



The Buzz



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

August 2018

**Monthly information for the Parish of
Ifield**

Thought for the Month



I must confess to rather enjoying the sight of the 'Trump Blimp' flying over London as part of this country's protest against Trump's style of leadership. Good satire should have an element of truth, and the image of Trump as an angry baby in a nappy certainly played upon his impetuous, clumsy, bullying, dissembling and loud demanding style of leadership.

It's a style of leadership that rather worryingly seems to be on the increase in the world at the moment with big egos such as Putin, Trump, Kim Jong-un, Macron and some of our own politicians (particularly around the Brexit debate) all too readily adopting. Is this really the best way to change the world?

2000 years ago, Jesus, a man full of the fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control – led a movement that really did change the world. Perhaps then these are the qualities we should be looking for in our leaders instead of the aggressiveness, assertiveness, over-confidence, self-reliance and arrogance that seem to be currently so valued.

Even more importantly we need to ensure that when we deal with others – particularly those with whom we disagree – we are more like Jesus than Trump.

Simon

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sundays	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist
2nd 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
1 st Thursday	10.00 am	Squeals on Wheels Pram & Toddler Service

PARISH EVENTS

August

Fri. 3 rd		MU Garden Party at Knightsfield
7 th -10 th		Mission Rescue Holiday Club
Fri. 10 th	7.00 pm	SMILE to The Merchant of Venice, Hawth

September

Wed. 5 th	7.30 pm	'Lord, Teach us to Pray' course begins
Wed. 19 th		SMILE to Evita at The Hawth



St Margaret's Autumn Course
'Lord Teach Us To Pray'

7:30pm Wednesday 5th September
What is Prayer

7:30pm Wednesday 12th September
Praying with Scripture

7:30pm Wednesday 19th September
Praying in Silence

7:30pm Wednesday 26th September
Reflective Prayer

7:30pm Wednesday 3rd October
Praying with Objects

To register for the course please contact Mave in the
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BISHOP RICHARD'S AUGUST LETTER FOR PARISH PUBLICATIONS

As I write this the temperatures are soaring into the 30's and look set to remain so for the next few weeks. This in itself is not an indicator of human induced climate change, but the scientific evidence for that is now overwhelming. It really is the most vital issue for our species to address if we don't want half of our county underwater in 100 years. And yet our local MP's report that they don't get a huge amount of correspondence about it. Other things seem more pressing. There is something in the human psyche that allows us to prioritise the urgent over the vital. We have a natural predisposition to focus on our personal concerns before spiralling out with decreasing levels of energy to family, community, and world.

Sometimes we need what is called 'disruptive leadership' The Bible calls it the prophetic voice: an irritating reminder that things are not all as well as they seem, and we cannot carry on the same way as we always have. Prophets tend to have a hard time of it because they challenge inertia. Jesus was a prophet par excellence in this regard. He was never driven by the expedient or politically correct. He reminded people that the most pressing thing they needed to think about was their relationship with God and how that affected their dealings with other human beings. That remains the most pressing issue for us today. May we all hear afresh Jesus' disruptive voice to move us out of our comfort zones to real kingdom living.

+Richard

Rt. Rev. Richard Jackson Bishop of Lewes

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

If a sufficient number of people are interested, I would be happy to run this seven-week course in an informal setting in the autumn, on a day/at a time to suit the majority. We have run the course on a number of occasions in the past, and several members of our congregation have found it helpful. It takes group members on a journey through Mark's Gospel to discover who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please see me in church or contact me at reader@ifieldparish.org or on 01293 521699.

PLEASE NOTE

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

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