



The Buzz

July 2019



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of
Ifield

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Simon was installed as Vicar of Brockenhurst on Thursday 13th June in St. Nicholas, the Parish Church. This is a small church outside the town and is of a similar age to St. Margaret's. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Basingstoke. We then moved to the much bigger St. Saviour's for the service to continue and for the reception afterwards. Forty-two people from Ifield and Gossops Green attended with most travelling by coach that got us back to Ifield on the stroke of midnight.

This means that the 'interregnum' (pause, interruption, hiatus, wait etc) has begun. In simple terms the Parish of Ifield is now without a Rector and until a new one is appointed the Rural Dean and Churchwardens act as 'sequestrators'. In this role they are in charge and responsible for all that goes on in the parish. This includes finding clergy to celebrate at all our normal services. Thankfully we have two able Self-Supporting Ministers (SSMs) (Daphne and Margaret) who are very willing to provide coverage though we are mindful of the need not to overload them. For this reason I have invited other clergy from the surrounding area to occasionally preside and preach.

For the parish the interregnum is a time of coming together and sustaining our mission, so we remain an active worshipping and prayerful community. We may no longer have Simon with us as our leader, but we do have our Saviour as an example to follow and need to remember that we are all disciples and called to proclaim the Gospel in thought, word and deed. If you have any issues that need addressing then in the first instance, pastoral matters should be addressed to Daphne or Margaret while any other matters should be raised with either me or Rob Pudney as the Churchwardens. In summary this is a time for us all to pull together for the common good and make our parish an attractive place for a new priest to want to come to.

The process of finding a new priest has now begun with the first draft of the 'Parish Profile' being worked on. This provides an overview of who, what are where we are as a church and will contain a person profile setting out the type of priest we are looking for. Once this has been approved by the PCC it goes to the Bishop and Archdeacon who will then consider it and hopefully recommend clergy who they think would be suitable for this parish to formally apply for the position. If the subsequent interviews are successful, an appointment will be made, but if not it may be that the post will have to be advertised.

All this takes time and for that reason I have already drawn up a clergy rota that goes into 2020. You will be pleased to know that the Christmas services are now covered and only a few slots in the autumn remain to be filled, so from a worship point of view services will continue unchanged apart from the faces at the front. I am aware that many have already expressed joy at our visiting clergy and would encourage you all to make them feel really welcome and appreciated as they help us through the interregnum – and remember to thank Margaret and Daphne as they, too, help to keep things going on an even keel.

The mention of Christmas probably brings shivers to some of you, but I have 'good news'. The new heating system is now installed and the opening covered. Commissioning of the system will take place in early July so we can look forward to a warm church on cold winter days – now there is a Christmas present to look forward to!

Chris Bell

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.

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

PARISH EVENTS

July

Mon. 1 st	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wed. 3 rd	10.30-12.30	Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms
Fri. 5 th	10.00 am	MU Meeting in Lychgate Cottage
Sat. 6 th	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Choir Summer Concert (in aid of the Boiler Fund)
Sun. 21 st		St. Margaret's Patronal Festival
Mon. 22 nd	10.00 am	St. Margaret's School Year 6 Service

Looking Ahead

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

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).

St Margaret's Church Choir Wfield

*You are invited to come and enjoy a
Victorian Evening in the Parlour, with a mix
of Music, Verse and Prose
performed by St Margaret's Choir.*

*The evening will begin at 6.30 for 7.00 pm on
Saturday 6 July 2019. Refreshments will be
available before the start and during the
interval and probably at the end!*

*Entrance is by donation at the door, and
proceeds will go toward the new boiler fund.*

*We hope you will be able to join us
for an evening with a difference.*



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the incredibly generous leaving gift that you gave to Gina and myself – we felt very much overwhelmed by both your generosity and having to say ‘goodbye’ to our church ‘family’. I used some of the money to purchase a new bike and wellies so that I might be equipped for all the New Forest might offer us!

Thank you too for the last 9 ½ years – it has been a privilege and joy to serve you and you will be very much in our prayers as you go through the process of finding a new Rector. Whoever it is they will be very fortunate to have been called to Ifield.

It was so good to see so many of you at my Induction – thank you for coming. I do hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and should any of you be in the New Forest on holiday please do drop in and say ‘hello’ – you will be very welcome.

With our love and prayers,

Simon and Gina

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

OPEN AGAIN ON 3RD JULY



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.



A FUN-FILLED DAY AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL



Up, Up and Away – Family Activities at Chichester Cathedral

Friday 26 July 2019

10am – 3pm (last entry 2.30pm)

1. Follow our themed Cathedral trail and collect your prize when you finish!
2. Design and Make Creative Crafts

No need to book just drop in - £2.50 per child.

Ages 3 – 11 – accompanied by an adult

Suitable for children aged 3 – 11 years, accompanied by an adult. For younger siblings under 3 years there is a carpeted area with toys.

Lunch offer: one child's meal for £1.50 when an adult spends a minimum of £5.50 in the Cloisters Café between 11.45am and 2.30pm, collect your voucher when you arrive.

Join us at the Cathedral for a fun packed family day.

Our Family Activity days are popular with parents, grandparents and carers looking for a place where everyone can come together and be creative.

Cathedral Trail

The trail around the Cathedral is themed to each activity day, making it different each time. Children choose the trail that fits their age and ability to find different places and objects within the Cathedral before collecting a prize at the end.

Craft Activities

The craft element of the day gives everyone the opportunity to get creative and use our resources to make something special to take home. If you're not a crafty adult don't worry, there are lots of helpers on hand to get you started and offer support during your visit.

We look forward to welcoming you at one of our Family Activity days soon.

WHO'S WHO IN IFIELD PARISH

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St. Margaret's weekly notices can be viewed on St. Margaret's website

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