

The Buzz

November 2022



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

Thought for the Month



We often think of November as the month of remembrance. This year at St. Margaret's we will begin the remembrance season early by holding our Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance on Friday 28th October and celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday 30th October. Sunday 13th November will be Remembrance Sunday, and 27th November is Advent Sunday. In the midst of all this, of course, comes 5th November and remembrance of a different kind.

A perhaps lesser-known November date is Stir-up Sunday, traditionally the week before Advent Sunday, and this year it falls on 20th November. The title originates from the Book of Common Prayer collect for the day, which begins: "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people". It's a call to Christians to prepare for the season of Advent. In Victorian times, however, Stir-up Sunday became associated with the preparation not of our wills but of Christmas puddings!

Some say the Christmas pudding was introduced to this country by Prince Albert. Several Christian traditions are associated with it. It would be prepared about five weeks before it was to be eaten, and was supposed to contain thirteen different ingredients, representing Jesus and his twelve disciples. Stir-up Sunday was a family event, with members taking it in turns to stir the mixture while making a wish. Stirring should be from east to west, in memory of the magi who came from the east to visit the baby King. Some families would include a silver coin, with whoever found it in their portion thought to receive good health, wealth and happiness in the coming year.

On Christmas Day, a sprig of holly would be inserted into the top of the pudding, representing Jesus' crown of thorns. Brandy was poured over it, then lit before the pudding was carried ceremoniously – and carefully - to the table.

I wonder how many of us follow these traditions today? They are a lovely way of reminding us, and our families, of what Advent is all about – looking forward to the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, and linking it with God's purpose in sending him into the world.

Jill

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

1 st Sunday	8.00 am 11.00 am	Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist
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

Sunday School on 1st, 4th and 5th Sundays

***Please note November's FIISH service will be on Sunday 6th (the 1st Sunday of the month)**



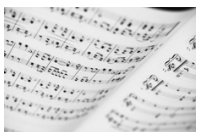
SERVICE OF LIGHT, HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE

Friday 28th October at 6.00 pm



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

13th November 10.20 am Scouts Service
10.50 am All gather by the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance,
followed by a service in church



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 27th November at 6.00 pm

LITTLE DRAGONS

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

9 till 10.30am every Monday in term time
St Margaret's Church



PARISH HOUSE GROUPS

Mondays 10.30 am Tree House, Rusper Road
(please contact Jill Bell on 521699 for details)

Tuesdays 7.30-9.30 pm from 8th Nov – 13th Dec. Study Course: The Reason for God.
Venue may vary. Please contact Jo Strutt jo@bridgeham.com for details.



FSW in Action

Nearly all our practitioners, including our newest staff, have now got full caseloads, and many also have full waiting lists - a sign of just how vital our support is. Families are very anxious about their finances, so we are spending a lot of time helping them with budgeting as well as ensuring that they can access all relevant support.

A quote from a teacher at a school where we are working:

"I just wanted to send a quick email to thank you for the service your charity is providing, which has been absolutely invaluable to my school. Your practitioner is fantastic and our families love her. She has had such an impact on them already in a short space of time. It has been great to see as the families she is working with are many of our hard-to-reach families and this helps us also to continue to develop relationships with them."

For more information, or to donate, please visit: familysupportwork.org

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a collection of new toys for children and toiletries for their parents at the 11 am service on Sunday 4th December

NEWS FROM THE EASTER TEAM

Current particular needs for the basket in church are for biscuits and tinned fruit, but essentially anything and everything except pasta!

Forthcoming collections: Tues 8th November at the Scouts Fireworks
Saturday 12th November on the Parades

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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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