



# The Buzz

May 2019



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of  
Ifield

## A FAREWELL LETTER FROM SIMON



Dear Friends,

At the heart of our worship of God at St Margaret's is the Eucharist. In Greek 'Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving' and I have much to give thanks for.

As I look back over the last 9 ½ years I am deeply thankful for having been part of the 'Ifield community'. We have enjoyed your generous hospitality provided by people both inside and outside the immediate church community - thank you for the so many different ways in which you have all made us feel so welcome during our time here.

We have also been amazed at the wide variety of gifts and talents used so graciously in the service of others by so many different members of Ifield (again both inside and outside the church). It has been a joy to see how this community has reached out to those both near and far to make a difference in the lives of others in need. You have been an inspiration to someone whose calling is to care for others in their time of need.

But above all, our time here has been great fun - we have enjoyed serving this community - with of course the support of so many others with whom we have laughed and occasionally cried. As I look back I do so with a smile on my face and words of thankfulness on my lips - Ifield has been good for us and I hope we have been of some good to you.

Thank you for the hospitality, your inspirational generosity and the fun you've been.

As we look forward we do so in trust - that as we believe God has called us from Ifield to Brockenhurst so he will bless us with similar, though perhaps not the same, gifts of equally talented, supportive, and caring people.

Life for a Christian is always one of pilgrimage - of journeying. Human nature, however, often tempts us to put roots down; to grow comfortable; to stay within safe boundaries. As we leave Ifield we will be moving outside our comfort zones and will therefore encounter new challenges and new opportunities for growth.

On my office wall I have a quote from one of my favourite Christian authors, Henri Nouwen, which he wrote after reflecting on a trapeze act he saw at a circus. It gives me encouragement as we move in a new direction:

'I can only fly freely when I know there is a catcher to catch me. If we are to take risks, to be free, in the air, in life, we have to know there's a catcher. We have to know that, when we come down from it all, we're going to be caught, we're going to be safe. TRUST THE CATCHER.'

The God who caught me in Ifield the many times I fell and stumbled will be the same God in Brockenhurst, or wherever I happen to go. As you move into a new stage of your life together, I hope you can do so with the same sense of trust and security that I leave Ifield with.

Yours in Christ,

*Simon*

## **SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S**

Sundays	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	11.00 am	non-Eucharistic Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9.30 am	FIISH for young families *
1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays (during	11.00	Sung Eucharist) Sunday School
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9.30 am	Re-FRESH
Monday-Saturday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	5.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesdays	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	10.00 am	Squeals on Wheels Pram & Toddler Service

**\*Please note that in May FIISH will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday due to Run Gatwick**

## WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

With Simon having left for pastures new, Ifield Parish is now entering what's known as an interregnum. That is, we're between rectors.

So, who's in charge? We are, at a local level, as sequestrators, together with the Rural Dean, Angela Martin, vicar of Forest Row. Our first task is to ensure that all services are covered by appropriate ministers. This means that a significant load is likely to fall on Daphne, Margaret and Jill, who will be supported by licensed clergy from surrounding parishes, and occasionally from further afield.

The next step is to await instructions from the Bishop of Chichester, who will require the PCC to convene a special meeting to select two representatives as part of a selection panel who will choose our next incumbent.

The PCC then needs to produce a Parish Profile, setting out what we are about as a church and containing a description of the role envisaged for our next rector. This will be used to try to identify potential candidates. Depending on the outcome of this step, we may be required to place a formal advertisement in the Church Times to cast the net wider.

Once one or more candidates has been identified, formal interviews will take place. It may be the case that none of the candidates is considered suitable, or none wishes to take up the position, in which case the process begins all over again.

Once a candidate has been offered the position and accepted it, they need to consult with their current Bishop and give a minimum of three months' notice. In the meantime, the Diocese will carry out DBS checks on the successful applicant and agree a date for their licensing. The two parishes concerned then have to agree a mutually acceptable date for simultaneous announcements to be made.

We will keep you appraised of any developments as they occur, and ask that you pray for all those involved in this important process, that the right person may be identified, and of course for Simon as he begins his new ministry in Brockenhurst.

Yours in Christ,

*Rob and Chris* (Parish Wardens)

## OUR CHURCH WILL BE WARM AGAIN SOON!

A new boiler has been ordered, and work is expected to begin in May, but funds are still needed.

If you would like to make a donation please ensure that your gift indicates that the money given is for the "Heating Fund". If you are a tax payer and would like the church to collect the tax refund then please use the yellow Gift Aid envelopes in the pews or if paying by any other means include your name and address so we can send you a Gift Aid Form. Donations can be given in to the Parish Office, to one of the Wardens, or one of the Finance Team. For more information about giving please do contact the Parish Office on 01293 537578 or [office@ifieldparish.org](mailto:office@ifieldparish.org)

Thank you for your patience and your generous help.

### PARISH EVENTS

#### May

Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30-12.30	Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	MU Meeting, Lychgate
Sun. 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Deanery Confirmation Service at Worth
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup>		Ifield Mayfayre
Thurs. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Creative Prayer Group (details from Jill Bell)
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-10.30 9.30	Big Brekkie, Ifield Barn Theatre (Christian Aid Week) <b>FIISH (please note this is 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month)</b>

#### June

Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms
Thurs. 13 <sup>th</sup>		Simon's Licensing at Brockenhurst

### NEWS FROM OUR CMS MISSION PARTNERS

Copies of the most recent newsletter from Peter and Pat Wyard in the Democratic Republic of Congo are available in church and on the parish website.

# A LETTER FROM BROCKENHURST



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## BROCKENHURST PARISH CHURCH

*Belonging, growing, living  
In the Light and Love and Life of Jesus*

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4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear church family,

We bring you greetings from the church family in St Nicholas' with St Saviour's, Brockenhurst.

Our thoughts and continuing prayers are with you all as you enter a period of interregnum, or transition as we call it here; we understand and sympathise with you as you face a period without your spiritual leader. We do not pretend that it will be easy, and it will take much careful planning and hard work to carry on as if nothing has happened, even though we know that it has! And we do pray that you may be blessed and spared the sudden and unexpected difficulties we have had to deal with during our transition.

We do not doubt that plenty of help and wise counsel will be made available to you as you go through the process of recruitment for a new vicar to replace your beloved Simon. However, if we can help in any way by sharing our recent experiences, we will be only too happy to give you the benefit of all that we have learned. Our doors, and phones, and emails are ever open to you.

Above all, we took great heart and comfort from regular and church-wide prayer to The Almighty for guidance, wisdom, discernment, courage, patience, energy, and that He would send us the person He had in mind for our church. May He do the same for you.

With love and blessings,

The whole the church family in Brockenhurst.

# PARISH HOME GROUPS

Besides being a way of deepening our faith, being a member of a home group is a great way to get to know other members of the congregation in an informal setting. If you would like to know more about any of these groups, please contact the person named below, or speak to our Reader, Jill Bell, on 01293 521699 ([reader@ifieldparish.org](mailto:reader@ifieldparish.org)).

Day & Time	Contact	Venue
Tues. 7.30 pm	Ian Edgson 552662	Varies – please check
Tues. 8.00 pm	Chris Bell 521699	Tree House, Rusper Road
Wed. 2.00 pm	Viv Smith 01403 891059	175 Ifield Drive
Fri. 10.00 am	Jill Bell 521699	St. Alban's Church






## Ifield

## Mayfayre

### BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

### 6th MAY 2019 11:30 - 16:00






**May Queen Parade leaves**  
**St. Margaret's School, Ifield at 11am**  
**Fayre opens at Ifield Barn Arts Centre - 11.30am**

Proceeds to...  
**St. Margaret's Church Building Fund & Ifield Barn Arts Centre**

**Main sponsor:**  
**The Plough Inn, Ifield**

[www.ifieldmayfayre.co.uk](http://www.ifieldmayfayre.co.uk)

**OPEN AGAIN ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY**



*Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms*  
*Take and Company*

*Taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month 10:30 am-12:30 pm at Lychgate Cottage,  
St. Margaret's Church, Ifield*  
*For more information contact 01293 537578 or office@ifieldparish.org*



*All welcome.*



**THE BIG BREKKIE**

**St Margaret's Church invites you to  
join us for breakfast at**

**Ifield Barn Theatre, Ifield Street,  
Ifield RH11 0NN**

**On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 9:00am to  
10:45am**

**Proceeds to  
Christian Aid Week**

# WHO'S WHO IN IFIELD PARISH

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## PLEASE NOTE

St. Margaret's weekly notices can be viewed on St. Margaret's website

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