

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine

April 2024



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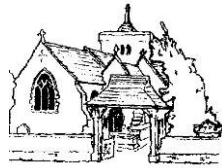
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am A traditional form of Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Worship – our main service – see 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,

There's a lovely little poem written by George McDonald. It's actually a Christmas poem, so you may think I am looking at the wrong season! But the first stanza goes like this: *'We were all searching for a king to slay our foes and lift us high, thou camest a little baby thing, to make a woman cry.'* ('That Holy Thing' - George MacDonal. 1824-1905)

The point is that McDonald understood that Jesus, from birth to death, which is from womb to tomb, didn't come to meet our expectations of what a King should be like. He came to meet our deepest need. Our need for salvation. Our need to humble ourselves in the sight of God. Our need to let God be King and Lord over our lives. Neither ourselves nor any other human being. No-one, other than Jesus.

That's the message of Easter. A message we all should contemplate.

With my prayers and best wishes,

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

Services in April 2024

Sunday 7th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Romans 5: 1 - 11; John 20: 19 - 31

Holy Communion (BCP)

Romans: Peace, Patience, and Hope

10.30am

Romans 5: 1 - 11; John 20: 19 - 31

Holy Communion (CW)

6.00pm **Open to God**

A service of prayer and quiet reflection to end the day

Sunday 14th April

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Acts 3: 12 - 18; Luke 24: 36b - 48

Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.30am

Acts 3: 12 - 18; Luke 24: 36b - 48

Morning Praise

Sunday 21st April

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Romans 6: 1 - 14; John 10: 11 - 18

Holy Communion (BCP)

Romans: Dying and Rising with Jesus

10.30am

Romans 6: 1 - 14; John 10: 11 - 18

Morning Praise + Baptism

Sunday 28th April

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Romans 8: 28 - 39; John 15: 1 - 8

Holy Communion [BCP]

Romans: Nothing shall separate us

10.30am

Romans 8: 28 - 39; John 15: 1 - 8

Holy Communion [CW]

With prayer for healing and wholeness

NOTICEBOARD for April

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 8th and 22nd April from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



Ardingly History Society

16th April at 7.45pm in Hapstead Hall
Talk by James Dickinson on King Henry III and
the Battle of Lewes.

PCC

The next meeting will be at St Peter's Centre at 0900 hours on 20th April.

Ardingly Evening W.I.

4th April: Book Club – 7.30pm at the Ardingly Inn

24th April: Laugh and Craft (more details from Deb Ruse)

Ardingly Film Night: Thursday 25th April in Hapstead Hall.
7pm for 7:30pm Tickets available from the Village Shop, Fellows
Bakery and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Village Lunch: the next one will be on May 15th

On 6th April *Greener Lindfield* is hosting 'Seedy Saturday' at the Repair Café in Lindfield from 10 to 12.30pm This is a free event where you can drop off, swap or simply take away spare plants, seeds and pots! There will also be a children's table to plant sunflower seeds. Enjoy some tea, coffee and cakes too!



IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

The great news is the school for the blind and other learners is open and the students have started to arrive. A year ago there was just an empty field and now the first phase of the school is complete. I thank God for each act of generosity and kindness that has made this possible.



The news I receive from Uganda often fills me with joy and often it is so moving and sad it breaks my heart. When children come to school they have to pay school fees to cover tuition, boarding, basic meals and care. They must also bring mattresses, bedding, cleaning materials, toilet rolls, school books, stationary and everything else they will need for the term. Our Ugandan team leader, Kevin, writes that most parents are struggling. Some have no hope of raising the school fees. Here is a little of what she has told me:

The father of one of the girls brought some of the items but he couldn't pay the school fees. He rode a motorcycle from Apac to Lira City. After buying part of the uniform and a mattress, his money ran out. The fuel light on his motorcycle warned him the tank was empty. He called many people from his village to lend him money without success. Kevin came to his rescue and gave him 30,000 UGX (£6-£7). He used 10,000 for fuel and 20,000 to buy pants, soap and sandals for his daughter. The jerrican she needed for school had a hole in it but it was repaired. Kevin told him we would pay part of the school fees. He promised to pay the rest by the middle of term.

Steven is partially sighted and a braille user. He sat the Primary Leaving Exam and missed top grade by one point. His father died. His mother had no hope of sending him to secondary school. When she was told we would give something towards school fees for the first 2 terms, his mother raised what she could and brought him to school. She has paid 250,000 (£55) and promised to pay more.

Sarah is totally blind. She comes from a family of 9 children, 4 of whom are blind. Her family is really struggling. Her father said he would bring her to school but he needed time to get money for transport and school requirements. Sarah has been studying in a village day school with no braille or specialist teaching. One of her blind brothers dropped out of school. They have all suffered from the stigma that often goes with disability. People tell the family their children can't do any professional courses. We have promised some help with fees for Sarah this term and her father has brought her to school. Kevin writes, "Now that Sarah will join the school with braille machines it will be a life changing opportunity for the family. Sarah will finally receive education."



Kevin is learning that there are very many blind children and youth in the communities studying in normal primary schools and after that they just drop out.

Only 3 of the 10 children who have arrived in school so far have managed to pay the full fees. Others have paid a little and have sent the children with just a few of the things they need, but at least they have come. We don't know how many other families have struggled and given up.

School fees are roughly £150 in the first term and a little less after that. A mattress costs £20 (at home many sleep on a straw mat on the floor), sheets, pillow and mosquito nets another £20, exercise books, pens, pencils etc about £50 per term. The school uniform is about £55. A peasant farmer often earns less than £3 per day; no wonder they are struggling! We need to get these children into school and to make sure they don't drop out.

Please remember the school and the children in your prayers. If you feel you would like to help one of them, I would love to hear from you. Even the smallest donation will buy something a child needs for school. An education will give a child with visual impairment the skills to live with some independence and to contribute to the life of their community. Sadly, without education they are too often shunned and made to feel of little value. Belinda (01444 892368)

CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

Two key features of the work of CPAS (who are patrons of St Peter's) are providing training and resources to churches and running Venture and Falcon holiday camps for children. Here are two stories about these:

The 'Growing Bridgebuilders' course

Many struggle with conflict. Christians often avoid it - especially in the Church. Growing Bridgebuilders is a practical resource that will help people be better equipped for life together. It focuses on building bridges, and how to embrace and transform differences, tensions and conflicts as a way to grow a healthy Christian community. It distils the core of Bridge Builders' acclaimed training courses into an effective toolkit for leaders to use with others.



Here are a few thoughts from people who have experienced the Growing Bridgebuilders course:

'The course is an opportunity to transform the way conflict is dealt with within the church and shows us how to pursue peace in a way that benefits everyone concerned.' **Clemy Gilmore**

'Growing Bridgebuilders gives people confidence to speak openly and honestly, and to be more open in listening to others. The course enables participants to engage in deeper discussions about faith and how we relate to one another, opening up new ways of looking at one another.' **Claire Starr**

'It transformed the way I handle conflict in my work and at home.' **Course Participant at Chipping Campden**

'It works! At the end of our course, all our participants said their attitude to conflict at home, work and church had been transformed!' **The Rev Andy Hayes**

A Falcon Holiday leader for the third year running, Lizzie Hare tells why she keeps going back...



'Praise God that Dallam Falcon [Warrington] is able to happen again this year, and for the 11-14 year olds who are coming. Dallam allows young people who might not otherwise have a holiday to have a great time, make new friends and try new things. It's a privilege to keep going back to serve as a volunteer leader.

'This year, I am a team leader, which involves working closely with about eight young people during their activities throughout the week. We go to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and go swimming as well as doing various outdoor activities such as climbing and canoeing. On the last night we have a party where everyone dresses up and eats enormous amounts of food. I am also helping to deliver the Bible teaching programme with overall leaders Jon and Ruth.

'I think one of the most important things to bear in mind when communicating the Bible to children who may not have encountered it before, is that it contains all the best bits of any story: romance, battles, grisly deaths, redemption, even some comedy. It also addresses questions we all want to know the answers to: Is there a God? What's my purpose in life? Am I loved? Where do we go after we die? These things are relevant for everyone, regardless of their familiarity with the Bible. So we try to make sure the teaching doesn't assume any prior knowledge, but is still interesting and exciting for those who are more familiar with the Bible.

'I would say I've seen God at work most clearly in the gradual change in the young people as the week goes by. For example, seeing someone attempt something at the end of the week they would have been too scared to do at the beginning, or seeing someone grasp a little bit more of the unquantifiable amount of love God has for them, and how that affects the way they value themselves and others.

'On all of the Falcon holidays, young people get to hear how much God loves them, how important they are to him and hopefully come to know Jesus for themselves, which is the best thing in the world.'

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024



The Service this year was put together by the women of Palestine. However, in the light of the events in Gaza and Israel and the way in which the Palestinian- Israel conflict was raising such strong emotions it was decided to take a different approach. Adding to this, the conflicts in Ukraine, Lebanon, Pakistan, Sudan, DRC, Yemen and the Red Sea, it was felt that we should widen the service and pray for peace around the world.

We gathered at the Ascension Church in Haywards Heath on Friday 1st March and those leading were representatives of the churches from Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, Scaynes Hill, Wivelsfield and Ardingly. As each person arrived, they were welcomed and given a piece of paper, pen and a candle.

The readings, songs and prayers were based around the song "Make me a channel of your peace". The reflection was taken from the Palestinian booklet based on the hymn "put peace into each other's hands". We were also invited to listen to John Michael Talbot's song of the prayer of St Teresa of Avila reminding us that we are Christ's body, hands, feet and eyes in our world.

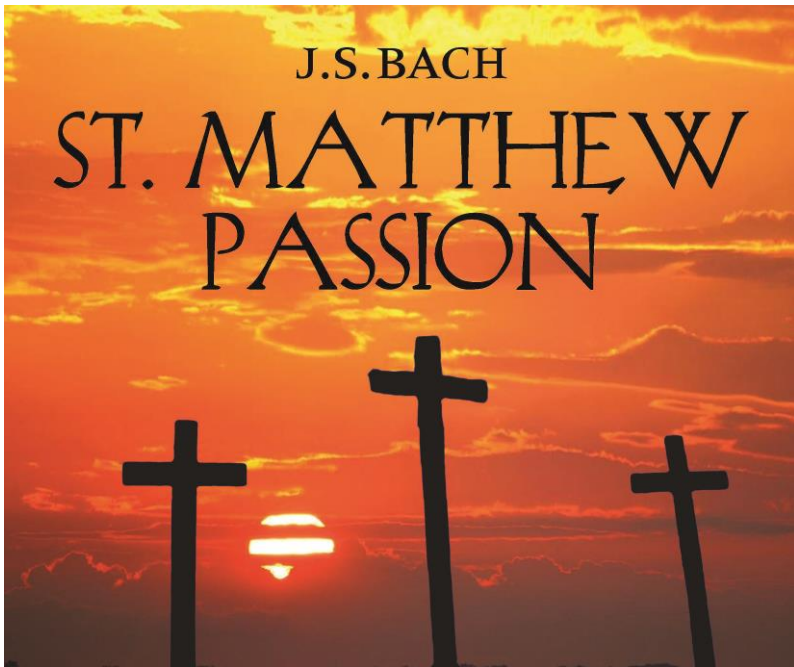
Part way through the service the congregation was invited to write a prayer for peace and place it in a basket in front of the altar and to light their candle.

After the service we gathered for a welcome cup of tea and delicious home-made cakes! It was a great opportunity to meet with our Christian Brothers and Sisters from other churches and there was a lovely hum of chat and lots of smiles and greetings! Copies of the Palestinian booklet were given to everyone to take home. (I have a spare one if anyone would like it!).

All together it was a lovely service and afternoon and a wonderful reminder that we are part of a greater church family across the globe. The final hymn "The day thou gavest" always brings a lump to my throat with the knowledge that "The church is unsleeping" and "The voice of prayer is never silent!"

Ps The World Day of Prayer awards a number of grants to Christian Charities to assist with projects across the world. If you are interested to see projects previously assisted go to www.wwdp.org.uk/grants

Adele Collins



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Ardingly Choral Society
& New Sussex Singers
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Conductors - Robert Hammersley & Sebastian Charlesworth

Richard Robbins - Evangelist • Stephen Charlesworth - Jesus

Ardingly College Chapel
6.30pm Sunday 14th April 2024

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


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ARDINGLY HISTORY SOCIETY 25TH ANNIVERSARY



The idea for a History Society in Ardingly came from Alex MacLean who moved to Ardingly in 1987, having retired from being vicar of St Leonard's, Turners Hill, due to ill health. Once he'd established that there was enough interest, the Society was formed and held its first meeting in January 1999. The first committee meeting was held in February 1999 in which Alex MacLean was elected President along with other honorary officers. Roy Tester was elected Chairman and he has only recently retired from that post after 25 years service. The membership subscription was just £5.

Sadly, Alex MacLean died in January the following year. His research since his retirement, and that of local historian Mary Holgate, formed the bulk of the archives. Mary used to write regular historical features in St Peter's Parish Magazine in the early part of the 20th Century and these have been collected into single papers. Since then many documents, photographs and maps have been added, covering topics such as the origins of the place names of Ardingly to the characters of the village. The Society is very fortunate to have storage space allocated within Hapstead Hall, with the kind permission of the trustees. These may be inspected by Members of the Society by prior arrangement. The archives are being digitised gradually and those that have been are available to view on our website: ardinglyhistory.org.uk

The Society has four meetings a year plus an AGM. The meetings usually have a visiting speaker talking on historical topics and occasionally one of the members gives a talk based on material in the archives. The membership subscription has increased to £15 single or £20 for a couple. A twice-yearly magazine has been produced since 2002, edited until very recently by Joy Broughton, and the more recent editions are available on the website. Also, there have been several successful exhibitions over the years, the first being in 2000.

Please consider supporting the local History Society as there is a wealth of information available about St Peter's and the village. We have a noticeboard on the front wall of Hapstead Hall, with details of future events and current committee members.

More information: info@ardinglyhistory.org.uk or call Mark on 891654

Ardingly Cricket Club is fundraising

Ardingly Cricket Club is upgrading and fundraising! The pavilion has undergone a massive refurbishment and the Club would like to support this by adding some essential upgrades within the community room and look at upgrading some very old and tired club equipment.



“Like many clubs we have struggled financially over the last few years, due to the cost of living crisis, the lack of match fees due to bad weather, and the general financial demand being placed on a small village club. During this time we have been keen to grow as a club, expand our offer of cricket and we have even offered free junior sessions to the village. With some extra funding we could deliver more and more community activities with fresh equipment and an even more inviting facility.”

The Club is hoping to raise £1000 and have already passed the half way mark. Money raised will be used to improve the social room at the pavilion by supporting in the renovation (e.g. sofas, kitchen equipment, social seating outside) and purchase of a new electronic scoreboard for the club.

You can find out how you can play your part by visiting their crowdfunder page:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ardingly-community-improvements-sports>

THANK YOU

Margaret Morley would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and prayers during her recent illness and stay in hospital. She is back home again now and recovering, and hopes to see us all when the weather is better and she feels strong enough.



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Parish Council Update April 2024

The Village can celebrate some significant progress in terms of roads and pavements in the past month. The pedestrian improvement works, including (extra!) resurfacing of the pavement beyond Hapstead Hall, have been completed by the Highways Department at West Sussex County Council. The Parish Council continue to press for resurfacing of the pavements along the High Street up to the recreation ground and pavilion. The Highways Department have also visited, and fixed, the water overflow problem on College Road which the Village and Parish Council had been lobbying for since before Christmas. The issue was found to be due to a broken pipe causing a drain blockage. The Highways Department have confirmed that pothole repair works for the area are being scheduled.

Progress on the pavilion refurbishment continues at a pace - the scaffolding is now down so the external view is a bit brighter, the upstairs room has been painted, Radiant heaters have been installed and are running properly in the changing rooms and toilets, and flooring is being laid as we speak. Much of the Ardingly Cricket Club and the Ardingly Football Club have been seen with paint brushes in hand – THANK YOU! – and we continue to welcome any volunteer time or resources, so please do contact us if you can help.

In May we will be holding the Annual Village Meeting (date and details to follow). This is a public meeting in which all residents are invited to hear a report back on the work of the Parish Council from the past year, and what is planned for the coming 12 months. There will also be presentations by local businesses/organisations and a Q&A Session, as well as the Hapstead Hall Annual General Meeting.

Finally – keep your eyes peeled on noticeboards and social media for the upcoming Councillor Vacancy advert. We will finalise the details this month and publish widely. If you are over 18 and live in the parish, please do consider if you would like to join a proactive Parish Council which strives to make Ardingly an ever more beautiful place to live and work. Meetings are normally the second Tuesday of the month, and you should plan to attend most of them.

Your Councillors:

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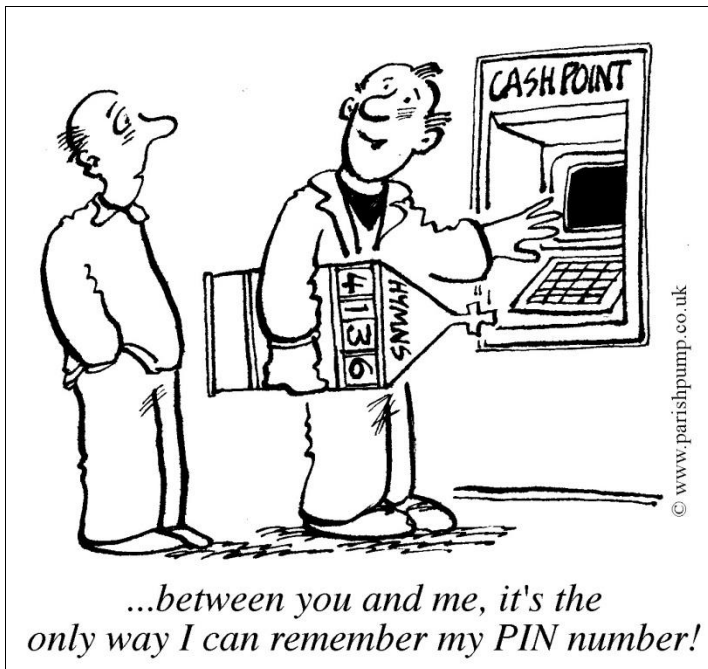
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AROUND THE VILLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS!

The team who cook our Village Lunches are to be congratulated. They have just been awarded the top grade of Food Hygiene Certificate by Mid Sussex District Council. Well done!



THANK YOU

Once again the Seniors in the village received a splendid Hyacinth bulb last month, grown and delivered by the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. These colourful bulbs bring everyone a lot of joy, so thank you very much!

(If you know someone who has recently become a senior please let Deb Ruse know, so that they are added to the list. Tel 01444 892707)

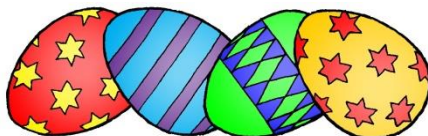
EASTER GREETINGS from a former Ardingly resident:

"Easter Greetings" from Anne Waters to anyone in Ardingly who remembers her. Anne is the widow of Revd Nick Waters, who was the Assistant Chaplain at Ardingly College for 29 years from 1964 to 1993. After leaving Ardingly Nick became Vicar of Slindon, Maidhurst and Eastham parishes until he retired. Anne is nearly 94 now and lives in Fittleworth.

ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER



We have been busy planning for the next few months so that we can have different events that will bring us all together. Of course, our Easter Egg Hunt has proved itself to be a regular event and this year is no different. The hunt will be going ahead on Easter Sunday afternoon, come along and collect your map from Hapstead Hall from 1.30pm then take a walk around the village, collecting the tokens as you go. Bring the tokens back to Hapstead Hall by 3.30pm and exchange them for chocolate eggs (or alternatives!)



Lots of people commented on how much they enjoyed our first Community Get-together at Ardingly Inn. People who have lived in the village all their lifetime met up with newer residents, lots of chat and free nibbles - what's not to like?? We are planning our next evening soon, May 3rd, so put the date in your diary now!

What do you think about a Village Day, with all sorts of different activities going on in and around the village centre? We are currently working towards this, with the date of July 20th earmarked for the event. At the moment, we are thinking of a darts competition, cricket match, community choir, a treasure hunt, a BBQ, a 'table' sale..... what else should we include? Ideas please and any offers of help gratefully received.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Congratulations to Mick and Barbara Lucas, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 7th March. Mick and Barbara would like to say a big "Thank you" to everyone for the many cards and good wishes that they received.

ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



This term, there are so many things in the diary for us, we were beginning to wonder if there was enough time for lessons as well! Celebrating books, literature and reading proved to be great fun for World Book Day and Book Week. We had wonderful costumes and amazing 'Book in a Box' models, demonstrating ingenuity and imagination in abundance. Visits from a local author and a theatre company, Masked Readers (!!) and 'bedtime stories' with hot chocolate and cookies were just a few of the activities in what was a very busy week.



Our sporting prowess continues to be exercised. As we head into Spring and Summer, we have both the NEARS sports festival and our own Festival of Sport to look forward to. Swimming, badminton and cricket all have their place in the timetable, along with running club, cross country and various other exploits.

Our School Council has been very busy too. They have been thinking about introducing some more lunchtime clubs. We now have new clubs running, including board games club, eco club, calm club and nature art club, all being run by a member of school council, with the help of a member of staff. It all sounds like great fun.



We are delighted to be able to have our Easter Service at St Peter's Church, as usual. Parents and carers are invited to join the children and staff at the church and share in our end of term service.

Kathy James

RECYCLING UPDATES

Blister packs and medicine bottles can be placed in your recycling bin at home, according to the WSCC website. Please ensure they are empty and clean.



Light bulbs (and batteries) can now be recycled at Robert Dyas in Haywards Heath. Just hand your bulbs to one of the till operators.

Compost/manure/bark bags can now be recycled at Dobbies Garden Centres. (The nearest to us is Dobbies in Warren Road, Brighton.)

The BOOTS website states that "you can bring your empty beauty, health, wellness and **dental products**, from any brand, that can't be recycled at home." This includes toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The big green Oxfam bins in the carpark at Sainsbury's have been removed but now there is a small bin inside the supermarket where we can put "**preloved**" clothing. An alternative is the green clothing bin outside St Peter & St James in Lindfield.

Marigold gloves can be recycled. Take them to 25 Wickham Way, Haywards Heath Monday-Friday between 0900 and 1700 hours.

LINDFIELD

Saturday 6th April
10am – 1.00pm
United Reformed Church, 52
High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HL

REPAIR CAFE

FOREST ROW - Saturday 20th April
10am – 1.00pm
The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

TURNERS HILL - Saturday 27th April
10am – 12pm
The Ark, Mount Lane, Turners Hill, RH10 4RA

FSW March 2024 update

Dear Friends,

Time is really flying by this year and we remain at full capacity as more and more families are referred to us weekly. It is concerning just how many families are coming to us already at a total crisis, having been let down by other services, so there is a real pressure on our practitioners to provide as much support as possible.



Despite the challenges we are seeing some real progress with our families, as they begin to improve their housing, financial and confidence issues. Sadly it is still very hard to get appropriate support for the many families whose children have additional educational needs, but we are not giving up and continue to press other agencies for the right help. One parent recently wrote to her practitioner to say:

"Without your commitment, understanding and sometimes firm words when needed we honestly do not know where we would be. "

Our family activity events are now in full swing – the Easter holidays included our first trip of the year to Arundel Castle cricket foundation and a farm trip in Midhurst where children could bottle feed lambs and take ponies for walks. Our first Dalesdown residential weekend of the year will take place in the middle of April, which we know will be another fantastic opportunity for some of our families.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

In the USA three aspiring psychiatrists were attending their first class on emotional extremes.



"Just to establish some parameters," said the professor to the student from Arkansas, "What is the opposite of joy?"

"Sadness," said the student.

"And the opposite of depression?" he asked of the young lady from Oklahoma.

"Elation," she said.

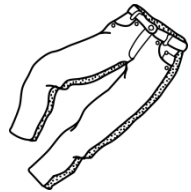
"And you sir," he said to the young man from Texas, "How about the opposite of woe?"

The Texan replied, "Sir, I believe that would be giddy up."

The things children say!

In our home we tend to get the children to help out. One day our youngest son came in to the living room and asked, "Does anyone want a cup of coffee?" "Yes please!" we said. He replied, "What kind of coffee do you want? Capitated or decapitated?"

Little Johnny was having an English test at school. When asked whether a pair of trousers were singular or plural, he replied, "Well, they are singular at the top and plural at the bottom."



When a new child visited our Sunday school, the teacher greeted him and asked his age. The little boy held up four fingers.

"Oh, you're four," said the teacher. "And when will you be 5?"

The child stared at her and after a few seconds replied, "When I hold up my 5th finger."

Parish Register April 2024

There are no entries in the Parish Register this month,

The World Peace Prayer

(First used by Mother Teresa of Calcutta in 1981 during a visit to London)

Lead me from death to life,
From falsehood to truth;

Lead me from despair to hope,
From fear to trust;

Lead me from hate to love,
From war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts,
Our world, our universe.

Flower Rota

12th April – All flower arrangers please

26th April – Ann

Meeting Point Rota

8th April – Jill, Deb & George, Sue

22nd April – Belinda, Alison, Kathy



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)

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

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 APRIL 2024



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

- 1 John & Sally Crutchley – pray for rest and refreshment during their holiday
- 2 IMARA – for funding to help more poor and blind children
- 3 The NHS, its staff and the many challenges they face daily
- 4 Healing for King Charles & the Princess of Wales. All the Royal Family
- 5 All affected by the recent volcanic activity in Iceland
- 6 Pray for lasting peace in the Middle East and Ukraine
- 7** Our services today and John Witherington, standing in for the Rector
- 8 Haiti: for stability and the return of justice, law and order
- 9 Jamie Savage, the staff, pupils and governors of St Peter's Primary
- 10 Samara's Aid – protection and encouragement for Dr A & his team
- 11 Farmers, struggling financially and coping with rain and storms
- 12 Debbie and Andy Nicholson and their ministry at Ardingly College
- 13 Refugees and all who have fled from violence or persecution
- 14** John Witherington and the music group, leading worship today
- 15 Young people – their safety and their mental health
- 16 AOJA and the work of the Clinic in The Gambia
- 17 All who are homeless or sleep rough
- 18 Our Parish Council and its plans for the village
- 19 Our government and Prime Minister. All in positions of authority
- 20 The PCC and all who serve on it. The meeting this morning
- 21** Our services today. Allie & Lawrence Tonna & the baptism of baby Felix this morning
- 22 Bambi and Andreas and the people they work with in S.E. Asia
- 24 Give thanks for, and pray for, the church family
- 25 Ardingly shops and businesses and their staff
- 26 All who are struggling financially, especially those in Ardingly
- 27 Our justice system and the Police
- 28** Church Services today. Pray for all bishops and clergy
- 29 Tearfund, bringing improved sanitation & hygiene to the poor
- 30 Give thanks for the joys of Spring and the signs of new life

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