



The Buzz

August 2019



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of
Ifield

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



The school year has finished, and the holiday season has already begun. Children, parents, teachers and governors can take a rest for six glorious weeks from the busyness of term-time. Getting up and out in the morning with the correct uniform, games kit, dinner money/packed lunch and completed homework can be a hassle and it will be nice to relax. I promise to not even mention the B word of which we are so sick and tired.

Hopefully most people will be able to enjoy family holidays and some decent weather. In these uncertain times, it seems that many people will take their holidays in this country, which is good for the economy and for the British tourist industry. Some people may be pleasantly surprised as they revisit destinations that they have neglected in favour of more exotic locations abroad. Precious memories from childhood seaside or farm holidays may be awakened. After travelling quite widely I am convinced that we are lucky to live in a country which is among the most beautiful in the world and has such varied scenery within relatively easy reach. Although our weather is often disappointing, it is the rain which makes this such a green and pleasant land.

We are now in what the church calls “ordinary time” which will extend throughout the summer and autumn until we come to the beginning of the new church year on Advent Sunday. Christmas, Easter and Pentecost are of course the three great highlights of the church year and fill us with joy. But we cannot live life on a permanent high.

It is perhaps the contrast between special and ordinary that makes life interesting. If we lived in a climate where the sun always shone, we were always on holiday, or every meal was a banquet, they would no longer be exciting. So, we need periods of ordinariness to allow celebrations of feasts and festivals to accomplish their full dramatic potential. Ordinary time occupies about half the year and the liturgical colour is green, a colour synonymous with life and growth.

We should not undervalue it. It gives us time and space to return to the normal rhythms of life. Ordinariness is normality which is comfortable! Of course, this year is out of the ordinary in many ways because we are in an interregnum and it takes time to find a suitable priest to take the responsibility of the “cure of souls” of the people of the Parish of Ifield. Please pray for those who are already working on it.

So welcome to ordinary time in the church year, but enjoy the summer holidays!

Daphne

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sundays	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist
1 st Sunday	11.00 am	First Sunday non-Eucharistic Service
2 nd Sunday	9.30 am	FIISH for young families
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
(EXCEPT FOR AUGUST)		

PARISH EVENTS

August

Sat. 10 th	3.00-5.00 pm	Children's Film Time with Snacks in church *
Sat. 17 th	3.00-5.00 pm	Children's Craft Time in church *
Sat. 31 st	3.00-5.00 pm	Back to School Party *

September

Fri. 6 th	10.00 am	Mothers' Union Meeting in Lychgate Cottage
Sat. 14 th		Ride and Stride Fundraising Event
Thurs. 19 th		SMILE to Cabaret at the Hawth
Sun. 29 th		Harvest Festival Lunch in church

Looking Ahead

Sun. 13 th October	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
Sun. 20 th October	4.00 pm	Deanery Healing Service, St. Barnabas', Pound Hill

*Free fun events for children of all ages. Please see Naomi Gater for more details or an application form

A VICTORIAN EVENING IN THE PARLOUR

On Saturday 6th July we had a musical treat at St Margaret's with dressing up and plenty of humour. The choir sang several songs together and then there were excellent solo performances and stunning duets. We sat in a square and it was lovely to be able to see all the performers clearly. There was a lovely Scottish number from John Hartridge which did justice to his fine singing voice. There was a salutary poem read beautifully by Janine Robins, who reminded us of the fate of killjoys when they meet their maker.

Ron Binmore performed The Wreck of the Hesperus with great aplomb and Jane reminded us of The Charge of the Light Brigade in Tennyson's masterpiece. The Vicar of Bray was theatrically sung by Peter Leach, and he looked the part in his papist attire and we were all invited to join in. The song describes how this country was ruled by those who favoured Catholicism and those who wanted to remain Protestant due to the religious proclivities of the reigning monarchs of England. We were invited to join in and proclaim with Peter that we would still be the Vicar of Bray, Sir, whoever was in power.

Jill and Chris Bell sang a wonderful duet about a couple who remembered differently and contradicted each other. That was fun, as was the lovely Cat Duet by Rossini sung by Dawn and Jo who deserved Oscars for their facial expressions. Stephen, our choir master sang a marvellous piece, and he of course accompanied everyone. It was a joyous evening and we must not forget Martin Stone and the team who served the refreshments.

Ines Manning

CREATIVE PRAYER GROUP

This group meets monthly in members' homes. If you would like to know more, please contact Jill Bell on 01293 521699 (reader@ifieldparish.org).

FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE

Our service on Sunday 7th July was the sixth of the new non-Eucharistic First Sunday services. We originally committed to trialling this new format and reviewing it after six months.

For ease of planning, we will continue to run this service for the next couple of months, but at its meeting on 18th September the PCC needs to decide whether we should continue with it or perhaps adapt it.

Now is your opportunity to express your views. How is it going? What do you like? How would you like to see it improve? What do you really think? All opinions are valid.

We hope that those of you who have been to this service only once will come again to see how it has developed. We will welcome your thoughts.

Please give your verbal or written comments to any member of the PCC. You will find their names and photographs on the board close to the clergy vestry. If you prefer, you can leave your comments in the box on the literature table.

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.

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).

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

N.B. GROUPS BREAK FOR AUGUST, BUT WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

OPEN AGAIN ON 7TH AUGUST



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.



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