

# The Buzz

March 2022



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

### Thought for the Month



“March Winds, April Showers – soon come May Flowers”

Every single year on March 1<sup>st</sup>, my grandmother would greet me with those words, and to this day that little poem fills me with a sense of joy. Perhaps (or, definitely!) I’m a little strange, but I love March winds – and any other kind of wind. Windy weather makes me feel fully alive.

I wonder what it is that makes you feel fully alive? I think we’ve all got something. Whether it’s time spent with friends, a favourite hobby, spending time in nature – what are those things that make you feel most fully you?

We begin Lent in March this year, with Ash Wednesday falling right at the beginning of the month. Lent for me is also a time to feel fully alive – with all that means. On Ash Wednesday we will remember again our sinful humanity – in the words of one of my favourite hymns

Dust to dust, we mark our repentance,  
entering a guilty plea,  
Ash to ash, we face our sentence,  
Sin writ large for all to see:  
Now these signs of all our falls from grace,  
mark us for divine embrace.

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But as we remember our falls from grace, we will also remember the God who made us, who formed us out of the dust of the earth, and who promises to remake our brokenness into the likeness of Christ. Perhaps that’s the best definition of being truly alive there is – being remade into the likeness of our saviour. Every blessing on your Lenten journey this year. May you know the comfort of knowing that you are held in the everlasting love of a God who sees the joy and the pain and the sin and the saintliness, and who absolutely adores you.

*Lizzi*

## **GOOD NEWS**

We are delighted that Lizzi will spend the remainder of her curacy with us here at St. Margaret's. At the 11.00 am Eucharist on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Ann Alexander and members of St. Alban's congregation have been invited to join us to say farewell to Lizzi as we welcome her in her new role in Ifield Parish.

## **SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8.00 am 11.00 am	Said Eucharist Non-Eucharistic Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	FIISH for young families Sung Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	All-Age Worship Sung Eucharist
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist
Wednesdays	9.30 am	Said Eucharist

Current guidelines are that masks must be worn in church.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Said Eucharist with Ashing Sung Eucharist with Ashing
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## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

In preparation for Holy Week, please join us for a service of pictures, meditations and prayers. It originates from pilgrims to the Holy Land walking along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, which is thought to be the route along which Our Lord carried his cross to Calvary.

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	11.00 am
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# Lent Course

*“Comfort ye my people”*

Mondays commencing

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1030- 1200

Contact Jill Bell :

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Rev Lizzi Green will run an  
afternoon/evening course.  
Please sign up on the sheet in  
church

[curatelizzie@ifieldparish.org](mailto:curatelizzie@ifieldparish.org)



For this Diocesan course, Bishop Martin has invited five people to record an audio reflection addressing the theme of God’s consolation. In addition, each session will introduce an image to awaken vision, a passage from the Bible to invite meditation, a short prayer to lift us up to God and a hymn to let our spirits soar.

## REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH

Once we have enough volunteers, we can begin to serve coffee and tea after our 11.00 am services once again. Please consider offering to help with this important ministry, and let Mave in the office know if you are willing to join a rota of helpers.

## COMMUNITY WALK

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm, leaving from St. Margaret’s Church: a 2-hour walk across the fields. All are welcome.



## Volunteers needed!

With the expansion of our team last year and the further growth this year when our new practitioners are appointed, we are very keen to recruit new volunteers to support our work. There are a number of ways in which you could get involved, from direct work with individual families to helping at group events, sorting and preparing food in our foodbank, joining a local supporter group or by helping at fundraising event. All of our volunteers receive training, DBS checks and ongoing support. Commitments can be regular or ad-hoc. If you would like to know more about volunteering or to offer your help, please have a look at the FSW website, [familysupportwork.org](http://familysupportwork.org), ring 01273 832963, email [admin@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:admin@familysupportwork.org.uk) or speak to Jill Bell, Secretary of the Crawley Support Group, who can put you in touch with Becky, our local FSW Practitioner.

## LENT LUNCHES IN AID OF FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Every Wednesday during Lent, starting on 9<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30 pm., in the Youth Room at the back of the church. Vegetable soup, roll, butter and cheese for £5.00.

Please join us for fellowship and to support this worthy cause.

### Easter Team Collection

Most needed for our next church basket collection on March 8th:

- Long life milk
- Large boxes/bags cereal
- Porridge
- Tinned meat
- Boil in the bag rice
- Nappies





## 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](mailto:reader@ifieldparish.org)).

Day & Time	Contact	Venue	Study Topic
Mondays 10.30 am	Chris and Jill Bell 521699	Tree House, Rusper Road	Life Balance *
Thursdays 7.30 pm	Ian Edgson 552662	Please check	The Shack (book and movie)

\*Please note this will become a Lent Group from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March




**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**


# FRIDAY 4 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

**11.00 am St. John The Baptist Church, Church Walk, Crawley, RH10 1HH**

*Follow by the refreshments at The Friary Hall, Haslett Ave. West, RH10 1HR*

**19.00 St Paul's Church, Woodfield Rd, Northgate, Crawley, RH10 8ER**

*Looking forward to seeing you and praying with you for Our World.*

*For more information contact Maja Jasko on 07900236082 or email [majajasko@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:majajasko@blueyonder.co.uk)*

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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

## IFIELD PARISH WEBSITE

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