Ardingly and was the cricket captain for 6 years. He also played a lot of golf and was a keen fan of horseracing – although rarely backed a winner. Summer holidays were usually spent in Torcross, Devon where Una was from and where many of her friends and family remained. Many happy days were spent on the beach there and Roy taught several generations how to row and catch mackerel. In later years, they enjoyed many trips to Scotland and river cruising in Europe.

Roy was a true Ardinian - he helped build, (initially, literally, in 1954 as a volunteer labourer), establish and run the Royal British Legion Club. He was a proud member of the Ardingly History Society and spent many hours in the Society's cupboard in Hapstead Hall organising photos and paperwork. I know he was particularly pleased to hand over the History Society recently into the capable hands of Mark Wigmore.

His greatest love was his family, always supporting Una, Claire, Judith, his sons-in-law, Keiran, and Mark and all his grandchildren – of whom he was so proud. He was a much-loved and admired gentleman, content with his life and he will be enormously missed. Roy was born and spent the vast majority of his life here in Ardingly. He may have travelled and indeed, in recent times, moved to Lindfield, very sensibly so that he and Una could be nearer more local facilities and their growing family, but in every sense, he never stopped being a true Ardinian. He was always to be seen around the village, in church or at other local events, never stopped caring about his village.

Lynn Wilson

More sad losses to the village

Ardingly has lost two more familiar faces with the sad news that both June Howell and Nicholas ('Nick') Leadsom have died. June's funeral is taking place on 27th March at the United Reformed Church in Haywards Heath. Nick Leadsom's funeral will take place on 4th April at St Peter's Church. Our sincere condolences go to the children and both families.

ANDREW NORMAN – now a Suffragan Bishop



Older residents of Ardingly may remember John and Anna Norman, who lived at Lywood Farm with their sons Paul and Andrew. Andrew was ordained a priest in 1996 and served as a curate in Paris before becoming Associate Vicar at Christ Church, Clifton, in the Diocese of Bristol. He was then the Principal of Ridley Hall Theological College in Cambridge from 2008 to 2016, after which he became the Director of Ministry and Mission for the Diocese of Leeds. On 27th February this year he was consecrated as the new Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Europe and was installed at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity, Gibraltar, on 2nd March 2025.

Open Gardens: 15th and 16th April in Support of FSW

The Old Rectory, Kingsley Hill, Warbleton, East Sussex TN21 9PT

Nestled in a fold in the East Sussex AONB, a house has stood on this site for nearly 900 years. However the 2 acre garden was recently re-imagined and laid out by leading garden designer Arne Maynard. His aim was to create a romantic garden that sits comfortably in its surroundings, blends the formality of new yew and beech topiary, a small knot garden and over brimming herbaceous borders with wild flowers, rambling roses and the timeless countryside it sits in.

A small stream divides the formal gardens from the orchard, now interplanted with roses that scramble through the trees and naturalised wild flowers, among which sits a potager style cutting garden.

In April and May over three thousand tulips are in bloom.

For this open day you need to pre-book your ticket in advance. To book tickets please click on the 'book' button :

<https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/the-old-rectory-warbleton-tn21/>

Refreshments of Tea, coffee & cake will be available and proceeds will go to FSW.



THANK YOU!

Recycle for Charity have just informed me that we have raised £155.55 for Traidcraft by sending them our used ink cartridges and we have saved 7.1kg of ink cartridges from landfill! Please continue to put your used and unwanted ink cartridges (no toner please) in the tub at the back of church. From April 2025 the charity will switch to St Peter's Church, Ardingly, so that we can help raise the funds necessary to pay for the maintenance which is needed on the church building.

Sue Laker



VERDI REQUIEM

**Ardingly Choral Society
Sussex Chamber Orchestra**

Conductor - Robert Hammersley

Soprano - Sally Harrison • Alto - Lauren Easton
Tenor - Lawrence Olsworth-Peter • Bass - Matthew Duncan

**Ardingly College Chapel
7.30pm Sunday 13th April 2025**

Tickets online & on the door - £20 (*cash only on the door*)

Donations in aid of
The Alzheimer's Society

Registered Charity No: 1123464

BUY TICKETS ONLINE
www.ardinglychoralsociety.org.uk

FOOLING AROUND!



One of the most famous April Fool's jokes of all time was the 1960's BBC TV broadcast featuring the spaghetti farms of Italy. A BBC reporter interviewed Italian farmers about their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants in great detail. Spaghetti plants were filmed being carefully planted, and then being harvested. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner. It took a while to appreciate that this was 'Aunty' playing games!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from 25th March to 1st January. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look even further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the Spring Equinox, 25th March.

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool's Day were this: between midnight and noon on 1st April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for *The Life of Eve's Mother*. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished.

(Source: parishpump.co.uk)

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY ...

Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1?
A: Because they've just finished a 31-day March!

Q. What kind of bunny can't hop?
A. A chocolate one!

Q. What do you call a bunny with fleas?
A. Bugs Bunny!



The psychiatrist was interviewing a new patient.

"You say you're here," she inquired, "because your family is worried about your taste in socks?"

"That's correct," muttered the patient. "I like wool socks."

"But that's perfectly normal," replied the doctor. "Many people prefer wool socks to those made from cotton or acrylic. In fact, I myself like wool socks."

"You DO?" exclaimed the man. "With oil and vinegar or just a squeeze of lemon?"

Are you travelling this Spring? Keep an eye out for those delightful translations into English that didn't quite make it...

Danish airline: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

Heathrow: No electric people carrying vehicles past this point.

Japanese taxi: Safety first: please put on your seatbelt. Prepare for accident.

Kenyan maternity ward: No children allowed.

Beijing shop: Haircuts half price today. Only one per customer.

Swedish furrier: Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

Parish Register April 2025

The funeral of Roy Tester, of Alma Road, Lindfield, who died 7th February 2025 aged 91 years was held at St. Peter's Church on Monday 10th March 2025.

The funeral of Charles Trevor Handley (known as Trevor), of Munnion Road, Ardingly, who died 18th February 2025 aged 70 years was held at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday 18th March 2025.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever.

Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through His name.

Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be.

By Daphne Kitchin

Flower Rota

Friday 4th April – Pam and Jean (Lent)
Saturday 19th April - All flower arrangers please (Easter)

Meeting Point Rota

7th April – Belinda, Alison, Sue
28th April – Jill, The Ruses, Dilys



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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PRAYER DIARY APRIL 2025



"You make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the work of your hands." (Psalm 92 v 4)

- 1 John & Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Samara's Aid: the situation in Syria
- 3 Sir Keir Starmer and all in positions of authority
- 4 All who have lost loved ones and are grieving
- 5 Young people in this country and all youth workers
- 6** Our services today. Praise God for our freedom to worship
- 7 Our village schools – the staff, pupils and governors
- 8 Pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan and DRC
- 9 King Charles and all the Royal Family
- 10 Angels and Urchins – all who help and attend
- 11 The businesses in Ardingly and all who work in them
- 12 The PCC, meeting this morning. All who serve on it
- 13 Palm Sunday.** Praise God for his sovereignty, power and plan
- 14 All who work in the Police Force and emergency services
- 15 Heather Johnstone and the Rehema Project in Tanzania
- 16 Families and individuals who are suffering hardship of any kind
- 17 The church family. Tonight's Holy Communion service and meal
- 18 **Good Friday.** Thank God for his love and saving grace
- 19 All who suffer because they are Christians
- 20 Easter Sunday. Jesus is alive!** Praise God for his victory over death
- 21 Pray for the media; for honesty, integrity and compassion
- 22 All who suffer with poor mental health, depression or anxiety
- 23 The ACTS team and all who volunteer in Ardingly
- 24 Bambi and Andreas, working with very poor and uneducated communities in S.E. Asia
- 25 Our Parish Council and its plans for the village
- 26 The Samaritans and all who offer counselling support
- 27** Our services today. Pray for all who lead worship
- 28 Belinda, Kevin and the children sponsored by IMARA
- 29 World leaders and those who advise/influence them
- 30 Give thanks for prayers answered in the past month

**The deadline for the May magazine is
Friday 18th April**