

St Margaret's Parish, Ifield, 200 Club Community Lottery



St Margaret's Church in Ifield has stood at the heart of this historic community since the C13th and, throughout the many passing years and decades, it has evolved into the building we all know and love. It is a place of worship, community and welcome and it is almost impossible to imagine our village without its reassuring and distinctive presence.

Like many other ancient buildings, however, the challenge of maintaining it in a safe and secure condition is becoming ever more expensive and raising funds for this vital work is a perpetual and on-going challenge.

That is why we are setting up a new St Margaret's Parish 200 Club monthly lottery. For just £10.00 per month, your contribution can help fund the necessary repairs and improvements the building will require moving forward.

The scheme is formally registered with Crawley Borough Council, the licensing authority, and the Diocese at Chichester. The twelve draws will be held on the first Sunday of every month at the end of the 11.00 am service, witnessed by the congregation. 50% of the money raised will be distributed as prizes amongst three lucky winners. Results will then be notified by e-mail and prizes will be distributed via online banking or by posting cheques to the winners. Once the prizes have been paid, all remaining funds will be used to off-set the costs associated with the maintenance and preservation of our Grade One listed church.

You do not have to be a regular church goer or religious in any way to take part. It is a community scheme which seeks to ensure that St Margaret's can continue to serve the Ifield community for years to come.

Many of the formative events in our lives intrinsically rely upon the church simply being there.

Just pause to think how our lives' journeys require the presence of the church – it might begin with our baptisms followed by receipt of the sacraments, or perhaps our weddings and funerals. In any given month, it fulfils an important community role through supporting families and our younger Ifield village generations. This support includes the hosting of parent and toddler groups, it offers family friendly, special fun filled church services for children and there is a local youth club for a range of ages and interests. We also partner and contribute to local foodbanks and projects that support our most vulnerable residents.

And that is why we invite you to consider becoming a member. All you have to do is register for the scheme and set up a monthly direct debit for £10.00 into the 200 Club account. And that is it; the Parish Treasurer and the 200 Club organiser will do the rest.

By joining the Club and helping to raise these much needed funds, you can take pride in knowing that you are preserving the past and securing the future of a very special and wonderfully aesthetic building that sits at the heart of our community.

If you would like to find out more about how the scheme works, please contact the Parish Office or look for further details which can all be found on the parish website.



As you walk from the altar to the bell tower, you are walking through a history that spans 700 years!

Please consider helping us to preserve this much loved community asset through supporting our lottery scheme.

Ifield, without its living and breathing church, would not be Ifield at all.