

## NOTICE RE ADVENT WINDOWS

**Advent Windows.** Today (Sunday 22nd November) is the final date for signing up to join in our Advent Windows, to allow us time to produce a schedule and map. If you would like to take part, please email [reader@ifieldparish.org](mailto:reader@ifieldparish.org) TODAY.

This Advent is going to be different! Whatever happens with COVID 19, it's unlikely to mean business as usual. We've become used to doing things from our own homes, so how about celebrating Advent in a similar way, with a trail of Advent Windows leading up to a grand finale outside St. Margaret's church on Christmas Eve?

To make this work, we will need 24 volunteers to set up a window in their home or place of work on each of the 24 days from 30<sup>th</sup> November (the Monday after Advent Sunday) until 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Occupants will be free to be as creative as they wish, each setting up their window on a particular day and leaving their creation in place to enable people to admire it at their leisure. Windows will need to be visible from the road or pavement, with no social mixing involved.

This year's theme will be Christmas Carols. There will be a list of suggestions in church, and a list of dates. To participate in this exciting venture, all you need to do is to sign up with your name and address against your chosen date, choose your carol, and get creating. You can even do more than one if you wish. Don't worry about overlaps – two or more people may choose the same carol, but their interpretation is bound to be different.

Please think about signing up as early as possible, so that there is plenty of time for us to produce a map and schedule of windows. If you are not comfortable about visiting the church at the moment, please contact Jill Bell on 521699 to reserve your slot.

Together we can offer the people of our parish a reminder of the true meaning of Advent as we prepare to receive again the good news of our Saviour's birth.

See [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org) for service times, The Buzz, current service sheets, Church groups and events

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## WELCOME TO ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, IFIELD



Please join us

Here at St. Margaret's we are delighted to open our church again daily from 8:30 am till 6 pm to enable people to use this building individually for private prayer.

Although this building has been shut, the 'church' has remained open and active, working to serve our community and continuing to gather online.

Please do look at our website

[www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)

or our group

[St Margaret's Church, Ifield](#)

for more details of our online services, how to join them, and discover how the church is active and at work proclaiming in this community, that in Jesus you are "Loved as you are".

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

**Christ The King**

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**Services next Sunday:** **Said Eucharist Service on Facebook and the parish website** [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)  
*Advent Sunday*

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### For our prayers

The Parish: Plough Close, Poynings Road, Prestwick Close and Puffin Road, Nightingale Close, Old Martyrs and Penn Close

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and William MacKeen, Rose Scarborough, Myra Tyson, Arthur and Doris Pattenden, Bertie, Graham, Angela, Bill, Colin, Sharon, Violet Hayler, Alison Tucknott, Janine Robins and Margaret Fairbrother

The Departed: John Hartridge and Sheila Hall

Year's mind: Karen Smith, Lee Baker, Karl Browne, Winifred Hall, Annie Robert, Michael Rowsell, Geraint Thomas and Mary Phillips

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## NOTICES

**Ifield Parochial Church Council (PCC) will be meeting next on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 19:30 via Zoom.** We will be discussing the life of our church, general governance and future planning. If you have any items you wish the PCC to consider, your PCC representatives are Revd. Christine Spencer (Chair), Rob Pudney and Chris Bell (churchwardens), Ann Rice, Clare Wilson, James May (finance), Ian Edgson, Mark Haymes (fundraising), Paula Holt, Sue Gilbert, Ron Binmore, Andy Ironside, Mary Pedlow, Carl Peirce, Trevor Strutt, Susan Maries and Ines Manning. Contact Clare Wilson PCC Secretary by email [pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org](mailto:pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org) or by phone 07761 122172 for more information.

**Support For Easter Team.** There is a basket in church for non-perishable donations to the Easter Team foodbank. This will be emptied fortnightly and delivered to the Easter Team. Please give generously – your donations are hugely appreciated.

Huge thanks to everyone who has helped to fill my car boot with food and toiletry donations for Easter Team. They are **immensely** thankful and report that the need is increasing as more and more people are struggling to make ends meet. All non-perishable items are gratefully received and in particular at the moment, tinned meat meals e.g. meatballs in sauce, which can be prepared in a microwave (out of the tin of course!). But truly everything is welcome. I am delivering fortnightly on a Friday and am happy to collect donations from your door or you can drop off at my house – contact [Sue@ifieldparish.org](mailto:Sue@ifieldparish.org)  
Thank you so much 😊

**Prayer Ministry:** We are no longer offering prayer ministry via Zoom on Sundays, but prayer requests can still be sent via the parish website. If you are unable to access this, please telephone the Parish Office and leave your prayers with Mave, who will pass them on to the Pastoral Team.

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**Toy Service Plus: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** Whether or not we are able to have a service in church, we still hope to collect toys, vouchers and toiletries on behalf of Family Support Work, to be distributed by our local practitioner, Becky. Please bring your contributions to church, either on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> or during the preceding week between 8.30 am and 6.00 pm.

The following is a message from FSW:

"We can accept any new toys but please encourage people NOT to wrap them. We especially need toys for the over 5s, and toys includes things like games, jigsaws, colouring books and pens and of course books. For teenagers gift vouchers are good. We really must stress that we can't use soft toys this year so please tell everyone that we DO NOT want teddies.

Finally we would like presents for mum and dad too, bearing in mind that for some of our families not only have the parents had to support their children through this difficult year but also they may well have seen a big drop in income and that will mean any spending on presents will focus on the children and that mum and dad may well be doing without."

**For Sale!** 'The New Jerome's Biblical Commentary' (Selling on Amazon, used edition from £76!) A huge and heavy tome with small but readable dense print giving information about the history and general content, followed by a detailed commentary of each book and each section. It's in excellent condition. I don't want money but a donation to St Margaret's would be appropriate. Email me to discuss handover. [ann@swaine.info](mailto:ann@swaine.info)

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