NOTICE RE ADVENT WINDOWS

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 30th November (the Monday after Advent Sunday) until 23rd 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 <u>www.ifieldparish.org</u> 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 or our group

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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".

1 st November 2020	All Saints/All Souls
Services next Sunday:	Said Service (10.55 am) and on Facebook and the
Remembrance Sunday	parish website www.ifieldparish.org
For our prayers	
The Parish:	Abbotsfield Road, Albert Close, Aldingbourne Close and Ambleside Close, Adelaide Close, Ashmore House, Auckland Close and Beckett Lane
The Sick:	Patients of Langley Green Hospital and William MacKeen, Rose Scarborough, Myra Tyson, Arthur and Doris Pattenden, John Hartridge, Bunty Lyons, Bertie and Brian Robins
The Departed:	Karen Kelso

Year's mind: Wendy Walker, Lee Baker, John Eyre, Roy Fairbourn,

Norman Carter, Florence Lowe and Sibyl Wood

Donald Van den Bergh, Yvonne Bantin, Thomas Foster,

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NOTICES

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. Pease 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 **immensel**y 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 Thank you so much 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.

Family Support Work. More than ever, FSW needs our support at this time as they expect the need for their services to escalate. Please consider sending a donation. The safest way to do so is online via family-supportwork.org under Donate.

All Saints All Souls will be celebrated on Sunday 1st of November in church. If you would like to have somebody dear to you be remembered in this service please write their name on the Departed List at the back of your church. Please remember to write clearly in capitals. Thank you.