

The Buzz

October 2023

Monthly information for the Parish
of Ifield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Thought for the Month



Once upon a time, when I was young, I loved hill-walking and the idea of climbing mountains. Ben Nevis, the Matterhorn, Kilimanjaro ... everything short of Everest was in my sights. I did once manage the Langdale Pikes in the Lake District, but everything else grew out of my reach many years ago. However, I did prick up my ears this week when I heard a new radio programme telling the story of an expedition to climb the Cuillin

Ridge – a range of twenty-two summits on the Isle of Skye. The narrator was writer and mountaineer Robert Macfarlane, and his aim was to tackle this, the hardest climb in the UK, traversing the ridge over two days with an overnight bivouac at three thousand feet. Crossing the jagged basalt ridge involved four thousand metres of ascent and descent, including abseiling down into a chimney-like gap and then somehow climbing out of it.

Macfarlane described how the team of three approached the climb humbly and with apprehension. It's a journey not everyone should undertake, but his aim was to bring along with him, through sound, people who wouldn't be able to make it for themselves. He achieved this through poetry, music and the sound of boots dragging through rocky terrain.

Mountains, he said, have the capacity to give us a sense of a bigness outside ourselves. But the most important lesson he brought away with him was that coming off three quarters of the way along the ridge and not achieving his aim of traversing its entire length in the allocated time didn't matter at all. It was the experience that would live with him, not the failure to attain his goal.

Failure can often teach us much more than success. It forces us to re-examine our priorities – perhaps to make new ones; to understand that what we thought we wanted might not have been the best outcome; that none of us is an island. Taking our failures to our heavenly father, in prayer and with humility, can be the catalyst for a new beginning.

Yours in Christ,
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
Last Wednesday	5.00 pm	Family Church



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

11.00 am	Harvest Eucharist
4.00 pm	Harvest Songs of Praise

Our harvest offerings this year will go to Family Support Work. Currently they are sending around thirty boxes a week out to families, with the aim of including enough food to help with around twenty meals over the month. That, with the addition of loo rolls, cleaning products and toiletries, means they can make a significant contribution to a family that they are supporting. Please give generously.



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

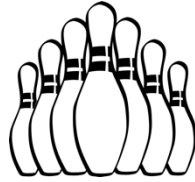
**St. Margaret's Church
Ifield**

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

All welcome to come and

**chat
drink coffee
make friends**





MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SKITTLES EVENING

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

7.30pm at the Jubilee Club, Three Bridges

Please book your place via mensfellowship@ifieldparish.org

200 CLUB

The third 200 Club Building Fund draw took place on 10th September, the results of which are set out below:

1st prize Jo Strutt
2nd prize Trevor Strutt
3rd Prize Kevin Lawler

The next draw will be on 8th October.

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



Over the summer our work has predominantly been focused on supporting families with the challenges of changes in routine, coping with the additional costs that school holidays bring and helping those who have been struggling with their mental health. We have continued to receive a large number of new referrals, which we are having to put on waiting lists at the

moment as all of our practitioners have full caseloads. This is an indication of just how much we are needed in the absence of other services for families.

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.

The next collection on the parades will be on Saturday 18th November.

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

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