

The Buzz

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Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

Thought for the Month



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been”
(Rainer Maria Rilke)

Have you made any new year's resolutions? It's a question I dread. Long ago I gave up making resolutions, as they always seemed to lead to feelings of guilt when they were, inevitably, broken. But recently I've realised that the best resolutions are not strictly quantifiable.

Perhaps the best resolutions involve the word “more”.

Our diocesan vision, on which our parish Mission Action Plan is based, is that we should become

- more open
- more converted to Jesus Christ
- more generous
- more engaged

These “four mores”, it seems to me, could make a good basis for a set of new year's resolutions both in our personal lives and our life as a church community. What do I mean by this?

Perhaps we might resolve to be

- more open to new ideas, new ways of doing things, other people's opinions and suggestions
- more converted to Jesus Christ, by spending more time in his presence, more time in prayer, more time reading the Bible
- more generous, not just with money but with time and hospitality, too
- more engaged, by getting to know more people in our community and trying to understand what makes them tick.

FROM THE SAVE WEST OF IFIELD COMMITTEE



Homes England wants to build 10,000 *more* houses between Horsham and Crawley, together with a new dual carriageway cutting through the countryside!

What does this mean for you?

10,000 + new houses means:

- The local infrastructure will be overwhelmed!
 - 10,000 houses means over 14000 more cars on local roads – think of the traffic and increased pollution!
 - Around 24,000 more people needing access to the (already overwhelmed) health service - no new GP surgeries or hospital are planned
 - More pressure on local schools and public transport
- Increased air and noise pollution – air quality in Crawley is already poor, meaning real impacts to our health
- Loss to the community of ancient woodland and countryside -what will happen to the wildlife?
- The threat of increased flooding in the area caused by concreting over undeveloped land that acts as water soak
- The new housing will not be affordable for Crawley's residents. **This development is not designed to meet local housing needs**
- Another step towards Crawley and Horsham becoming one major conurbation – Crawsham
- This opens the door for even more development in the future

You can still make a difference!

Please get involved!

Oppose plans and be sure to Write/email: Homes England, Horsham district council, Local MP Henry Smith, Jeremy Quin, Secretary of state for Housing, Communities and Local Government Michael Gove and local newspapers.

To stay up to date and join the movement, please join our Save West of Ifield Facebook Group, and visit our website: www.savewestofifield.co.uk



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).

Day & Time	Contact	Venue	Study Topic
Mondays 10.30 am	Chris and Jill Bell 521699	Tree House, Rusper Road	The Seven Signs of John's Gospel
Thursdays 7.30 pm	Ian Edgson 552662	Please check	The Shack (book and movie)

Please look out for details of our parish Lent Course in the February issue of The Buzz

NEWS FROM THE EASTER TEAM

Thank you so much everyone for all your generous donations to the foodbank this year. Easter Team are immensely grateful for all you do to support local people in need.

So sit back and enjoy your Christmas in the knowledge that those who have little have a little bit more now thanks to Easter Team and those who support them.

Next Delivery Tuesday 4th January.

For further information, please contact sue@ifieldparish.org.





Thank You for The Christmas Donations

This year we have been truly grateful for all the donations of food and toys that we have received. They have come from all corners of Sussex and from churches, schools, local businesses and other community groups. We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who donated items for our hampers - our families are going to be receiving some wonderful goodies over the next week.

A happy ending to finish the year

Our families often drop their practitioners a quick email or text to say thank you for something, which we always appreciate, and we share some of these with you each month. We want to share something a little more detailed with you here, as it is sometimes easy to forget that our work goes a lot deeper than the practical support we offer to our families. We have been working with a family in East Sussex for five years, and it has been a very complex and traumatic case. But this week the family agreed that we had helped them to be strong enough to manage on their own, and so we were thrilled to be able to close the case knowing that they didn't need us any more. This is what the mum wrote to her practitioner: *"I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for me and my family. Out of all the services I have had to use for help for me and T, yours has been by far the most helpful on the practical side. For guidance and support you have always been truthful and totally reliable, and on the emotional support you have been outstanding. There have been many times I have fallen into a very dark place and without your kind words and support things could have been very different for me. Both T and I found trust in you where we could be honest and take your advice which has led us to where we are now - something I will never forget and will be forever grateful for. I will miss you, but you have put me in a much better place. I am ready to be more independent and have new knowledge learnt from you to help both of us. Thank you so much Jude, you really are an amazing person."*

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OUR RECTOR'S 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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