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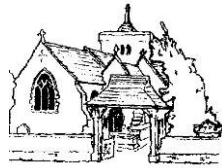
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## **St Peter's Church, Ardingly**

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

Rector	Revd John Crutchley	892332
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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,

In our modern culture and society where so many seem to be determined to try and push God and Christianity to the margins, any one of us may be tempted in any of the various aspects of our lives to take off our Christian uniform as it were, and to simply become a part of the crowd. Living for God can sometimes be hard. But set against this, living for God is always rewarding and enjoyable. And it holds out a great promise: the promise of everlasting life.



The messages of Easter should encourage us in our attempts to live for God. First, in the example of Jesus' obedience to the will of God, Jesus was obedient even to the point of death - and death on the cross. And so his unflinching obedience won acceptance with God and fellowship with God for all who believe and trust in him. For all who put their faith in him. If we are to live for God, we too, are called to obedience and must imitate the obedience that we see and hear in Jesus. And that obedience begins with faith in the Gospel and in Jesus Christ. After all, the Bible tells us that: "*whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.*" [1 John 2:6]

Second, we need to think of the example of the disciples. When other so-called disciples judged that Jesus taught "too many hard things" the Twelve stayed with him certain that his words were the words of eternal life. Like them, we too need to hear all that he taught and to live by those teachings. To do so we must have a living, biblical faith. It is no use adopting the ways of the world and rejecting the difficult bits of the Bible, or those bits that we don't like or that make us feel uncomfortable. If we are to truly live for God, we need to hear and to live by it all.

And then, third, we need to pray more. However much we pray, I think we would all agree that we ought to pray more. Jesus prayed that he might fulfill his Father's will. He prayed for his disciples. He also prayed for all of those who would become his disciples. It seems to me that if Jesus thought it necessary to pray so much

and so often, doesn't that tell us that we all need to pray more? Living for God is difficult, but without prayer, it becomes impossible.

And finally, and as we come again to Pentecost, we must remember that Jesus didn't leave us alone. The power of the Holy Spirit, the power of the one who enables us to connect and to communicate with God, that power that the first disciples knew, is the power that is also there to strengthen, to empower and to encourage each one of us as we seek to live for God.

By living for God we can enter a new life. A life that will touch all of those that we encounter. But more even than that, as we live for God we can share something of the life of God himself. And that is eternal life: a life that is truly everlasting.

With my best wishes

Yours in His service



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### **PRAYER MEETINGS**

The church is open every day from 10.00am to 5pm for anyone who would like to sit quietly or pray. On Monday evenings at 5pm there is a regular prayer meeting to pray for about an hour for the world, the nation, the village and individuals who are in need. Anyone is welcome to come along and although most of the group pray out loud, others pray silently. The venue can change, so if you'd like to come, contact John Witherington to check (892277).



If you wish, you can light a candle in church, maybe in memory of someone or just to help some quiet reflection or meditation.

## Services in May 2024

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

6.00pm

**Open to God**

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am

**Holy Communion [CW]**

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Holy Communion [CW]**

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Morning Praise**

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Roman 12: 1 - 8; John 15: 9 - 17

*Romans: Commitment and Renewed Thinking*

Roman 12: 1 - 8; John 15: 9 - 17

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

### Ascension Day

*A short said service to celebrate Jesus' Ascension*

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

Romans 12: 9 - 21; John 17: 6 - 19

*Romans: Love in Action*

Romans 12: 9 - 21; John 17: 6 - 19

### Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2: 1 - 21; John 16: 4b - 15

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## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am

**Holy Communion [BCP]**

10.30am

**Holy Communion [CW]**

with prayer for healing and wholeness

## Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6: 1 - 8; John 3: 1 - 17

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## LUNCHTIME CONCERT

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May St Peter's Church will again be welcoming years 9 and 10 Music Scholars from Ardingly College to give a lunchtime concert. The students will present a varied programme of musical pieces, which, if like previous years, will be of a high standard and well worth listening to. The concert will last under an hour and all are welcome. The provisional starting time is 1.15 and details will be put on the Village hall noticeboard in due course.



## The Greater Haywards Heath Bike Ride 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

This is a community Bike Ride with the entry fees and sponsorship going to the charities "Search & Rescue Sussex" and "Bipolar UK". There are 4 possible routes and one comes through Ardingly High Street and the Lindfield Road. Other routes join the Lindfield road and pass through Lindfield, so that road will be busy on 19<sup>th</sup> May. For more information and details of routes go to [www.hhbikeride.co.uk](http://www.hhbikeride.co.uk)



## NOTICEBOARD for May

### Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

Meeting Point will take place in Hapstead Small Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> May from 10.15 to 11.30. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



**Village Lunch:** 15<sup>th</sup> May. Buy your ticket early!

### Ardingly Evening W.I.

7.30 in Hapstead Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Speaker: Rosemary Hodgeson  
A Celebration of 100 years of Ardingly W.I. and a raffle

*Contact Andrea Fall (President) for more information about our WI which meets on the third Thursday evening of every month. As well as the monthly meeting we have a monthly book club, monthly Craft 'n' Laugh and lots of external visits and activities throughout the year. Email: [andrea.fall@talk21.com](mailto:andrea.fall@talk21.com)*

### ST PETER'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm in St Peter's Church Centre. All are welcome.

### Deanery Synod

There will be a meeting of the Deanery Synod on 22nd May at St. Margaret's Church, West Hoathly. 7.45 for 8pm. The meetings are open to all, not just the Deanery Representatives.

**Ardingly Film Night:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Hapstead Hall.  
7pm for 7:30pm Tickets available from the Village Shop, Fellows Bakery and online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

## **Local Garden open for charity**

Sue and Jim Stockwell are opening their garden at 47 Denman's Lane, Lindfield, as part of the National Garden Scheme this Spring. It is a one-acre garden, close to the heart of the village and it includes a wildlife pond, sinuous lawn, rose garden, rhododendrons, borders, greenhouses, formal pond, yew hedges, meadow and fruit gardens. Entry is £7 (children under 18 free) and this will go to support National Garden Scheme charities. Proceeds from the sale of home grown plants, jam, tea and cake will be donated to St Peter and St James Hospice. The garden is open from 1pm to 5pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. ([www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk))

## **Chichester Cathedral peregrines are back**

Chichester Cathedral's peregrine falcons have been seen mating and preparing for the forthcoming breeding season. The female of the pair is reckoned to be 12/14 years old.



Over the years, the peregrine falcons have delighted visitors with sightings from the Cathedral grounds from March until August, and they have amassed a significant online following, observed virtually through a livestream on the Cathedral website.

The peregrine project is collaboratively run by Chichester Cathedral, the Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS), Carnyx and local wildlife enthusiasts David and Janet Shaw, who have been observing the birds since 2001.

This year, there will be a series of drop-in Open Days run by David and Janet (all weather permitting) so that visitors will have a chance to watch the peregrines through telescopes, view live footage, and learn more about the birds and their activities. These Open Days will be taking place Wednesday – Sunday from 5th June - 7th July 2024 on the Cathedral Green.

There are also webcams which can be watched:  
<https://www.chichesterperegrines.co.uk/>



## THANK YOU

Both of the gates at the entrance to the Graveyard are now looking almost as good as new after being repaired and having new posts fitted to both of them. A huge



'Thank You' must go to Roy Tester and to Roy, Brigitte and Nigel Simmonds for very generously covering the costs of the work done to the top gate. The top gate was originally put in place by their father so the repairs have been done in memory of Les ("Tink") and June Simmonds.

A huge 'Thank You' too, to the Thompson and Hett families, who jointly covered the costs for the work to be done on the lower gate, and this was done in memory of Mr & Mrs Arnold Hett, Mr Keir Hett and their Grandfather.

The work has greatly improved the look of the Graveyard and a formal vote of thanks to all concerned was passed at the PCC meeting on Saturday 20th April. This refurbishment will be greatly appreciated by all in the village who visit the Graveyard.

### THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS



May I just say how beautiful and poignant the flowers were in Church over Easter. A big thank you to Belinda and the team for lifting us all up with these joyful and thoughtful arrangements. Thank you.

**Gina Paul**

## News from S.E. Asia

*(received at Easter)*



Dear friends,

First off, let us greet you, a **Happy Resurrection Day!** Jesus lives and so shall we! May we have a meaningful celebration of this greatest event in history.

This year started off with a trip to B's home country to visit family. Her 85-year-old mother has not been well due to cancer of her lymph nodes. Although she had this big swelling around her neck (as big as a neck pillow), she was still mobile, could go to church, supervise the cooking, and lead her home group Bible studies online. We were happy to see her in good spirits and yet we knew that her situation would just get worse, unless the Lord did a miracle. [B's mother died peacefully on 9th April. B was with her]

In March we went to Sydney, Australia. We're thankful that our speaking sessions there were well received. We also had the chance to visit that beautiful city. We enjoyed breath-taking beaches and endemic flora and fauna. I loved looking at the birds that just flew freely – lorikeets, cockatoos, kookaburras, ibises and pelicans! That was a special gift from God. In each of these different trips we were thankful for new connections made and for possible collaboration with different people.

Our social media outreach project has gone well so far. We have had quite a few people visit our page and our digital responders have had some good conversations with most of them.

A has been able to connect with the Rector of the university (in the heartland of this country) where he hopes to teach. We want to resume making monthly visits there and develop this relationship.

The house fellowship has been a source of encouragement. B and her friend 'E' started addressing each of the believers' spiritual bondage last year. They received the Word with enthusiasm and want to share Jesus with others. At the beginning of the year we had a retreat together with the believers. However, this group has had its share of difficulties – a marriage crisis, eviction from the land on which they were living, money issues and other problems.

Our children seem be doing well. Son T has finished his first semester of Medical Physics - not too easy for him but the Lord helped him. He's about to start his second semester.

Daughter Y has a few more months to go before she finishes her Orientation School. She still has not decided what to do after this, whether to study or take another gap year to volunteer.

There is so much to pray for and we want to pray big and boldly because we know that *only Jesus can do more than what we can ever ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20)*. May we all know the power that is available to us who believe: the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. Praise Jesus, Living Son of God, Lord of the Universe, Hope of the World. Blessed be His name forevermore!

Blessings on you all,  
**B & A**



**LINDFIELD**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
10am – 1.00pm

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



**FOREST ROW - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

10am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

**TURNERS HILL - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

10am – 12pm

The Glebe Centre, Vicarage Rd, Crawley Down RH10 4JJ

## Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association

The Clinic continues to offer excellent services to the residents of Old Jeshwang and indeed to the surrounding areas since the quality of care is such that it now draws patients from further afield!

Our focus at this time, as reported in previous

magazine articles, has been to supply the clinic with modern, up-to-date laboratory equipment, enabling them to process many more, and varied testing. Thanks to our many sponsors' continuing support, this we have done, with the result that not only are they no longer relying on, and paying for, other testing facilities to process tests that they previously could not, but they are now able to offer these services to other medical facilities, and charge for so doing.



The second focus is of course the extension of the existing building to provide a much-needed second delivery suite. Our architect, David Ogilvie is currently drawing up detailed plans so that the work may be put out to tender. Excitingly, his plan also allows for the possibility of a further extension, when time and funds allow, which will then provide more wards and encompassing an interior courtyard, for peaceful relaxation and recovery.

The General Administrator, Cherno Yaddah's comments below show the importance of this next stage:

*"The proposed building extension and David Ogilvie's vision for further expansion are crucial elements of our strategic planning. They not only align with our commitment to providing comprehensive healthcare services but also present opportunities for financial sustainability."*

*The Kanifing Municipal Council, with the regional health directorate, welcomes the idea of the labour ward expansion and has given us the mandate to proceed with the project."*

**Lynn Wilson**

## THY KINGDOM COME, 9<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May

We are again invited to take part in praying "Thy Kingdom Come" daily between Ascension to Pentecost.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.



Since it began in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

The hope and prayer is that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

There are many different ways of participating in Thy Kingdom Come, but praying every day during the 11 days from 9<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May, for 5 friends, family members or colleagues to encounter the life-transforming love of Christ, is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come.

Specifically, on Pentecost Sunday (19th May) young people from every corner of the nation are invited to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us - the Lord's Prayer - between 1700 and 1800 hours.

*"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."* (Archbishop Justin Welby)

More information is available on the website:  
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



## **ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS May 2024**

#### **Pavilion refurbishment nearly there!**

With Cricket season kicking off and the refurbishment of the sports changing rooms nearly complete, we are shifting focus to the pavilion community room. The painting continues and many thanks go out to those who have joined our team of helpers! We are awaiting the delivery of the new windows and a sliding door to make the room lighter and more accessible. New heating is soon to go in too. We are hoping funds stretch to complete the floors and we will be looking for grants to provide a new kitchen and outside patio.

#### **Crowdfunding has under 2 weeks left!**

Thanks to an Ardingly Cricket Club initiative, we have a growing amount donated by parishioners to help purchase items to improve the social facilities and purchase an electronic scoreboard for the club. At the time of writing the fund had raised around £2,600 (including gift aid) from 34 separate members of the community. Click through soon as we only have until the end of April. Just £5 will make a difference! <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ardingly-community-improvements-sports>

#### **Join the Council & represent your Village**

We are now actively looking to fill the opening on our parish council. Have you considered volunteering to help make decisions for the benefit of your village community? Can you represent the range of opinions of local people? If you are over 18 and live or work in the Parish of Ardingly, we invite you to apply to be coopted onto the Council. Full Council meetings are normally held on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month, and occasional additional committee meetings occur on an ad hoc basis.

You do not need any prior experience of local government, but you should be able to commit to attend most of the Full Council meetings. For an informal chat about the vacancy and what the role entails, please contact Lee Dunkley, the Parish Clerk. Alternatively, if you know an existing Councillor, please do talk with them about the opportunity. You can also find out more information about the Council on our website [www.Ardingly.org](http://www.Ardingly.org).

Should you wish to be considered for the role, please write a statement (maximum 300 words) detailing who you are and why you would like to join the Council. This must be received by email to the Clerk by 2nd June. You will then be asked to attend the Council meeting on 11th June.

### **Annual Village Meeting hosted by the Parish Council**

Save the date of 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm when we will be holding the Annual Village Meeting at Hapstead Hall. Join us for an informal evening where we can share what the Parish Council is working on, and you can hear from representatives from our local stakeholders, including the South of England Agricultural Society and our Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant. Hope to see you there!

### **Your Councillors at a glance**

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### **The Next Parish Council Meeting is May 14th and June 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank all those who donated money for lilies and other flowers at Easter in memory of loved ones. It was lovely to be able to decorate the church with so many beautiful flowers. Thank you.  
Belinda Maclean



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

As we head into the Summer term, there is so much to look forward to. Of course we know that the national tests, the SATs, lie ahead but



we don't allow them to dictate our learning. There is so much fun that we have to fit into our days at school too!



As a community, we are so fortunate to have Wakehurst Place on our doorstep and, as a school, we try to take full advantage of its proximity. This term, Greenfinch Class will be visiting and then, later in the term, Cuckoo Class will be there. KS2 classes will also have the opportunity to partake in some outdoor learning, with visits to the Ardingly Reservoir, for example, for year 6. Kwik Cricket competitions, writing workshops and drama preparation fill up more of our time, ensuring our learning is varied and exciting!



Looking forward, we are already planning our KS2 residential for the start of the next academic year. It seems strange to think that our current year 4 and year 5 pupils will be year 5 and year 6 and getting ready to stay away from home with their classmates. The residential is a great opportunity for our children to gain experience and grow in maturity, and one which has been hugely successful for many years.

Kathy James

### SALE OF PLANTS

Jean Jeffery started sowing seeds at the beginning of April but so far not much has come through so she will be sowing more. A sale of plants is planned for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June but the date will be confirmed nearer the time.





## FSW April 2024 update



Dear Friends,

It hardly seems any time at all since my last update to you. With Easter well and truly behind us we are focusing on the core work of FSW – our one-to-one family visits, as well as planning a busy summer schedule.

Last week we received a message from a young adult whose family we supported for many years. The young person was a teenager when we first started supporting the family, and had some very challenging experiences to deal with. The family is no longer on our client base but she and her practitioner remained in touch. We wanted to share her message with you as it really shows the value of our long-term support:

*"I just want to say how grateful I am to you for helping me through life. It's been a long journey and a scary one too but I think I've nearly made it. I wouldn't have been able to do it without you. You mean so much to me and mum so I just want to say thank you for believing in me."*

Our events schedule is now in full swing, although unfortunately the recent bad weather meant the cancellation of the first open gardens of the season in early April. We would love to see you at any of the events, details of which can be found on our website. We do hope that you will particularly support our new Cuckmere Pilgrim walk on 30<sup>th</sup> May, which promises to be a really special event.

### **Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing**

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Sally and David Martin have moved. Their new address is:  
Barncroft,  
28, Backwoods Lane,  
Lindfield, RH16 2ED



## **AROUND THE VILLAGE**

### **ARDINGLY CONNECTED TOGETHER**

The weather smiled on us again as we held our now regular **Easter Egg Hunt**. We actually had some sunshine - a real treat! This year was a little different. We asked people to hunt for coloured tokens, shaped like eggs, and then invited them to come and exchange the tokens for eggs. Definitely a more sustainable approach! We hid well over 500 tokens and had just as many eggs (and sweets) to exchange.

Our plans, going forward, are to have another **get together in The Ardingly Inn**. This will be on Friday, 3rd May at 6.30pm. Do please come and join us. You never know, it might be the opportunity to meet the friend you don't know yet!! ACT will provide the nibbles via the pub's kitchen - these proved to be very popular at our last get together.

As well as our evening get together, plans are well underway for the **Village Day in July**. Put the date in your diary - **July 20th** - and get ready for excitement! More details to follow but, if you are keen to be involved and have ideas as to how you could participate, please get in touch.

Kathy James

## MEMORIES OF SANDY HETT

*It was with sadness that we heard just before Easter of the death of Sandy Hett. I hope to write more next month, but here are some recollections of him:*



"I would like to share a few memories of Sandy. He was a member of the church choir for many years. He was a beautiful tenor who sat behind me in the choir stalls and I could hear his lovely singing. He was a quiet, kind, gentle, gentleman who turned up for choir practice every Wednesday on his moped whatever the weather. Sandy was also a member of the Ardingly Choral Society. We were very lucky to be in the Choral Society when it did singing tours in France and Belgium. My sister Angela and I spent a lot of time with Sandy on these tours and I remember how knowledgeable he was about the areas and buildings we were visiting. He shared this knowledge quietly with us telling us 'always look up at the tops of the buildings, it is so interesting up there'. Thank you for that Sandy, I am still doing that, thinking of you as I do it."

**Pamela Newnham**

**Michael Denman** remembers Sandy as "A very quiet neighbour who used to come in for coffee sometimes, and was always extremely knowledgeable on many subjects – especially the village of Ardingly and its history"

I knew Sandy all my life, as he saw me grow from childhood to 2024. When he moved to Compton House he would sometimes phone me for a chat, and I was amazed at the memories he had of events, places and people from long ago. He knew that I had travelled in Europe and Turkey and told me about his own visits abroad. He was also able to tell me things about my own family that I knew nothing about, and that was quite precious. Apparently my Aunt worked at Bawtry as a young girl. I knew that my Grandfather worked on the Wakehurst estate and ploughed the fields with his big Shire horses but I didn't know that he won certificates for the best ploughing and drilling! And Sandy remembered him driving his horse and cart down the High Street, laden with vegetables and other produce from the Wakehurst estate, for the village residents. I had no idea! Thank you for those insights, Sandy.

**Sue Laker**

## Someone out there is very good at Anagrams!

Presbyterian – Best in prayer

Astronomer – Moon starer

The eyes – They see

The Morse Code – Here come dots

Dormitory – Dirty room

Slot machines – Cash lost in me

Election results – Lies - let's recount

Snooze alarms – Alas! No more Z's

A decimal point – I'm a dot in place

Eleven plus two – Twelve plus one

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When Noah sailed the waters blue,  
he had his troubles, same as you.  
For 40 days he drove the Ark  
before he found a place to park.

## NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

Two friends were camping. One went for a walk and limped back into camp, bruised and bleeding.



"What happened?" asked the other camper.

"I was chased by a black snake!"

"Why did you run?? A black snake isn't poisonous."

"If he can make you jump off a twenty-foot embankment, he doesn't need to be."



It was my wife's birthday and she rang me to see what time I would be home.

"Can't talk," I said, "I'm driving."

"Where are you?" she asked.

She wasn't happy when I said the 7th tee.

## Computers are only as clever as the person operating them!

In some churches they use the same format for each service, including funeral services. So when a person dies and a funeral service is prepared, the secretary simply uses the word-find-and-replace process and changes the name of the deceased from the previous service to the name of the deceased who has just passed away. Very simple.

So when Edna died, the pastor instructed the secretary to prepare the service for her by following the above mentioned process. The last person who died was Mary. So the secretary instructed the computer to change all "Mary"s to Edna"s. And so it was.

Imagine the surprise of the attendees when they said the Apostles Creed and read: "He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Edna.. "

*[This would never happen in our church!]*

# *Parish Register May 2024*

There are no entries in the Parish Register this month. However, it was with great sadness that we heard, just before Easter, that Sandy Hett has died. His funeral will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.00pm in the church.

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*The peace of God be in our hearts  
The grace of God be in our words  
The love of God be in our hands  
The joy of God be in our souls  
and in the song that our lives sing.*

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## **Flower Rota**

Friday 3rd May - Ann

Friday 17th May - Pam

Friday 31st May - Pat and Sheila

## **Meeting Point Rota**

13<sup>th</sup> May – Adele, Diana and Dilys

## **Brass Cleaning Rota**

11<sup>th</sup> May - John Witherington and Dilys Taylor



## General Information

**ANGELS & URCHINS:** At St Peter's Centre on Thursdays, 9-11.00 during term time. Contact Jill Veasey (892442) or Jane Taylor Cheater (892769).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GIVING:** Special weekly or monthly envelopes or bankers' order forms are available from Jean Jeffery (415317). It is also possible to donate on our website. Anyone paying income tax or capital gains tax is encouraged to sign a Gift Aid declaration which would enable the church to claim tax (currently 25 %) on all their giving. Cheques should be made out to *St Peter's Church, Ardingly* and please email the editor if you need our bank details.

**HOME GROUPS** meet for bible study, prayer and fellowship on various afternoons/evenings of the week. New members are always very welcome. Contact: John Witherington (892277)

**MAGAZINE:** 2024 Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (if posted the cost is £14.00 per annum). **MAGAZINE EDITOR:** Sue Laker, 19 Ardings Close, Ardingly RH17 6AN (892117). Please submit items for inclusion by Friday before the penultimate Sunday in the month. Email to: [emails4sue@gmail.com](mailto:emails4sue@gmail.com)

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

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

# PRAYER DIARY MAY 2024

*"The Lord is loving and merciful, slow to become angry and full of constant love. He is good to everyone and has compassion on all he made"*  
(Psalm 145 v 9 GNB)



- 1 John & Sally Crutchley and their family
- 2 Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan
- 3 The effects of flooding on farmers & food production in the UK
- 4 Our village schools. All who are taking exams this month
- 5 Our worship today. All bishops and clergy
- 6 Our government and Prime Minister. All Christians in Parliament
- 7 Samara's Aid: pray for wisdom, protection & 2 doctors to help Dr A
- 8 All who are lonely or housebound
- 9 **Ascension Day.** Praise God for his wonderful plan for us all
- 10 Church finances and St Peter's Centre
- 11 The NHS and our emergency services
- 12 Our worship today. Pray for the church family
- 13 Christian Aid Week. Pray for a good response and the charity's work
- 14 Bambi & Andreas and their outreach in S.E. Asia
- 15 "At Your Service" and the Pastoral team at St Peter's
- 16 CPAS and the support it gives to churches and clergy
- 17 King Charles and the Royal Family
- 18 Safety on our streets. Pray against the drug & knife culture
- 19 **Pentecost.** Pray that God's Holy Spirit would bless Ardingly
- 20 Belinda & the IMARA team. The children that they support
- 21 Our Police Force and the justice system
- 22 Our sidespersons, welcomers, readers and intercession leaders
- 23 Deb Ruse and the work of WFS
- 24 All who are anxious or suffer poor mental health
- 25 All who deliver aid and medical assistance overseas
- 26 Our worship today. Pray for blessing, healing and renewal
- 27 All teachers and children who are on half term holidays
- 28 Haiti – for peace, stability and good government
- 29 All who suffer from abuse or addiction
- 30 Heather Johnstone and her work in Tanzania
- 31 Praise God for his immeasurable love and faithfulness

**Deadline for copy for the May edition**  
**is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**