



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Buzz

February 2024
Monthly information for the
Parish of Ifield



Thought for the Month



Lent is the Old English word for Spring – a time of growth and re-awakening. This may sound like wishful thinking in 2024, when Lent begins on 14th February and Spring seems a long way off, but it's never too early to start growing.

While only the fortunate few – the young among us - are still growing in stature, we can all grow in faith, and Lent is the ideal time to start this afresh. As flowers begin to emerge from bulbs, birds start to search for nesting material and the days lengthen, we too can blossom.

One thing we can do to deepen our faith is to take part in a Lent course or a house group. Two house groups run throughout the year in our parish (please see details below), and this year we are also offering a Lent course on Wednesday mornings. This latter only runs for four weeks, so it's an ideal opportunity to try out a group without making a long-term commitment.

The Monday morning group meeting at Tree House is doing something different for Lent. We plan to follow an interactive course based on the 2021 film version of *West Side Story*. We will reflect on the Lenten experience of the Gospels alongside some of the key themes of this much-loved musical tale of immigration, segregation, love found and lost, betrayal, repentance, and tragedy leading to new resolve. We will start by watching the film together over two Monday mornings, 5th and 12th February, and newcomers to the group would be very welcome. If you would like to join us, please let me know so that I can order a copy of the book for you.

The Wednesday morning group, meeting in the Youth Room at the back of the church, will look at a series of biblical reflections and meditations based on readings from the Psalms, Epistles and Gospels – the latter three fitting in with our diocesan Year of the New Testament. Again, all will be welcome.

For those who prefer private study to group work, there is an option for individual study in the book which accompanies *A Place for Us*. I would also recommend the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2024 – *Tarry Awhile* by Selina Stone – a book which invites us into the vibrant tapestry of Black spiritualities, offering wisdom that transforms daily encounters with the divine through music, silence, and shared narratives.

Lent and Holy Week offer us a time for growth in preparation for the joyful awakening of Easter. May we, as a church, seize this opportunity to grow together spiritually and deepen our faith.

Jill

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

DURING TRIAL PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 2023 TO MARCH 2024

1st Sunday	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Sunday Celebration	(2.00 pm Baptisms)	(3.00 pm Baptisms)
2nd Sunday	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am FIISH Service		
3rd Sunday	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am All Age Eucharist		3.30 pm Choral Evensong (in new year)
4th Sunday		11.00 am Parish Communion		
5th Sunday	9.30 am (BCP) Holy Communion	11.00 am Service of the Word		3.30 pm Vision Service (in new year)

Wednesdays
Last Wednesday

9.30 am
5.00 pm

Said Eucharist
Family Church

Please send your feedback on the new pattern of services to
focusgroup@ifieldparish.org

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion with ashing 14th February at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm

LENT COURSES

The following courses are being offered, and all are welcome to attend:

“A Place for Us” – a course based on West Side Story: Mondays from 10.30am to 12 noon at Tree House, Rusper Road, beginning by watching the film in two parts on 5th and 12th February, followed by 5 study sessions on 19th and 26th February, and 4th, 11th and 18th March.

Biblical Reflections for Lent - a series of reflections and meditations based on readings from the Psalms, Epistles and Gospels, in the Youth Room at the back of the church on Wednesdays from 10.15 to 11.45 am, on 21st & 28th February, and 13th & 20th March.

For more information, please contact Jill Bell on 01293 521699 or by email at reader@ifieldparish.org

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**

200 CLUB

The latest 200 Club Building Fund draw took place on 14th January. The results are set out below:

1st Michael Briggs	£45.00
2nd Anonymous	£27.00
3rd Rita Strutt	£18.00

The next draw will be on 11th February.

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

The current cold weather has been a worry for many of our families, who are concerned about the impact of paying for heating on their family finances. Our winter fuel fund has been a massive help to them in this regard. We are also still supporting families with multiple complex issues who need significant help. The biggest needs for our help remain financial issues, mental health support and support for children with additional needs who are struggling with education.



For more information, or to donate, please visit: familysupportwork.org

FUNDRAISING
CONCERT
IN AID OF FAMILY SUPPORT WORK
COME AND HEAR THE WONDERFUL
CHOIR & KO
Saturday 3rd February 2024 @ 3pm
St Swithun's Church, East Grinstead
RH19 3RZ
Tickets £10 each, to include refreshments

For further information please contact
lynnefallowell@gmail.com

Toovey's Antique and Fine Art Auctioneers
and Valuers

Rupert Toovey hosts a tour of the famous Toovey's saleroom and you have the chance to bring an item for Rupert to examine and discuss.

Light refreshments and raffle

Friday 16th February 10am
Spring Gardens
Washington
Pulborough RH20 3BS
£10 ticket

Contact Alyson
alyson.heath55@gmail.com or 01798 873795 for more information and to buy tickets

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 GROUPS

Junior Youth Club - School Years 1-4

Above Youth Club - School Years 5-8

For more information, please contact the Rector

EASTER TEAM FOODBANK

Especially needed for next time:

Nappies size 2 and above

Tea bags (preferably boxes of 80/100)

Please leave items in the basket in church or contact sue@ifieldparish.org for collection.

WHO'S WHO IN IFIELD PARISH

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REST DAYS

Please note that Friday is our Rector's rest day
Our Curate's rest day is Saturday

PLEASE NOTE

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

IFIELD PARISH WEBSITE

www.ifieldparish.org

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Please send any updates for the March 2024 issue to Jill Bell
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