



The Buzz

March 2019



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



March can be an exciting month. This year, no sooner has it begun than Shrove Tuesday is upon us. Later in the month comes the first day of Spring, and this year March comes to a close with our celebration of Mothering Sunday. February ended with snowdrops and crocus in flower, and now the green shoots of March offer the promise of the bluebells and daffodils to come. Just as bulbs must spend time in the cold ground before emerging, so the season of Lent prepares us for the joy of Easter.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, Lent is a season of reflection and penitence before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians recall Jesus' withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. By tradition, Lent is marked by fasting from food, drink or festivities, but nowadays many of us choose to **take up** something uplifting rather than **give up** something. This is especially appropriate in this, our Diocesan Year of Vocation.

At St. Margaret's there's plenty on offer for us to take up. Simon will lead our Lent course in church on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7.30 pm on 13th March. Each week there will be prayer, a reading from Scripture, a video with Christians talking about how they try to live in Christ in their daily lives, time for discussion and a practical activity. Each session will be followed by a short service of Compline. Even if you can't manage every week, do please come when you can.

At 11 am each Sunday in Lent, a different speaker will give us a personal account of the life to which they have been called – God's calling; called to teaching; called to healing; called to motherhood – ending on 7th April with a Service of the Word with the theme: Calling You.

It's often said that the more we put into a good Lent, the more we will appreciate Easter when it arrives. May we all enjoy a blessed and fruitful March.

Jill

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sundays	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist
1 st Sunday	11.00 am	non-Eucharistic Service
2 nd Sunday	9.30 am	FIISH for young families
1 st , 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Sundays (during	11.00	Sung Eucharist) Sunday School
4 th 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 nd Thursday	10.00 am	Squeals on Wheels Pram & Toddler Service

EMERGENCY APPEAL

The heating boiler is broken beyond repair! And we need your help to replace it! Initial estimates suggest that the total cost of replacement will be in the region of £50,000.

We are therefore making an urgent appeal for donations to pay for this work. 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; the Rector; or one of the Finance Team. For more information about giving please do contact the Parish Office on 01293 537578 or office@ifieldparish.org

Thank you. Let's together get the temperature in St Margaret's just right!

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Our Church Electoral Roll is required to be renewed this year. You need to be on the roll if you wish to stand for election to the PCC and/or vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Everyone is invited to complete an application form - available in church or downloadable from the parish website. **The closing date is 27th March.**

PARISH EVENTS

March

Fri. 1 st	10.00 am	MU Lent Meditation, Lychgate Cottage
Sun. 3 rd	11.00 am	1 st Sunday non-Eucharistic Worship
Tues. 5 th	10.30 am	MU Shriving Service, St. Barnabas, Pound Hill
Wed. 6 th	10.00am & 8.00 pm	Ash Wednesday services
	10.30-12.30	Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms open
Thurs. 7 th	5.00-7.00 pm	Cooking & Serving Dinner at Crawley Open House
Tues. 12 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wed. 13 th	12 – 2pm	Lent Lunch (soup & a roll), Lychgate Cottage
	7.30 pm	Lent Course in church, followed by Compline
Thurs. 14 th	8.00 pm	Creative Prayer Group at 19 Keswick Close, I. West
Tues. 19 th	5.00-7.00 pm	Cooking & Serving Dinner at Crawley Open House
Wed. 20 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course in church, followed by Compline
Wed. 27 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course in church, followed by Compline
Sat. 23 rd	7.00 pm	Spring Concert in aid of the Church Heating Project
Sat. 30 th		Parish Vision Day – open to all - venue tba
Sun. 31 st	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Visit from MU Speaker

April

Wed. 3 rd	10.30-12.30	Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms
	7.30 pm	Lent Course in church, followed by Compline
Thurs. 4 th	5.00-7.00 pm	Cooking & Serving Dinner at Crawley Open House
Sun. 7 th	11.00 am	First Sunday non-Eucharistic Worship
Wed. 10 th	12-2pm	Lent Lunch (soup & a roll), Lychgate Cottage
	7.30 pm	Lent Course in church, followed by Compline
Sun. 14 th		Palm Sunday
Mon. 15 th	8.00 pm	Compline
Tues. 16 th	5.00-7.00 pm	Cooking & Serving Dinner at Crawley Open House
	8.00 pm	Compline
Wed. 17 th	8.00 pm	Compline
Thurs. 18 th	8.00 pm	Maundy Sung Eucharist
Fri. 19 th	10.00 am	Children's Good Friday Workshop
	2.00 pm	Service of the Cross
Sat. 20 th	9.00 pm	Easter Vigil and Service of Light
Sun. 21 st	8.00 am	Easter Day Said Eucharist
	9.30 am	Easter FIISH
	11.00 am	Easter Day Sung Eucharist

CHOIR SPRING CONCERT, 23RD MARCH AT 7.00PM

(To raise funds for Church Heating Project)

Come and join us on an historical journey, as we sing the liturgical music of St Margaret's since its beginnings round about the 11th Century. At that time England had been overrun by the Normans and there was an increasing recognition of the central role of communion in Church worship. Liturgical music used the Latin and was predominantly in Gregorian Chant form - named after Pope St Gregory I and dating from the 6th Century. The concert will begin with the Gregorian chant, 'Asperges me' used in the sprinkling rite at the beginning of Mass - music that John de Ifelde and Lady Margaret, his wife, whose 14th Century effigies lie at the east end of the nave, would most certainly have heard in their worship. The history of the Church in England over the next 10 Centuries is very tumultuous including, at the Reformation, St Margaret's moving from being a Catholic Church to becoming part of the Church of England. Our music will take us through that period including the renaissance composers Byrd and Tallis, both of whom remained Catholic and survived the period of the reformation in England; the Baroque composers Johann Sebastian Bach, who was Lutheran; and George Frideric Händel, who was Protestant and became a naturalised Englishman; through to the 19th Century Samuel Wesley. By the late 19th Century the different denominations of Christianity in England were established, Catholicism had been made almost fully legal again, and liturgical music was flourishing. We shall continue the journey with works by Edward Elgar, and Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, through John Rutter and John Tavener, concluding with a new piece composed specially for this concert. So our journey brings us right up to the present day.

Stephen Horsman, Director of Music

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.

OUR NEW RURAL DEAN

The Bishop of Chichester has appointed the Revd Angela Martin to serve as Rural Dean of East Grinstead for the next five years.

OPENING ON 6TH MARCH



Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms
Take and Company

*Taking place on the 1st 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.



PARISH HOUSE GROUPS

Besides being a way of deepening our faith, being a member of a house 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).

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

In addition to these groups, which are open to all, Simon runs a Men's House Group on alternate Mondays. Please contact him for details.

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