

## NOTICES CONTINUED

### In church this week –

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>St Margaret's Scouts Harvest Service</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Little Dragons</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Said Eucharist Service</b> <b>Family Church</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b> <b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>JYC</b> <b>AYC</b>

### ***Forthcoming Events***

*Harvest Songs of Praise Service is taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup> October at 4 pm in church.*

## 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](http://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".

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**24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Trinity 16**

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**Services next Sunday:** **Said Eucharist (8 am)**  
*Trinity 17* **Harvest Festival Service (11 am)**

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### **For our prayers**

The Parish: Rokewood Drive, Rudgwick Road, Rusper Road and Ruspers Keep, Poles Lane, Poplar Close and Prestwood 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, Mary and Andrew Eastman, Richard Whitehouse, Lucy Millar, Pete Barton, Pat Hollis, Ann Swaine, Susan Maries, John Boero, Tina, Gordon and John Penalver

The Departed: Kim Cheesman

Year's mind: Robert Ginger, Ann Webb, Victor Neal, Desmond Kerr OBE, Doris Smith, Edward Harris and John Res

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**The Real Advent Calendar** - this year, real advent calendars are not available in the supermarkets. Instead they are only available to order online (with a £6 delivery charge). However if there is sufficient uptake we will order these on your behalf and save the delivery cost for all. Each calendar is priced at £4.50 and comes with a free 24-page Christmas story-activity booklet. The company behind these advent calendars, also have other items available - see the leaflet next to the order form. Please add your details to the order form or speak to Naomi.

**A HUGE THANK YOU to all who sponsored Jill (and Jane, who would have done it had she not been unwell) for walking from Amberley to Arundel and back in support of FSW. With your help we raised a total of £440.**

**FSW Harvest Needs.** Please see the flyer for more details. The church will be collecting both monetary offerings and food for FSW at our Harvest Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

**Open Door – 1st Wednesday of the month – 10.15 am to 12 pm.**

Open Door is an opportunity to meet with others, drink coffee and chat - everyone is welcome whether you come to church or not. Bring your knitting, your dominos, your puzzles but most importantly bring you - a warm welcome awaits!

**Easter Team Foodbank.** The Easter Team Operations Manager provided the following info/stats just before our recent parades collection. There can clearly be no doubt of the need for this help locally.

'In the first 6 months of 2023 (Jan - Jun) we gave out 3092 food parcels.

We served 1150 separate households which equates to 2306 individuals.

All our clients are within the Crawley area, RH10 and RH11.

This is an increase of approximately a third on the same period last year.

A family food parcel is worth at least £28, a 2 person parcel is £25 and a single person parcel is £16 - however these were last calculated over 6 months ago so will now be inflated.

The vast majority of our food and finances are donated by individuals, churches, schools and organisations. To date we have received very little statutory funding.

Unlike most food banks, our clients do not need a formal referral. They can self-refer, but we do complete a short assessment of need.

We are expecting our client numbers to continue to increase over the second half of this year. There is no end in sight of the cost of living crisis which is hitting low income households the hardest.

Thank you, to you and to all who support you in the parish - I know you're doing another collection this weekend, we really really do appreciate it.'  
Sue Gilbert

**Sunday Evening Service of Prayer and Praise - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30 pm at St Barnabas, Pound Hill (in the church).** Christians of all denominations are welcome to an informal ecumenical service of Prayer and Praise which is in a series of regular monthly 6:30 Sunday evening services being held at St Barnabas Church, Pound Hill. The Ecumenical Worship Group will be creating a peaceful worshipful atmosphere with music and song and plenty of time for all to reflect together prayerfully. If you would like to join in with the music group by playing an instrument or singing please email John Palmer on [music.stb@worthparish.org](mailto:music.stb@worthparish.org) for more information.

**Men's Fellowship has one date for your diaries.**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - Skittles in Three Bridges — Trevor is kindly organising this for us – they will do us a Buffet. I will be in touch nearer the time to give costs and get you to sign-up for the Skittles so we know numbers.

**Crawley CAP.** Their café takes place 10 am to 11.30 am. The Alpha course is taking place every Tuesday in October 2023. For more information on the above please contact the Centre Manager, Rachel Dawson [racheldawson@capuk.org](mailto:racheldawson@capuk.org)

**Crawley Open house.** The Sleep Out 2023, 7 pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October in Queens Square or at home. Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard for more details.

**Flowers** - we are considering a new scheme where people can donate towards the flowers for a particular Sunday in the year (not including the weeks of Lent or Advent) in dedication to a departed family member and/or friend. If you would like to be a part of this scheme please speak to Patricia Upham-Hill. The name of the person can be put on the news sheet on the week of the donation if you would like. If you would like any further information please speak to me or Patricia. Christine

**For more information on Save West of Ifield please refer to this website:**  
[www.savewestofield.co.uk](http://www.savewestofield.co.uk)