



**Welcome to St Margaret's Ifield**  
**11am 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**  
**The First Sunday Service**



*We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just 'browsing', just woken up or just got lost and ended up here by accident. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or have never been to church before! Join in where and when you want. Stand up, sit down; sing out loud or just reflect on the words - whatever suits you best. We are so pleased that you're here! Welcome!*

Leader: O Lord, open my lips  
**All: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: When we were still helpless  
**All: Christ died for the ungodly.**

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
**All: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

**FIRST READING**

*The seriousness of sin - Mark 2:1-12*

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Leader: God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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*Time of silence*

**All:**        **Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who  
once were dead but now have life through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

**Leader:**    May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you*  
from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and  
raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All:**        **Amen.**

### **SECOND READING**

*The nature of sin – Luke 10:25-28*

### **SONG OF PRAYER**

### **THIRD READING**

*God's solution to sin – John 3:16-17*

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **SONG OF PRAYER**

### **THE PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

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## THE BLESSING

Leader: God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love,  
and to reflect God's glory.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ.**

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## Notices

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<b>Services next Sunday:</b> <i>Lent 1</i>	<b>Said Holy Communion (8 am)</b> <b>Sung Eucharist (11 am)</b>
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### For our prayers

The Parish: Brighton Road, Brisbane Close and Brock Road,  
Beaumont Close, Binstead Close, Birdham Close  
and Birkdale Drive

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Judith  
Aldridge, Sean Bushell, Dorothy Warder, Dorelle  
Downes, Joan Richmond, Janet, Jo, Anthony,  
Andrew, Jackie, Baby Spencer, Shirley Balmer,  
Graham Pinder, Angela Shannon and Ivy Foster

The Departed: Clare McCann and Br Angelo SFF

Year's mind: Norman Wakefield, John Barker, Alice Neenan,  
Norah Wall, Ian Walton, Donald Grantham,  
Leonard How, Cheryl Lillywhite and Elizabeth  
Wheeler

Also for our Prayers: For the work of Christians Against Poverty in  
our town

For the opening of Lychgate Vintage Tea  
Rooms on Wednesday

Thanksgiving for all who help record Crawley  
Audio News

Thanksgiving for all the new life we see around  
us

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## Notices Continued

Becky, our FSW worker, has invited a mum to attend a Connective Parenting course that is being run in Haywards Heath. This mum does not drive so it will be difficult for her to get there every week. She has a 2 yr old that will also be attending as she is not at nursery that day. It is on a Thursday from 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm. It is running for 8 weeks, with a 3 week break over Easter. Becky has asked us if we might have a volunteer driver able to support this mum so that she can attend. They can stay whilst the course is running and FSW would reimburse their fuel. If you feel able to help please do let Simon know 01293 543126 [rector@ifieldparish.org](mailto:rector@ifieldparish.org)

This year we will be running the diocesan Year of Vocation Lent Course ***Living Christ*** on Wednesday evenings' at 7:30 pm in church (followed by compline). In this course we encounter Christians across Sussex exploring what it means to live out their vocation to know, love and follow Jesus, and invite course participants to ponder how they are living out their own calling to grow in the likeness of Christ. If you would like to join us on the course then do please let Mave know in the Parish Office so that we can ensure we have enough course booklets.

Throughout Lent, we are raising funds for our mission partners in the Congo who really need our support. If you have not yet taken a **CMS collection box** (they are on the table), please take one this week. They will be collected in at Easter and proceeds of these and of our lent lunches will be sent to the Wyards."

**Pancake Party 5/3/19 Lychgate Cottage by St. Margaret's Church.** The SMILE ladies invite you for an evening of pancake fun on Shrove Tuesday. Join us from 6 pm. We'll supply the ingredients—we just need you turn up and get flipping! We'll provide the sugar, lemon and syrup and a cup of tea or coffee, but feel free to bring any pancake fillings or other refreshments of your preference. There's no charge, but if you'd like to make a donation to support the work of FSW or

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our broken boiler appeal that would be great. Feel free to bring your friends, although an idea of numbers would be helpful. Contact Clare Wilson email [pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org](mailto:pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org) or 0776 1122 172 for more information.

There will be two services of Ashing this coming **Ash Wednesday** 6<sup>th</sup> March – 10 am Said Communion and 8 pm Sung Eucharist.

**Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms.** A new community morning will be taking place in Lychgate Cottage on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. The first one is on the 6<sup>th</sup> March so please come along and bring your friends. Donations of cake stands, small tea pots, sugar bowls and milk jugs will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the Parish Office.

**Youth Lent House Group** - we will be running a youth lent house group following the Diocesan youth lent course every Sunday afternoon through lent. This is for any children aged 8+. We will meet in Lychgate from 4 pm-6 pm. Please speak to Naomi if you are interested in joining us.

**Sunday School** is available for any children aged 0-11 in the choir vestry. Children go out in the first hymn and return in time for communion.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March the Bishop of Horsham will be celebrating and preaching at our 11 am service and exploring this year's theme of vocation.

**Wanted** - May Queen and attendants for the Ifield May Fayre on 6th May 2019. If you would like to be considered for this year's May Queen or would like to be one of her attendants, please pick up a flyer with full details info at entrance to the Church. Nominations must be received by 5 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> March. For more information please email [info@ifieldmayfayre.co.uk](mailto:info@ifieldmayfayre.co.uk).

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**Lent lunches** will be held this year on Wed 13th March and Wed 10th April. Please join us for soup and a roll 12 – 2 pm. There is no charge and anyone is welcome. Any donations received will support our new CMS mission partners Peter and Patricia Wyard. They visited St Margaret's in September and are now in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Find out more from their updates on the table in church or on the Mission noticeboard. We are also looking for helpers to cook soup, set up or serve. If you can help, please speak to Karen on 01293 971523 or email [karenmkelso@gmail.com](mailto:karenmkelso@gmail.com).

**St Margaret's Choir** will be presenting a **Spring Concert** on **Saturday 23rd March 2019 at 7.00 pm**. Come and join us on a musical journey through the history of our Parish Church, when the choir will perform music from the 13th Century to the present day. Refreshments will be available. Tickets will be available soon, from choir members; Lychgate Cottage (01293 537578), or on the door on 23rd March. A donation of £10, which can be gift-aided, per ticket is suggested with all donations going to the Church Boiler Fund. We look forward to welcoming you.

**St Margaret's Vision Day** 30<sup>th</sup> March 10 am – 3 pm at Holy Trinity Church Tilgate. An opportunity to shape the future of your church. Lunch Provided for those who sign up. To sign up contact the Parish Office by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March letting Mave know if you have any special dietary requirements and if you need a lift. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Church Electoral Roll - Action Needed** Every six years, we are required to remove everyone from the church electoral roll and prepare a new one – 2019 is that year! . Have you been coming to St Margaret's Church for six months or more? Have you been Baptised? Are you aged 16 years+? If so, please complete an Electoral Roll form. Representation on the governing bodies of our church depends on the number of names on the roll. Joining the Roll is compulsory if you wish to stand for election to the PCC or other synodical council (such as the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod). Joining the Roll gives you the right

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to attend and vote at the APCM (annual parochial church meeting). It enables you to help in the democratic choosing of who stands on the decision making body of your church. All church members are invited to please complete an application form. Application Forms are available in Church or downloadable from our website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org). The deadline for return is **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Please return your form to Clare Wilson (PCC Secretary and Parish Electoral Roll Officer) in church or by email: [pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org](mailto:pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org), or via the Parish Office.

### **SMILE Ladies – Plans for 2019**

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. Discounted ticket £31. Let me know if you would like a ticket for any of these shows - catch me in church most Sundays. All ladies are welcome to attend our events (and men too!). For further details contact Clare Wilson Email: [pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org](mailto:pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org) or 0776 1122 172

Chichester Diocese have organised ***A Way of Living*** study day that builds on the material found in the A Way of Living study book. The day will be an opportunity to explore more deeply how we might like to use a rule of life in our own lives. This day is for those who may want to find a more systematic way of applying their faith to their daily lives of prayer, worship, community and mission. The day will consist of short addresses with plenty of time for discussion, reflection and prayer and an opportunity to share your thoughts with others on the same journey. The event takes place in The Sherbourne Room, Bishop's Palace, Chichester on Saturday 4th May 2019. There will be a limited number of places so please register your interest now by e-mailing [toni.hayes@nhs.net](mailto:toni.hayes@nhs.net) Full details of the day will be sent to you nearer the time. For further information please phone Richard Ashby on 01243 372234.

See [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org) for service times, The Buzz, current service sheets,  
**Church groups and events**

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