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FOOD DONATIONS

Food poverty is on the rise in Crawley and with unemployment expected to increase, more people are going to need help.

We are supporting the Crawley Food Bank Partnership who distribute food and basic essentials to people in crisis all over Crawley

Crawley Food Bank Partnership
So much more than just a foodbank...

Items Required:

Coffee, Sugar, UHT milk, Meat and Fish, Vegetables, Fruit, Beans, Bottles of Squash, Soup, Cereals, Pasta, Cooking Sauces, Desserts, Tea/Coffee and Biscuits but, of course, all donations are welcome.

the Easter Team

We set-up a collection system across Ifield & Langley Green, so there is no need for you to deliver it yourselves, Sue Gilbert is co-ordinating collections.

Contact Sue Gilbert directly or via
The Parish office – office@ifieldparish.org / 01293 537578

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE

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TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING

Even before the Coronavirus pandemic, 1 in 5 people in the UK were often or always feeling lonely. Prescription Plus Befriender Volunteers are helping to reduce social isolation by offering a weekly telephone call to people who are shielding at home.

If you have a couple of hours to spare each week, an up to date DBS and enjoy chatting to people we would love to have you on board as a Telephone Befriender .

To find out more please speak to Sue Edgson or contact via the Parish Office
office@ifieldparish.org or Tel: 01293 537578.
Sue will get in touch to discuss the role further

Prescription Plus
Community connections for a healthier me

WELCOME TO ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, IFIELD

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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
St Margaret's Church, Ifield
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".

5th July 2020 **Trinity 4**

For our prayers

The Parish: Charlwood Road, Camelot Court, Capsey Road and Climping Road, Charlwood Walk and Cherry Lane

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Christine, Richard Aldridge, William MacKeen, Graham, Angela, Shirley, Billy, Colin, Sharon, Sarah Colgate, Evelyn Kerr, Sheena Cook, Ann Utting, Rose Scarborough, Howard Sanders, Myra Tyson, Arthur and Doris Pattenden

The Departed:

Year's mind: Ivy and David Leggett, Ruby Crump, Charles Carter, Ernest Goodwin, Dorrie Gilbert and Margaret Poulton

Readings: Zechariah 9: 9-12
Romans 7: 15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Registered Charity Account no. 1132318
'Accept one another, then, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.' (Romans 15:7)

NOTICES

Re-opening of St Margaret's for Public Worship. As a church we welcome the news that from Saturday July 4 places of worship will be able to reopen for services for a limited and managed number of people while observing social distancing. Added to our recent reopening for private prayer we hope that this will be a step towards being able to meet together in an ever fuller expression of the family of God that we are all invited to be part of.

That said, we recognise that it is likely that things will continue to look, and feel, different to our experience prior to the pandemic. We want to ensure we continue to place our love for God, and our love and care for each other, at the heart of all our decisions - and that may mean that our worship needs to be done quite differently until it is safe and possible for more of our church family to gather together.

We hope to gradually allow more opportunities for people to join together in worship on Sunday's and for midweek services, and will communicate what exactly that looks like as we transition into this new season as soon as we can. (We anticipate further guidance from the government, the Church of England and the Diocese of Chichester in the coming days - this will hugely assist and clarify our thinking and planning, which have been ongoing throughout the lockdown.)

For the meantime though we continue to meet together online each Sunday (www.Ifieldparish.org); the church building continues to open for private prayer throughout the week; and above all we remember that while the buildings have been shut, and we've not been able to gather together physically, Jesus is still Lord, and His church has remained live and active throughout, and will continue to do so no matter what the circumstances.

We appreciate your patience, support and prayers throughout this whole period, and look forward to being able to share our gratitude to and for each other in person soon.

Parish Wardens, on behalf of St Margaret's PCC

Prayer Ministry: Prayer Ministry is being offered through the parish website, via Zoom, every Sunday at 12 noon. You can also send anonymous FishNet prayers through the website. If you are unable to access either of these, 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 on-line via familysupportwork.org under Donate.

Parish Electoral Roll update – we would encourage you to complete an Electoral Roll form. Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail you taking on any additional commitments, however it does help the church show its strength. Representation on the governing bodies of the church depends on the number on the electoral roll. Joining the Roll gives you the right 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!

Due to Covid-19, the APCM has been postponed until later this year (date to be confirmed). Therefore the deadline for return of electoral roll forms has been lifted as the roll cannot be closed earlier than 28 days before the APCM. Please return your completed form by email to Clare Wilson (PCC Secretary and Parish Electoral Roll Officer) pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org or by post to the Parish Office. NOTE: If you have already joined the Roll at St Margaret's in 2019 then you need do nothing further. If you are not sure if you are on the electoral roll, Clare is happy to advise.

PCC and Deanery Synod Representatives - Your Parish needs you! We are looking to elect **5 PCC (Parochial Church Council) members** at our **Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM)** - *revised date yet to be agreed*. The PCC is the governing body of our church and is a charity. As such, the PCC members are the Trustees. You can become a PCC member if you are aged 16+, baptised and on the electoral roll. For more information, please contact with our Parish wardens (Rob Pudney or Chris Bell) or Clare Wilson, PCC Secretary pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org. In addition, we need to elect **4 Deanery Synod lay representatives**. Completed nomination forms for both these posts (available for download from our website www.ifieldparish.org) need to be returned to Clare Wilson before the APCM.
All are welcome to attend the APCM – this is in an important meeting in the life of our church.

See www.ifieldparish.org for service times, The Buzz, current service sheets, Church groups and events

CAP

Course Dates- TBC
Tuesday 30th June
Tuesday 7th July
Tuesday 14th July

Time: 7.30pm-9pm

capmoneycourse.org

A free, short course to help you manage your money.

Contact Debt Centre Manger Rachel Dawson
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