

The Buzz

September 2023

Monthly information for the Parish
of Ifield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Thought for the Month



As we enter September, we can sometimes be aware of what has been and what is to come. We have hopefully enjoyed some time away from our normal routines - having days out or even a holiday away. We can look back at the photographs and recall the memories of those times spent exploring new places or meeting up with friends and family. The good and enjoyable times.

Then almost in the blink of an eye we are back to the normal routines of getting back to work or battling with the school run. There is the frenzy of getting everything ready. Finding all that is needed for work or that mad rush to try on school uniform to check it fits. Often in September too there are changes of job, and for family members changes of class at school or even a different school, college or university. Suddenly if we are not careful, we can return to our September routines feeling anxious and fraught and the rest and relaxation we'd had over the summer are gone and we feel like we never had a break. As the season of life changes there just aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done or enough hours to squeeze in some down time.

Having enough time to be is a bit of an issue for many of us today. There is so much to do. Jobs can be demanding, family responsibilities can be numerous, others' expectations can be high. All of us can be at risk of feeling overwhelmed by just living. It goes without saying then, a healthy work/life balance is essential for a positive outlook and is something we need to take seriously.

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven' it says in the Bible (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

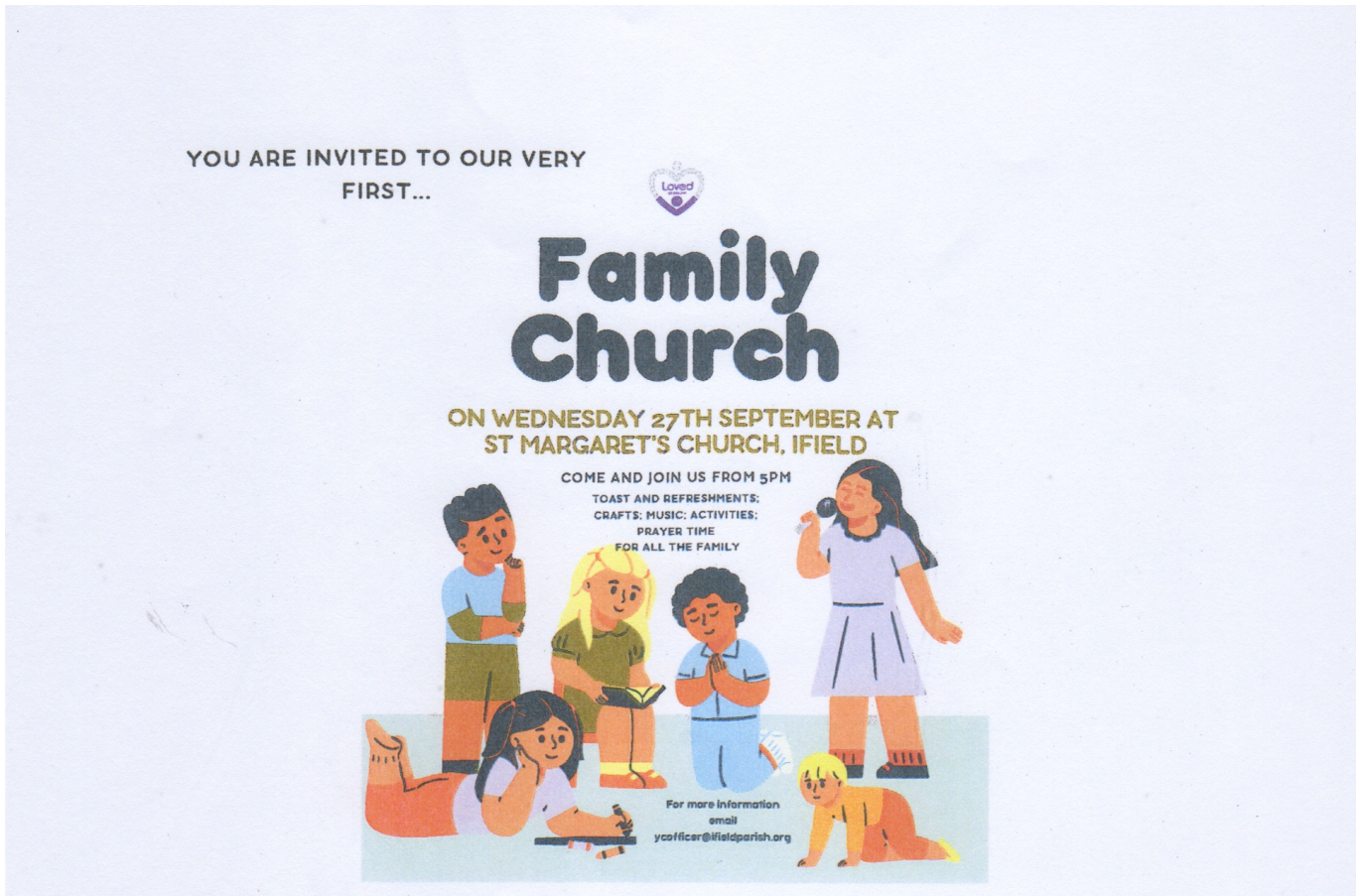
This verse speaks of the balance of life and makes the point that all things have their season and time. The writer also tells us that there is a need to give time to the important things of life, the things that really matter, when he famously goes on to unpack the kinds of experiences, we all have as human beings - a time to laugh, a time to cry etc. That we should learn to ride with the ebb and flow of life and that busyness and stillness are equal and important.

So, as we enter September, let us remember to take those moments of stillness and rest amongst the rush of life, and give thanks to God for them.

Every blessing, *Christine*

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

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| 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 |
| Last Wednesday | 5.00 pm | Family Church |



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Come at 11 am and hear a talk from Martin Auton-Lloyd, Director of Chichester Diocesan Family Support Work. Please bring your harvest gifts for this very worthwhile charity.



PARISH HOUSE GROUPS

House groups will be reconvening in September when new members would be very welcome.

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER.

Trevor is organising Skittles and a Buffet in Three Bridges.
Further details will be available soon.

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**



WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

WAS IT SURPRISING?
DID IT CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK?
OR WAS IT SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO BE TRUE BUT DIDN'T DARE
HOPE?



YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND EXPLORE
CHRISTIANITY

SATURDAY MORNINGS 9.30AM TILL 11AM
BACON BUTTIES AND REFRESHMENTS
SERVED FROM 9AM

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO ADULTS WITH A
FULL PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN TOO!

SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
2023 ON THE LIST IN CHURCH



CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED



Course dates are 23rd and 30th September; 7th and 14th October; 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November. If you would like to know more about the course, please speak to our Youth and Children's Officer, Naomi Gater, or our Reader, Jill Bell.

Please Note: It's important that anyone who is interested should sign up on the list in church no later than Wednesday 6th September, to enable us to order the course material in good time.

200 CLUB

The third 200 Club Building Fund draw took place on 13th August, the results of which are set out below:

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| 1st prize | £42.00 | Mrs. Patricia Horsman |
| 2nd prize | £25.00 | Mrs. Delia Briggs |
| 3rd Prize | £17.00 | The winner wishes to remain anonymous |

The next draw will be on 10th September.

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



Heartfelt thanks to all who kindly sponsored Jane and Jill for the annual 8.7 mile Amberley-Arundel Walk. Unfortunately, Jane was unwell and unable to take part on the day, but Jill walked a total of 11.4 miles, including from home to Ifield station and back.

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 CLUBS

Junior Youth Club - School Years 1-4

Above Youth Club - School Years 5-8

Beyond Youth Club - School Years 9 and above

For more information, please contact Naomi Gater, Youth and Children's Officer

EASTER TEAM FOODBANK.

Please leave items in the basket in church or contact sue@ifieldparish.org for collection. Items currently most needed are tinned vegetarian meals (e.g. veg curry, macaroni cheese), UHT milk, tea bags, shampoo, shower gel, cooking oil.

WHO'S WHO IN IFIELD PARISH

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REST DAY

Please note that Friday is our Rector's rest day

PLEASE NOTE

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

IFIELD PARISH WEBSITE

www.ifieldparish.org

Please send any information/photos for publication on the website to
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IFIELD PARISH OFFICE

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**Please send any updates for the October 2023 issue to Jill Bell
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