



The Buzz

August 2021



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

Thought for the Month



The BBC Radio 4 Today Programme has recently been running a series of items on childhood holidays - the sort of holidays we used to enjoy before so many of us sought sunshine abroad. Sir Michael Morpurgo remembered simple holidays in the Scilly Isles, walking, swimming, looking at birds, reading books, talking, walking ... His lasting memories are of the colour of the sea, the sound of oystercatchers, the sight of gannets diving for fish, the flowers and the history. On another day, Victoria Hislop recalled holidays in Sussex – sandwich lunches on the beach, being cold for long periods of time (she said the reason she now loves Greece so much is Bognor Regis) and hiring a cabin-cruiser on the River Medway where her father entrusted her to keep a log, recording everything they did from the time it took to get through each lock to what they ate on their river-bank picnics.

I, too, remember being entrusted by my father to keep a log, in my case the times and distances between specific places as we drove in our Morris Traveller from Sussex to our favourite seaside village in Devon. I have fond memories of that log-book. It had a dark green, hard cover and was used for many years, so that each year we could compare details of the journey. Roads were much quieter then, but progress was slow. There were no motorways and few dual carriageways. We used to stop overnight and then set off early the next morning to avoid the worst of the traffic on the dreaded Exeter by-pass.

Well I remember the pride I took, as the elder daughter, in maintaining that log-book. Not only was I honoured that my father trusted me to keep it faithfully, but I wanted to honour him by completing it to the best of my ability.

In a similar way, we are all called to take care of what has been entrusted to us by our heavenly Father. This past eighteen months of restricted foreign travel have forced us to take advantage of the glorious, varied landscape of our own country, and to seek new ways of holidaying which are kinder to, and more respectful of, the beautiful world our Creator has given us.

I wish you all happy holidaying.

Jill

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Sundays	11.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
1 st Sunday	11.00 am	Non-Eucharistic Service

PLEASE NOTE: FROM AUGUST ONWARDS THERE WILL BE A SAID EUCHARIST AT 8.00 AM ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING)

ON 15TH AUGUST THERE WILL BE A SUMMER CLUB SERVICE AT 11.00 AM

THERE IS NO FIISH SERVICE IN AUGUST

Current guidelines are that masks must be worn in church.

A recording of the 11.00 am Service of Holy Communion will be available via the parish website later in the day.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Margaret's Church - Ifield with easyfundraising?

Over 4,000 shops and sites already donate – including Tesco, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

Go to the APP store or <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretsifield/> and join for free.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Margaret's Church - Ifield at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Margaret's Church - Ifield will be grateful for your donations.

NEWS FROM FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Chichester Diocesan Family Support Work now has 15 practitioners, covering two-thirds of the diocese.

Our local Crawley practitioner, Becky, has been working throughout the pandemic, supporting families remotely, dealing with agencies on their behalf and dropping off groceries where needed. More recently she has been able to make garden visits and have doorstep chats with her clients.

If you would like to contribute to the work of FSW, please consider joining our team for the Amberley to Arundel walk on Thursday 12th August. Alternatively, you can sponsor us via the form in church, or contact Jill Bell by phone or email: 01293 521699 or reader@ifieldparish.org

NEWS FROM THE EASTER TEAM



Supporting Our Local Community – Can You Help?

How we can better connect and serve our community, live our faith and show the love that Jesus has for everyone?
We're building partnerships with local voluntary organisations to support people who need it most.



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

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.

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



In her recent report to the trustees, the Operations Manager gave recognition to the massive support from St Margaret's. The trustees expressed their thanks along with hers.

Items currently most needed are

Tinned fish
Tinned meat
Custard and rice pudding

Please leave your donations in the basket in church or email sue@ifieldparish.org to arrange collection/delivery.

Next delivery dates: 30th July and 13th August

WHO'S WHO IN IFIELD PARISH

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OUR RECTOR'S REST DAY

Please note that Friday is our Rector's rest day

PLEASE NOTE

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

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