

St. Peter's Ardingly

Parish Magazine



**OCTOBER
2026**

HARVEST



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 4pm for private prayer

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

READER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Provision

The blueberry. What's not to like? It's delicious, full of nutrients and antioxidants, and healthy. I eat them almost every day. I'm able to buy only a minority from the UK; most are from Poland, Morocco, Spain or Peru. The full range of places which supply these berries and, indeed, many of our other foods, is extraordinary.



The UK imports some 40% of its food. This requires highly complex mechanisms: political trade deals, negotiations with producers, fair trade ethics, local and international transport, energy supplies, containerisation, shipping, weather forecasting, food standards agencies, quality controls, packaging and pricing, to name a few.

The successful interplay of all these processes requires stability. But our world is far from stable. Wars and civil strife disrupt the lives of food producers and play havoc with international trade routes. Extreme weather variations that bring heatwaves, prolonged droughts, flash floods and inundations all play their part in threatening global food supplies. Now the prospect of a 'super' El Niño could well mark one of the biggest set of weather upheavals this year and into next. We can look forward, we're told, to an earlier winter with extreme winds, storms and flooding.

As the season of harvest celebration is upon us, we are reminded that this year, in parts of the country gripped by the drought, farmers have had to bring in their harvests, such as they were, many weeks ago. The worst drought in 50 years is set to cost wheat growers £370 million. And it will take seven months of above-average rainfall to restore our water reserves in some parts of the country. On the face of it, there doesn't seem much to celebrate as we face rising food prices in the shops and an increasing squeeze on our budgets.

But we do have so much to thank God for. Genesis 1:11 says "*Then God said, 'let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds'. And it was so.*" This is God's provision, a word whose roots mean literally 'to see forward'. This is God planning for our needs from creation.

His bounty has provided such an immense variety of food plants, each with inbuilt multiplication; think of the seeds in a tomato or cucumber; even a single plant of winter wheat can produce over a hundred seeds!

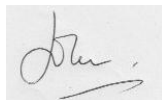
We can thank God, too, for all the many people who are devoted to growing and producing our food, for their creativity, resilience and fortitude despite all that has hit farmers and growers this year. We can thank God for the many scientists and botanists who create disease-resistant varieties of species and research the dangers and benefits of plants. And we can thank him for those involved in that complex chain that eventually puts the food on our plates.

A response of gratitude to God's goodness and faithfulness leads us to a response of sorrow as we recognise we have been poor stewards of God's provision. In our greed and wastefulness, many still go hungry; in our zealous demand for energy, we have contributed to such climatic extremes as to endanger permanently the health of our planet.

And a response of gratitude and sorrow leads to one of humility. The writers of the psalms were clear that *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands...the sun rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth"* (Ps. 19). *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Ps. 24). Our dependence on God's provision is total.

Gratitude, sorrow and humility before God draw us into relationship with him: *"Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing"* (Ps 33). In that relationship we respond with trust in God and generosity in our heart. Jesus promised: *"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."* We can't outgive God but his faithful provision is something we can celebrate by our generosity to others.

Every blessing this harvest tide,



PS. What do you call blueberries playing the guitar together?
A jam session!

Services in October 2026

[NB: Services and readings during the vacancy may be subject to change; as much notice will be given as possible and readers will be notified.]

Sunday 4th October

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (BCP)

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Joel 2:21-27; Matthew 6:25-33

Celebrating Harvest

10.30 a.m.

Matthew 6:25-33

**Harvest Praise on the Recreation Ground,
followed by Harvest Lunch at St. Peter's Centre**

6.00 p.m.

Open to God

A quiet, reflective service for the end of the day

Sunday 11th October

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (BCP)

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

10.30 a.m.

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Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 18th October

9.00 a.m.

Morning Prayer (BCP)

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 4:5-17; Luke 10:1-9

Celebrating Luke the Evangelist

10.30 a.m.

2 Timothy 4:5-17; Luke 10:1-9

Morning Praise (CW)

Sunday 25th October

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (BCP)

The Last Sunday after Trinity

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;

Matthew 22:34-46

10.30 a.m.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;

Holy Communion (CW)

Matthew 22: 34-46

with prayer for healing and wholeness



St. Peter's Church

You are invited to join us for the

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

To be held on

Sunday 4 October

**At The Pavillion, Ardingly
Recreation Ground**

**at
10.30 am**

**Donations of non-perishable goods
appreciated and will be collected by
Ardingly Connected Together for
distribution.**





St. Peter's Church

HARVEST LUNCH

Join us for a two course

**Roast Sunday Lunch
with all the trimmings**

on

Sunday 4 October

12.30 for 1pm.

at

St. Peter's Church Centre

There is no charge for this event, just sign up to let us know you are coming. There is a sign up sheet in church or you can email secretary@ardinglychurch.net to confirm that you will be joining us.



NOTICEBOARD for October

Meeting Point Coffee Mornings

These will take place on 12th and 26th October in Hapstead Small Hall from 10.15 to 11.30. All are welcome. Help is appreciated in setting up tables etc.



Film Night: Thursday 22nd October – The Michael Jackson biopic “Michael”. 7pm for 7.30pm in Hapstead Hall. Tickets available from the Village Shop, Fellows Bakery and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Ardingly Evening WI

Thursday 15th October, 7:30pm
Delia Taylor
speaking on the “Fabulous 50’s”

Hapstead Jam Tarts Ardingly WI

21st October 10am-12 noon in Hapstead Hall: Lucy Pitts, the Editor in Chief of a new magazine, ‘Sussex Exclusive’, will be talking about the fascinating facts, and the forgotten or hidden wonders of our beautiful county. For more information contact Fiona on 07513411893 or email hapsteadjamtartsardinglywi.@wsfwi.co.uk

28th October: We invite all crafters skilled and no skills to join us (every 4th Weds at 10am till midday) at a Jam Tarts craft group at Hapstead Hall. We try different crafts and sewing projects and visitors are very welcome.

OPENING OF HAPSTEAD GREEN

The official opening and a free community barbecue will take place on Saturday 3 October, 5.00–7.00pm.



Saturday 24th October

GRAVEYARD DAY

9.30 – 12.30 a.m.

Come and join us as we give the graveyard an autumn tidy-up!

Tend the graves of your family or ancestors. Or help tidy round other monuments. Please bring your own tools!

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOXES

This is the month for us to prepare shoeboxes for Link to Hope to distribute at Christmas! If you are able to make up a box for a family or an elderly person and need the form/list of contents please let me know.

Alternatively you can download the form and find helpful information on the website www.linktohope.co.uk

Boxes need to reach me by the end of October, if possible, so that I can deliver them to the collection centre in this area by 6th November. I have a few spare shoeboxes, if anyone needs one.
(Sue Laker - 01444 892117).



**IMARA-UGANDA EDUCATION FUND
COFFEE MORNING AND SALE
ON
MONDAY 5th OCTOBER
FROM 10.15 AM – 11.30 AM
IN HAPSTEAD HALL, ARDINGLY**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CAKES,
CARDS, A TABLE TOP SALE AND A RAFFLE**

**EVERY PENNY RAISED WILL HELP US TO
PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE BLIND IN
OUR SCHOOL IN UGANDA.**

WWW.IMARA-UGANDAEDUCATIONFUND.ORG

REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1142239

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION

Following on from my report about Jane and Emma's successful Pennine Walk Challenge, I am pleased to confirm that the funds raised, plus a very generous donation from St. Leonard's Church, Clent (the church Margaret Dale now attends), means that we have received well in excess of £2500!



Jane agreed with our view that these funds should be targeted to a specific need (rather than to General Funds) and, following a consultation with Chernov, our General Administrator, he has identified a requirement for an "HbA1c analyser" in the Path. Lab. We duly liaised with Jane who replied "As a diabetes Consultant, I would be very supportive of this purchase to enable monitoring of people with diabetes."

We are currently sourcing the item (and any ancillary equipment, i.e reagents) and our initial findings are that we can purchase this item (including any transportation costs) within the budget of these funds.

We are of course enormously grateful to Jane, Emma and the congregation of St. Leonard's Church, Clent.

Please Note: Our AGM will be held on Saturday, 28th November, in the Church Centre, beginning at 2.00pm. Refreshments will of course be provided and all are welcome.

Lynn Wilson

SAMARA'S AID: Farming & Harvest

Our farming projects, growing food for the poor, are thriving. So far this year we have harvested 4.75 tonnes of cabbages, 1.23 tonnes of potatoes, 544kgs of dried ful (broad beans) plus 127kgs of fresh broad beans, 1.1 tonnes of chickpeas, 150kgs of black eyed beans, 266kgs of cucumbers, 44kgs of pumpkins, 44kgs of green beans, 78kgs of garlic, half a tonne of onions, and we are expecting around 1 tonne of peanuts. Our cow is now producing 20-25kg milk each day. So many of our children don't get to eat dairy at home as it is too expensive. All of this food we are growing contributes to the meals at our centres, and we distribute the rest to poor families.

Straw (for the cow) collected from the Chick Pea crop. Harvesting green beans.



Our cow is a huge blessing!



Her calf



I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PRAY...

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day!
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask!"

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"Why, child, you didn't knock!"

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, grey and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He answered me, "But you didn't seek."

I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish,
that I had to take time to pray.

(Author Unknown)

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NEWS IN BRIEF FROM HEATHER JOHNSTONE (CMS)

We haven't heard from Heather for several months and her last newsletter told us that her visas were due to expire in May. Heather will be sending a news update in the next week or so, but in the meantime she has sent us the good news that as of last month, both her work permit and residence permits have been approved. She says, "Hallelujah! What a slog that turned out to be!"

She wishes us "All the best to all in Ardingly."

Chichester Cathedral Light Experience / Illuminating Art

Friday 23rd October 2026 - Saturday 31st October 2026

(This is a ticketed event)



Illuminating Art offers a journey through four centuries of artistic imagination - from the drama of the Baroque to the luminous colour of the Impressionists - alongside references to pioneering developments such as early photography, the age of steam and the beginnings of animation.

Created using large-scale projection and an original score by composer David

Harper, Illuminating Art will see the Cathedral's architecture, from its Norman stonework to its soaring nave - reimagined as a canvas for digital art. Visitors will move through a series of immersive environments, where light and sound respond to the building's form and scale.

The experience unfolds as a carefully curated journey through the Cathedral, with each space offering a distinct atmosphere and perspective. From more intimate moments of detail and texture to expansive displays of colour and motion, the installation builds in scale and intensity, culminating in the nave where the full height and grandeur of the Cathedral are brought to life in a striking finale.

(source: Chichester Cathedral website)

LEE ABBEY VACANCIES

In June this year Lee Abbey celebrated 80 years of retreats, holidays and ministry. They have just been told that they can no longer sponsor international charity workers from certain countries, who used to form part of the community there, so there are opportunities for anyone British (and from certain other countries on the Youth Mobility Scheme) to spend a year or more serving as part of the Lee Abbey team. Anyone interested can call 01598 752621 or check the website for vacancies: www.leeabbeydevon.org.uk



RAISE FUNDS FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH THE EASY WAY!

Raise valuable funds for St Peter's whilst doing your Christmas shopping! (Yes, only about 12 weeks to go!)

Online shopping is becoming more and more popular and with Christmas coming we have an ideal opportunity to raise funds for St Peter's Church without leaving the house! You simply need to go to the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk and sign up, then choose St Peter's Church, Ardingly, as your chosen charity. You can then select the online 'shop' at which you wish to make your purchases and you will be directed to that site. When you have completed your purchases a percentage of what you have paid will be sent to St Peter's, completely free of charge.

There are over 4,000 retailers which will donate to us when you shop this way and they include some of the most popular ones – Amazon, Argos, Sainsbury's, Ebay, Marks & Spencer and many others. You just need to remember to go to *easyfundraising* before beginning to shop!

STRAWBERRIES IN BANGLADESH

Tearfund reports that in Bangladesh, with ocean levels rising, salt water has seeped into the soil, damaging crops before they have a chance to grow.

“As an experienced farmer, Momtaz Begum saw the effects of the worsening climate crisis happening around her. Her life had taken a devastating turn when her husband had passed away, leaving her responsible for providing for her two young children. And now, the familiar ways of farming could no longer be relied on to feed her family.

For Momtaz, adapting to a changing climate meant trying something nobody in her village had ever tried before – growing strawberries. Momtaz received training and guidance from Tearfund’s local partner to start farming a crop that was completely unfamiliar. Everyone told her it wouldn’t work but she planted them anyway.

Slowly, her strawberry plants began to grow. And when her son took the first harvest to market, they sold for much more than she would normally earn from traditional crops.”

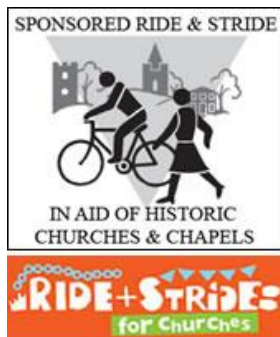
Tearfund are raising funds to buy salt-resistant seeds to help more families like Momtaz.



Sussex Historic Churches Ride and Stride

On Saturday 12th September I spent an enjoyable day visiting churches, chapels and meeting houses in and around Lewes.

Founded in 1956 the Historic Churches Trust gives grants for essential repairs and restoration of places of worship of architectural and historic interest throughout Sussex. The money raised by sponsorship is shared equally between the Trust and the church or chapel nominated by each participant, in my case St. Peter's, Ardingly.



Luckily the day was mostly sunny but not so hot as in recent weeks but Lewes is a hilly place and where churches were open opportunities to refill a water bottle were very welcome! (It was very reassuring to know that back at St. Peter's visitors were being well rewarded for their efforts with refreshments on offer!)

A number of the Lewes churches were being used as galleries as part of the "Art Wave" event. It was good to see these beautiful buildings drawing in extra visitors who might not have otherwise crossed the threshold.

The Friends' Meeting House (Quakers) in particular, was a quiet oasis on a busy street . Its display of the recent and on-going restoration showed how this lovely place was sympathetically being maintained and developed for the worshipping community.

A very big thank you to all those who sponsored me. Towards the end of a busy and tiring day it kept me going to the final, out-lying church, the sixteenth visited!!!

Together we raised a total of £220, (which will increase when gift aid is added).

Glynis



AROUND THE VILLAGE

ARDINGLY RESERVOIR – repairs to the embankment

With effect from Sunday 20th September there is no vehicular access to the car park at the Reservoir because South East Water are carrying out repairs to a section of the embankment which is slipping. In 2023 heavy gravel bags were lowered into the water to prevent slippage from worsening, and now South East Water are carrying out the next phase of remedial work which includes a long-term solution to the problem. This involves the piling of tubes 15 metres into the ground, via a barge, to strengthen the embankment and reduce the risk of further issues.

Ardingly Reservoir car park, the Activity Centre and the café will be closed for a period of around 12 months for the safety of the public and the South East Water workforce.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Once again, we would like the Carol Service at St Peter's Church (on 20th December) to be a truly village affair, and would like to invite any singers to join our choir for the occasion. We will mostly be leading the congregation in singing well known carols, but also singing a couple of items on our own. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings beginning in November. If you're interested, please contact Jill Veasey (01444 373091) or Lynn Wilson (07713 324610).



OPEN AS USUAL!

Apparently some people have assumed that the church is closed now that the Rector has retired, but it's very much open, and functioning pretty much as usual! Services are being taken by our Reader, John Witherington, and visiting clergy; pastoral care and home communions continue; home groups and the prayer group meet regularly; Angels and Urchins meet every Thursday in term time and the church building is open every day - decorated tastefully by the Flower Arranging team. So we're very much open and active!

We're now thinking about Harvest, and planning a Harvest lunch, as we usually do. We will also be collecting donations of food items again which will be used to support people in the village.



On 13th September a working party got together to tackle some of the weeds and overgrown shrubs around the church and although we haven't quite finished we made a big impression!

We were unable to deal with one section of the churchyard because of large numbers of ground

nesting bees, who objected to our being there!

Weather permitting, we'll have another gardening party to tidy up the graveyard on 24th October (see page 7).

St Peter's C.E. School



It's the start of another term – but not just a term, it's another new academic year, full of excitement, of unknown things to learn, to experience and to enjoy. What a wonderful place school is....but sometimes it's a little bit scary too. Here at St Peter's, we remember just what it's like to start a new school and even 'just' go back to a new class. Our pupils are supported and helped as they settle into the new routines, some with new teaching staff. It is truly wonderful to see just how quickly life at school slips into a daily routine!

At St Peter's, collective worship every day gives us the opportunity to reflect on bible stories and teaching. We learn about kindness, building strong relationships, caring for one another and learning from each other. Alongside the knowledge and lessons in the classroom, this helps our pupils to develop into rounded young people, ready to explore the world. We help establish the strong foundations on which they can build.

Of course, we realise that we at school are part of a partnership with all our families too. Working together allows us to support our students with 'wrap-round' care! These relationships are strengthened by the Meet the Teacher sessions that are happening this term, designed to give parents and carers the opportunity to talk to their child's teacher and discuss ways to best support each child. Our workshops for parents and carers also help build links and clear communication channels.



While our newest pupils are finding their feet and enjoying being with new friends in a busy classroom environment, older pupils are beginning to choose what else they will try this year. Will they begin to learn to play the piano or guitar? Are they going to be using their vocal chords learning to sing or perhaps try beating the rhythms on the drums? All these and more are available to add even more excitement to days at school!

Of course, even as we start the new academic year, we are thinking about the future! Our year 6 pupils will be looking around their potential secondary schools; what seems like a very long way ahead will suddenly be NEXT year and they will be moving from primary to secondary school. At the other end of the school, if your child is due to start primary school in September 2027, do come and take a look at our lovely school and meet our fantastic children and staff. There are **two open mornings** at school, **Wednesday 7th October and Monday 9th November**, both starting at 9.30am. Please call Ms Griffin in the school office to book a place. (If those dates are not possible for you, please call and we will attempt to find a suitable time for you to visit.)



"I take it our local supermarket has quite a good offer on tinned peas at the moment"

FLIGHT HUMOUR

Occasionally, airline attendants make an effort to make the "in-flight safety lecture," and their other announcements, a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

"Smoking in the lavatories is prohibited. Any person caught smoking in the lavatories will be asked to leave the plane immediately."

After landing: "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

"As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

"Last one off the plane must clean it."

A flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."



An airline pilot wrote that on one particular flight he had hammered his aircraft into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had got off except for this little old lady, walking with a stick. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no Madam," said the pilot, "what is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"



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TREDEGAR BRASS BAND

- 2025 WELSH CHAMPIONS -

SAT 10 OCT 2026
CHAPEL 7PM

More information and tickets from the Music School Box Office:
01444 893230

REPAIR CAFÉ DATES

LINDFIELD

Saturday 3rd October

10am – 1.00pm

United Reformed Church, 52

High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HL

REPAIR CAFE

EAST GRINSTEAD – 10th October

10am – 1.00pm

Glen Vue Centre, Railway Approach, East Grinstead RH19 1BS

FOREST ROW – 17th October

10am – 1.00pm

The Community Centre, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

What happens to our recycled bottles and tubes?

In September West Sussex County Council ran “Recycle Week”, during which they gave some insights into what could happen to the bottles and tubes that we put into our recycling. Here are some of them:

- shampoo bottle – can be recycled into a plastic garden chair
- fragrance bottle – could come back as a champagne bottle
- toilet roll tube – can be turned into a notebook
- aerosol – could become part of a bike
- toothpaste tube – can be recycled into another toothpaste tube
- cleaning spray bottle – can be recycled again into a new spray bottle
- yoghurt pot – can come back as another yoghurt pot
- kitchen foil – can be recycled into part of a car engine

NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

A little boy at Sunday School learned about the time Jesus went to a wedding and changed the water into wine. "And what did you learn from that story?" asked his father afterwards.

The boy thought for a moment and answered, "If you're having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there."



A friend called me to say that she saw a fox on the way to work. I asked her how she knew it was on its way to work. She hung up on me.

The curate went to the building society about his investments, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday." Handing him his statement the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

It was my wedding day, and no one was happier than my 78-year-old mother. But as she approached the church doors, an usher asked, "Which side are you on?" "Oh, no," she sighed. "Are they fighting already?"



Taking great pains to be specific, the teacher explained to three of his Motoring College students that he wanted them to clean a car that was parked outside. He gave them two extension cords, the vacuum cleaner, a bucket, rags and the car keys. The car was to be used as part of their training.

Later he went out and discovered them sitting in the car, feet up on the dashboard, listening to the stereo. "Why aren't you vacuuming the car?" he asked.

"Because the extension cord wouldn't reach," was the reply.

Exasperated, the teacher explained, "That's why I gave you two."

"We tried the other one," a student said, "but that wouldn't reach either."

Parish Register

There are no entries for September in the Parish Register.

A HARVEST PRAYER

Lord God,
At this time of harvest we thank you for the gift of your creation.
We thank you for the gift of food to nourish us,
And those who produce, prepare and sell it.
Please help the farmers whose crops have failed due to the weather;
Those who have experienced wildfires;
And those with livestock who have had to use up their winter
supplies already.

This year our usual ways of living life have had to
change.
We thank you that you never change;
That you are the same today as you have always been
And that as we look to tomorrow
We can trust in you because you never let us down.
Amen



Flower Rota

2nd October - all flower arrangers (Harvest)
16th October - Belinda
30th October - Pam and Jean

Meeting Point Rota

12th October: Belinda, Alison and Dilys
26th October: Jill, the Ruses and Sue

Brass Rota

24th October: Glynis and Dilys



General Information

ANGELS & URCHINS: At St Peter's Centre on Thursdays, 9-11.00 during term time. Contact Jill Veasey (373091) 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: 2026 Annual Subscription £3.00. Can be delivered or posted (if posted the cost is £15.00 for the year). **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 (373091).

PRAYER DIARY OCTOBER 2026

*"The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me."
(Psalm 28 v 7)*



- 1 John and Nigel, leading us through the interregnum
- 2 The future of St Peter's / the appointment of a new priest
- 3 Our Prime Minister, his Cabinet and all MPs
- 4** Our Harvest service and lunch today. Praise God for his creation
- 5 IMARA Coffee Morning today, raising funds for Braille machines
- 6 All who have suffered recently from natural disasters
- 7 Pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and other areas of conflict
- 8 Those who are homeless and those who help them
- 9 Bambi & Andreas, working with poor and illiterate communities
- 10 World hospice and Palliative Care Day. Pray for our local hospices
- 11** Our services today. Give thanks for our freedom to worship
- 12 Prisons Week. Pray for all who live or work in prisons
- 13 Heather Johnstone and the work of the Rehema Project
- 14 The NHS and all who work in it
- 15 The Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal
- 16 Our village schools, their staff, pupils and governors
- 17 Archbishop Sarah Mullally and our local bishops, Ruth and Will
- 18** Our worship today. Pray for all who lead worship and write songs
- 19 All who are housebound and those who care for them
- 20 Milan & Shusma and the ministry of the Aanandit church in Nepal
- 21 Give thanks for modern technology; pray about AI & cyber crime
- 22 Young people trying to get onto the job ladder
- 23 Cross Channel migrants and the public's attitude towards them
- 24 Graveyard Tidy-up Day. Pray for all who have recently been bereaved
- 25** Bible Sunday. Give thanks for God's written word and its power
- 26 Meeting Point – all who help and attend
- 27 Samara's Aid. Protection and blessing for the team and projects
- 28 Air Ambulance and all who rescue people in trouble
- 29 Healing for all who have suffered abuse
- 30 World leaders; may they use their positions for good
- 31 Praise God that he hears and answers our prayers

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