



The Buzz

January 2024

Monthly information for the Parish
of Ifield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Thought for the Month



During Advent we watched and waited for the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ which we celebrated on Christmas Day; however, Christmas is not yet over, we are still in the Christmas Season as we watch and wait for the coming of the Magi. When I was growing up, we had a family tradition that when we put up the Christmas decorations and the Nativity set, the Wise Men were placed at either the end of the mantelpiece or at the end of the hearth, or the windowsills and bit by bit they would inch their way forward, until they finally arrived at the stable on the 6th January, Epiphany.

The Wise Men bring their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, symbolic of Jesus the King, the Priest and the Prophet, and of course a foretaste of his death. They are costly treasures, deeply personal and prophetic of who He is and what He came to do and can be summed up by the words of the Carol Silent Night 'Christ the Redeemer is here.'

As Jesus gave himself to us as the greatest gift there is, let us this Epiphany take time to reflect what gift we would bring him, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

What gift can we give that is so priceless, loved, personal and fitting ...I suggest that there is only really one true gift that we can offer him, and it is the only gift that Jesus wants from us. One of my favourite Christmas carols, the poem by Christina Rossetti, 'In the Bleak Midwinter', poignantly says:

What can I give Him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him –
give my heart.

This Epiphany give Jesus your heart, for there is no other gift that could ever be more precious to Him.

Wishing you all a very happy, blessed and peaceful New Year.

Every blessing

Christine

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S DURING TRIAL PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 2023 TO MARCH 2024

1st Sunday	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Sunday Celebration	(2.00 pm Baptisms)	(3.00 pm Baptisms)
2nd Sunday	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am FIISH Service		
3rd Sunday	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am All Age Eucharist		3.30 pm Choral Evensong (in new year)
4th Sunday		11.00 am Parish Communion		
5th Sunday	9.30 am (BCP) Holy Communion	11.00 am Service of the Word		3.30 pm Vision Service (in new year)

Wednesdays 9.30 am Said Eucharist

Last Wednesday 5.00 pm Family Church

Please send your feedback on the new pattern of services to
focusgroup@ifieldparish.org

PARISH HOUSE GROUPS



Mondays 10.30 am–12 noon at Tree House, Rusper Road
Please contact Jill Bell on 521699 for details

Tuesdays 7.30-9.30 pm
Venue may vary.
Please contact Jo Strutt jo@bridgeham.com for details

New members are always welcome

OPEN DOOR

**St. Margaret's Church
Ifield**

**1st Wednesday of the month
10.15am - 12 noon**

All welcome to come and

**chat
drink coffee
make friends**



200 CLUB

The latest 200 Club Building Fund draw took place on 10th December. The results are set out below:

1st prize	Mary Pedlow
2 nd prize	Jean Eida
3rd prize	Angela Brooks-Usher

The next draw will be on 14th January.

Thank you for your valued and continued support - new members are most welcome!



We've been dealing with some really difficult situations this month, and families are really finding it hard to cope with so many challenges. But our support is really appreciated by the parents we help. One of them said to her practitioner last week (rather appropriately for the season):

"You have been my fairy godmother and waved a magic wand over our lives"

A huge thank-you to all who brought toys and toiletries to church to be given to families at Christmas. Your gifts were much appreciated.

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

A flyer for an auction by Toovey's Antique and Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers. It features a beige background with decorative scrollwork in the corners. At the top left is the Family Support Work logo. The text is written in a mix of serif and cursive fonts. It details a tour of the saleroom on Friday 16th February at 10am in Spring Gardens, Washington, Pulborough RH20 3BS. Tickets are £10 each. Contact information for Alyson is provided at the bottom.


The Sussex Charity for Children Since 1890

Toovey's Antique and Fine Art Auctioneers
and Valuers

Rupert Toovey hosts a tour of the famous Toovey's saleroom and you have the chance to bring an item for Rupert to examine and discuss.

Light refreshments and raffle

Friday 16th February 10am
Spring Gardens
Washington
Pulborough RH20 3BS

£10 ticket

Contact Alyson
alyson.heath55@gmail.com or 01798 873795 for more information and to buy tickets

A flyer for a fundraising concert. It has a solid magenta background with yellow musical notes and a treble clef at the bottom. The text is in white and yellow. It announces a concert in aid of Family Support Work on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at 3pm at St Swithun's Church, East Grinstead, RH19 3RZ. Tickets are £10 each, including refreshments. Contact information for Lynne Fallowell is provided at the bottom right.

FUNDRAISING
CONCERT

IN AID OF FAMILY SUPPORT WORK
COME AND HEAR THE WONDERFUL

CHOIR & KO

Saturday 3rd February 2024 @ 3pm
St Swithun's Church, East Grinstead
RH19 3RZ

Tickets £10 each, to include refreshments

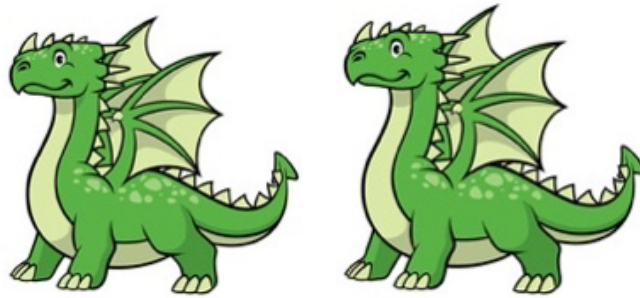
For further information please contact
lynnefallowell@gmail.com


The Sussex Charity for Children Since 1890

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



OUR YOUTH GROUP

For more information, please contact the Rector

EASTER TEAM FOODBANK

Thank you so much everyone for your support throughout the year. Thanks to you and others like you, Easter Team have been able to bring some much needed joy in the form of biscuits, chocolates and other seasonal treats to the families and individuals who depend on them.

The next collection date is Tuesday 9th January.

Please leave items in the basket in church or contact sue@ifieldparish.org for collection.

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REST DAYS

Please note that Friday is our Rector's rest day
Our Curate's rest day is Saturday

PLEASE NOTE

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

IFIELD PARISH WEBSITE

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Please send any updates for the February 2024 issue to Jill Bell
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