



The Buzz

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

Thought for the Month



Ancient civilisations in the Middle East were much advanced compared with that of Ancient Britain. Think about the Hebrew Bible, most of which comprises our Old Testament, and contains the history of the Jewish people in the centuries leading up to the birth of Christ, stories, poetry and much more, written down by scholars from many centuries before Christ. The Ecclesiastical history of the English people by the Venerable Bede was completed in 731 and very little exists before that. No doubt it happened but it wasn't written down, or if it was it didn't survive in our damp climate.

In southern Europe around the Mediterranean a written history existed as seen now in the 26 books of the New Testament. In those ancient times the people living in these islands had to spend a great deal of their time and energy just to keep warm, dry and fed, and in fact we still do.

Warmth is essential in this climate, even though ironically, Global Warming in the long term threatens the future of the planet. In the parish of Ifield in St Margaret's church we have a more immediate problem because the boiler has broken down completely and cannot be repaired. This has happened inconveniently at the coldest time of the year, with freezing weather forecast which may last some time. The regular congregation are making the best of it, but many are elderly and some are frail.

A new boiler must be installed as soon as possible with an estimated cost of £50,000, and the only remaining task will be to ask for donations and fund-raising efforts. Hopefully the wider community will join with us to support the church where many of them or their families have been baptised, married or had a funeral.

Daphne

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 (<i>please see below</i>)
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

PARISH EVENTS

February

Fri. 1 st	10.00 am	MU Branch AGM, Lychgate Cottage
Sun. 3 rd	11.00 am	1 st Sunday Non-Eucharistic Worship
Wed. 6 th	7.30 pm	Men's Fellowship Skittles, The Bull, Henfield
Wed. 13 th	7.30 pm	SMILE Ladies to 'Rain Man' at The Hawth
Thurs. 14 th	8.00 pm	Creative Prayer Group at Tree House, Rusper Road
Sun. 24 th	11.00 am	Visit from Becky Long, Family Support Work Practitioner
Thurs. 28 th	10.00 am	MU Wave of Prayer

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		Ash Wednesday
Tues. 12 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wed. 13 th		Lent Lunch, 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
Wed. 20 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course in church, followed by Compline
Sat. 23 rd	7.00 pm	Choir Concert
Sun. 31 st	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Visit from MU Speaker

FIRST SUNDAY

Our PCC has agreed to trial an 11 am non-Eucharistic service on the first Sunday of the month for 6 months. The aim is to allow us to produce a service that is more creative, informal, informative and accessible to those who do not regularly come to church. The first of these services will be on 3rd February. Please do come and let us know what you think.

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!

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.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

We are delighted that Becky Long, FSW Crawley Practitioner, is coming to speak to us at the 11.00 am service on 24th February. Since starting from scratch in the autumn, Becky now supports 17 families in the local area.

On World Book Day, 7th March, FSW tries to give a book to every child they support. Any donations of children's books, book tokens or money by can be given to Becky when she visits on 24th February.

Gifts for children to give on Mothering Sunday (31st March) would also be appreciated.

MU NEWS

Meetings will now take place bi-monthly, but excluding the winter months – In March, May, July, September – when we shall meet as a prayer group at 10.00 am on the first Friday of the month in Lychgate Cottage.

We do not feel able to continue making posies for Mothering Sunday.

For our annual Mothering Sunday collection, we have chosen the AFIA project. This is '*Away from it All*', the two caravans which provide a week's holiday for families under stress and which, together, cost about £12,000 annually to run. It so happens that FSW make good use of them for their clients during the school holidays, so we are, indirectly, supporting them also.

We shall continue to pack socks for detainees at Christmas.

Simon has invited Chris Emson, previous MU Diocesan President and keen MU member, to give the homily on Mothering Sunday.

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE

Donations are always welcome. Items currently being requested include sleeping bags; mugs; men's underwear/boxer shorts; men's socks; pasta sauces.

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.

Also Naomi Gater, our Youth and Children's Officer, is setting up Youth House Group in Lychgate Cottage on Sunday afternoons. For further information, please contact Naomi, whose details can be found below.

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