

The Buzz

June 2022



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

Thought for the Month



How do you like birthdays? Do you try and forget when yours is, or do you make a big splash every year? Do you like presents, or would you rather have experiences? This month Christians celebrate the birthday of the church at Pentecost. Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter, which of course means it moves around and this year that puts it on the 5th June.

We remember the story in the book of Acts in the bible, when the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus *'And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.'* Acts 2 verses 2-4.

It's the moment from which a confused, frightened group of people with a little hope changed into an inspired, energised group of people who had the confidence and courage to go and tell the world that they had found something wonderful!

Birthdays can be a time for re-evaluating, looking back and planning forwards. How have you changed for better and worse in the years you have been on the planet, what do you want to achieve in the future? It could be said of the church that it (we) need to do the same – its history since those heady early days has not been completely swathed in glory let's face it.

So, it's good to take stock and work out where next – for yourself, your family, and the organisations you are part of. To look back at the places where we have not taken care of ourselves or others; where we have not been that nice, or thoughtful; where we have allowed ourselves to become lazy and self-serving and out of condition. To look also at the things we have done well; the talents we have made best use of; the times when things worked well, or we did the right things that resulted in our wellbeing and that of those around us.

Christians can ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to feel real and vital and to help us change and move forward in hope and courage and energy like those first Christians. The Spirit hasn't gone away, but just like with our bodies, we don't always listen to or take advice – and sometimes it shows!

Perhaps the beginning of summer is a good time in the year to take stock of ourselves and the things we belong to – the hope of better weather, the abundance of nature around us and longer days somehow make us feel that new things are possible. So, if you decide to begin a new healthier eating regime, or to take up a pastime that will enrich you, or some exercise, or if you think it's time to repair a relationship or to take yourself in hand in other ways, I wish you every success. And if June is your birthday month too, I wish you a very Happy Birthday!

With every blessing

Christine

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

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| 1 st Sunday | 8.00 am 11.00 am | Said Eucharist Non-Eucharistic Service |
| 2 nd Sunday | 9.30 am 11.00 am | FIISH for young families Sung Eucharist |
| 3 rd Sunday | 9.30 am 11.00 am | Family Worship Sung Eucharist |
| 4 th & 5 th Sundays | 11.00 am | Sung Eucharist |
| Wednesdays | 9.30 am | Said Eucharist |

POEMS AND PUDS

On Sunday 26th June, Chris and Jill Bell's garden (with shelter) will be open for a church social event starting at 3.00 pm.

Please come to Tree House, Rusper Road, Ifield with a pudding to share and a poem to read. There's a sign-up sheet in church so that we have some idea how many to expect and to ensure we have a variety of scrumptious items to taste. Cream will be provided.

NEWS FROM THE EASTER TEAM

On Saturday 14th May, SMITCH (St. Margaret's in the Community, Helping) visited Ifield, Langley Green and Ifield West parades, setting up tables and asking customers as they went into the supermarkets if they would be kind enough to buy an extra something for the food bank. The response, as you can see from the photo, was amazing. Shoppers came out with not just one extra item, but in some cases bags or baskets brim-full. One man commented that he felt privileged not to need a food bank himself. Another spent the change from his haircut (£4) on items to donate.



PARISH HOUSE GROUPS

Besides being a way of deepening our faith, being a member of a house 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 | Study Topic |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mondays 10.30 am | Chris and Jill Bell 521699 | Tree House, Rusper Road | The Lord's Prayer |
| Thursdays 7.30 pm | Ian Edgson 552662 | Please check | The Shack (book and movie) |

A NEW HOUSE GROUP!

To be led by Ines Manning and hosted by Mary Pedlow, starting soon on a Thursday or Friday morning. If you would like to be part of this, please speak to Ines or Mary, or contact Jill Bell on 521699, email reader@ifieldparish.org stating which day would suit you best.



FSW in Action

The last month has been quite a whirlwind with our 7 new practitioners starting work. They are gradually finding their feet and we will be introducing you to them in more detail in a future newsletter.

Around the county we have been running many more family group activities, as this has been something our families have missed so much over the last 2 years. We have also been providing one-to-one support for some very complex family cases, and have also started working with a Ukrainian refugee family.

Becky is currently supporting 18 local families. She is planning to set up Stay and Play sessions in Crawley on Saturday mornings and will be holding a Jubilee themed activity morning at Broadfield Community Centre



HELP US TO WIN THE TESCO VOTE

From 1st April - 30 June 2022 we are one of three charities hoping to win the Community Grant at Crawley branches of Tesco. PLEASE help us by collecting blue tokens and helping us win £1500!



Tesco Extra Hazelwick Avenue
Tesco Express, Peterhouse Parade, Pound Hill
Tesco Express Downland Drive
Tesco Express, Plaistow Street, Lingfield
Tesco Express, Hyde Drive, Ifield
Tesco Express Haslet Avenue
Tesco Express Betts Way



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CHARITY NO 285337 A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE REGISTERED NO 1648903 REGISTERED OFFICE:
GARTON HOUSE 22 STANFORD AVENUE, BRIGHTON, BN1 6AA

LITTLE DRAGONS

It's church, it's messy, it's for little ones, their parents and carers!

Starting 9th May 2022
9 till 10.30am
St Margaret's Church, Ifield

Every Monday in term time



www.ifieldparish.org
or email ycofficer@ifieldparish.org for further details

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PCC MEMBERS

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 27th April, the following new members were elected to the PCC: Ellis Barton, Veryan Nicholls, Lindsey Plunkett, Sarah Ward and Kevin Lawler. Rob Pudney has completed six years of service as Parish Warden, and is succeeded by Andy Ironside. Andy Cottee has stepped down as Safeguarding Officer, and the role will be taken on by Amy Wilson.

WHO'S WHO IN IFIELD PARISH

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| Lychgate Bookings | Lisa Hull | 532337 | lmhull@virginmedia.com |

REST DAYS

Please note that Friday is our Rector's rest day and our Curate's rest day is Monday

PLEASE NOTE

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

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