

NOTICES CONTINUED

In church this week –

Monday 27th March	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Little Dragons Compline
Wednesday 29th March	9.30 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm	Said Eucharist Service Lent Course Lent Lunch
Thursday 30th March	4.30 pm	Alzheimer's Spring Concert
Friday 31st March	3.00 pm 6.30 pm 7.45 pm	Burial of Ashes JYC AYC
Saturday 1st April	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Journey to the Cross Journey to the Cross

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sun 2nd April PALM SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion (said)

10.45am Palm Procession & Communion Service

Mon 3rd April 7.30pm Compline

Tue 4th April 7.30pm Service Of Wholeness & Healing

Wed 5th April 7.30pm Tenebrae – A Service of Shadows

Thu 6th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Holy Communion With foot washing and the Watch.

Fri 7th April GOOD FRIDAY

1.30pm Good Friday Service

Sat 8th April HOLY SATURDAY

8.30pm Easter Vigil with Lighting Of New Fire

Sun 9th April EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am FiiSH Service (With Easter Egg Hunt)

11am Holy Communion

WELCOME TO ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, IFIELD



Please join us

Here at St. Margaret's we are delighted to open our church again daily from 8:30 am till 4 pm to enable people to use this building individually for private prayer.

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".

26th March 2023

Lent 5

Services next Sunday: **Said Eucharist Service (8am)**
Palm Sunday **Sung Eucharist Service (11 am)**

For our prayers

The Parish: Shipley Road, Slinfold Walk, Soutwater Close and Spartan Way, Short Close, Squirrel Close and St Edmunds Close

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Paula Holt, Arthur and Doris Pattenden, Lydia, David Baker, Maureen Clifford, Charlotte Bacon, Daphne Goodwin, Sally Windsor, Ray and Pam Budd, Tina Fell, Katie and family, Madeline, Mary and Andrew Eastman and Richard Whitehouse

The Departed:

Year's mind: Mary Lockhart, Nora Mansel, Ernest Walsh, John Gilbert, Josephine Smith, Ken Rager, Mary Pedlow, Robert Chaplin, May Capstick, Eileen Mary Lewis, Leonard and Jessie Greaves, Roy Seymour and Richard Cooper

NOTICES

If you would like to donate towards an **Easter Lily** in memory of a loved one for Easter Sunday, the cost will be £5.00 per lily. Please give your donation, together with the names of those to be remembered, to Patricia Upham-Hill or the parish office. The cut-off date for money to be received is Sunday 2nd April.

Ben Moorhouse's funeral is taking place on the 3rd of April at 11.15 am in St Richard's Chapel, Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. All are welcome.

Crawley Cap Centre – Easter Egg Appeal. Please see the flyer for more details. Also their client Easter Afternoon Tea event is taking place on 1st April 2 pm - 4 pm. Any Egg donations need to be given before Friday 31st March, so they can give the blessings bags out at the event. Any people able to bake or donate a cake, they can be dropped to Elim the morning of the event if possible.

We have had a donation of bird boxes and bird feed, if you have a spare bird feeder we can borrow to hang in the churchyard please let Christine know.

Lent Lunches. Every Wednesday in March at 12.30 pm in the Youth Room. Soup, roll, cheese and coffee. £5 - in aid of Family Support Work.

Church Cleaning. Volunteers needed. If you can help, please speak to the Churchwardens - Andy Ironside or Chris Bell.

Easter Team Foodbank. Thanks everyone for your donations last time. **NEXT DELIVERY THIS TUESDAY (28/3).** Particular requests: Packet foods e.g. instant mashed potato, cuppa soups, custard (anything which only requires a kettle to prepare, Toiletries, Long life milk and Easter eggs. Thank you, everything you give is most gratefully received 🙏

Wednesday Lent Course for 2023. Every Wednesday, we're going to be looking at an aspect of Christian discipleship which can often seem daunting: evangelism – sharing the 'good news' of Christ with those who have yet to receive Jesus into their lives and offering to accompany enquirers as they set out on the journey of faith.

As someone currently exploring a vocation to ordained ministry and required to give my own testimony as part of that process, I've been reflecting on how to develop our ability to speak about the faith that gives meaning and purpose to our lives. I've come to realize just how precious these personal testimonies are, and – no matter how 'ordinary' they might seem to us - how powerful they are in encouraging others to come and see what it *truly* means to follow Jesus.

This Lent course is all about valuing and nurturing our personal faith stories and thinking creatively about how we might share them with others. Combining a mixture of discussion-based activities, meditative scripture-reading and prayer, this course sets out to deepen our understanding of what sustains each of us in our faith, and to embolden us in our shared calling to be evangelists of the gospel.

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Venue: St Margaret's Church
Day and Time: Every Wednesday, 10:30 - 11:45 am

Duration: 9 weeks
Course start and end date: 01/02/23 – 29/03/23

More Lent Groups

Mondays 10.30 am - 12 noon at Tree House, Rusper Road, starting on 27th February

Who then is this? Chichester Diocesan Lent Course

With the help of artists, hymn-writers and Christian teachers, we will look back to people and events in the Old Testament to answer the question the disciples asked about Jesus when he calmed the storm.

For more information please contact Jill Bell on 521699 or reader@ifieldparish.org

Parish Electoral Roll – Have you been worshipping regularly at St Margaret's Church for six months or more? Are you baptised and aged over 15? If so, you are invited to complete a Parish Electoral Roll form. Being on the 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 our electoral roll, and is mandatory if you wish to stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod. Joining the roll gives you the right to attend and vote at the APCM (Annual Parochial Church meeting) which will take place on 26th April 2023.

Electoral roll forms are available via our church website

<https://www.ifieldparish.org/electoralroll> or in church, and the deadline for returned forms prior to the APCM is **29th March 2023**, although you can apply at any time throughout the year. Please scan and return them by email to Clare Wilson (PCC Secretary and Parish Electoral Roll Officer) pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org, put them in the box in church, or by post / hand to Ifield Parish Office. **NOTE: If you have already joined the Roll at St Margaret's in the last five years, then you don't need to reapply.** If you are not sure if you are on the electoral roll, Clare is happy to advise.

Services in Lent

Compline – Monday's at 7.30 pm. Beginning on the 27th of February

Stations of the Cross – Saturday March the 4th and 18th at 11 am

Journey to the Cross Prayer Stations – Saturday 1st April, 10 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

On Saturday 1st April between 10.00am and 12 noon, and between 2.00 and 4.00 pm, there will be a series of prayer stations set up in church. You are invited to come and meet some of the characters Jesus encountered on Good Friday, to experience this interactive journey at your own pace at a time to suit you, and to spend as long as you wish. Each station will contain a picture, a Bible reading, an object on which to focus and some questions to ponder.

For more information on Save West of Ifield please refer to this website:
www.savewestofield.co.uk