

NOTICES CONTINUED

In church this week –

Wednesday 23rd February	9.30 am	Said Eucharist Service
Saturday 26th February	9.30 am	Wedding Preparation Class

Forthcoming Events

Lizzi's Welcome Service is taking place on the 27th of February at 11 am in church.

Diocesan Lent Course. For this year's course, 'Comfort ye my people', Bishop Martin has invited five people to record an audio reflection addressing the theme of God's consolation. In addition, each session will introduce an image to awaken vision, a passage from the Bible to invite meditation, a short prayer to lift us up to God and a hymn to let our spirits soar.

One of the opportunities to join in this course in our parish will be on Mondays from 10.30 - 12 noon at Tree House, Rusper Road, starting on Monday 7th March and led by Jill Bell. If you would like to take part, please let Jill know by contacting her on reader@ifieldparish.org or phoning 01293 521699. We will also have another option to participate in the course, which will run on an afternoon or evening. Please see the sign-up sheet on the welcome table, or contact Lizzi on curatelizzie@ifieldparish.org or 07565126233.

Lent Lunches In Aid Of Family Support Work. A simple Lent Lunch (vegetable soup, roll and butter and cheese) will be served at the back of the church on Wednesdays in Lent, starting on Wednesday 9th March at 12.30 pm. The cost will be £5 a head. Please come and join us.

Easy Fundraising. The parish has set up a fundraising account with Easy Fundraising: If you load the App on your smartphone and computer then online purchases from a huge range of suppliers (eg. Amazon, eBay, Tesco, Iceland, Argos, Decathlon, M&S, John Lewis, WHSmith Curry's, AO, apple, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) etc) will result in automatic donations being made to St. Margaret's Church, Ifield. As we now buy so much online this is an easy way to help us at no additional cost - a win-win solution.

Alternatively you can use the link below which takes you direct to our page. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretsifield/?q=St%20Margarets%20-%20Ifield&cat=cause-autosuggest>

For more information on Save West of Ifield please refer to this website:
www.savewestoffield.co.uk

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WELCOME TO ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, IFIELD



Please join us

Here at St. Margaret's we are delighted to open our church again daily from 8:30 am till 6 pm to enable people to use this building individually for private prayer.

Although this building has been shut, the 'church' has remained open and active, working to serve our community and continuing to gather online.

Please do look at our website

www.ifieldparish.org

or our group

[St Margaret's Church, Ifield](#)

for more details of our online services, how to join them, and discover how the church is active and at work proclaiming in this community, that in Jesus you are "Loved as you are".

20th February 2022

2nd Sunday Before Lent

Services next Sunday:

Sunday Before Lent

Sung Eucharist Service (11 am)

For our prayers

The Parish: Old Manor Court, The Orchards, Overdene Drive and Parham Road, Martin Close, Martyrs Avenue and Medlar Close

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Richard Aldridge, Jean Bovis, John Wheeler, Mark and Julia Upton, Pat Hollis, Jill and Mike Charman, David Talbot, Yvonne Schultz and Sheila Johnstone

The Departed: Jeff Strutt and Susan Manuel

Year's mind: Olaf Twyman, Marian Bowen, Jonathan Strutt, Hilda Friend and William Mayes

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I would like to thank everyone at St. Margaret's for their prayers and cards following the death of my daughter, Alison Tucknott, on 7th January. With love, Joan.

Lizzi Green

As you will be aware Lizzi has been on placement for the last 6 weeks here in order to gain a different experience of parish ministry. Following discussions between myself, Ann Alexander and Rebecca Swyer from the Diocese it has been agreed that it is in her best interests to remain here to finish her curacy.

She will be licensed as the curate at St Margaret's in the next few weeks.

In order to allow St Alban's to say goodbye and for us to welcome her, I have invited Ann and the congregation of St Alban's to join us here at the 11 am service on 27th February 2022.

I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend and welcome Lizzi to her new parish and in the meantime please pray for Lizzi and her family.

Christine - Rector

Face Masks and other things

Despite the government removing the legal requirement for the wearing of face masks, it is still acknowledged that face masks are recommended in enclosed spaces where people gather and meet who don't normally meet. Taking this into account at a recent PCC meeting the PCC decided to retain mask use here in St Margaret's following the Church of England guidance.

The Church of England considers that as Christians we are called to be responsible to, and for, one another and should respect the more vulnerable within our church family. Whilst not being able to enforce mask wearing the PCC felt that those who did not wish to wear one could be asked to sit away from those who still wished to wear masks and those who felt particularly vulnerable.

The Church of England considers that the use of hand sanitisers and the placement of these near the entrance remains good practice and the PCC decided that we would continue that. The guidance from the Church of England also encourages the displaying of the QR code for people to use if they wish to do so as that was also seen as good practice.

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The Church of England still considered that singing involves more risk to people so for the time being masks will still be worn while singing.

The PCC have considered the guidance on the provision of coffee and tea after the services and it was felt that we could recommence this again if we have willing volunteers. **For anyone who would like to help start this up again please let the Parish Office know.**

Finally the PCC considered the practice for giving Holy Communion and decided that we will continue our current practice for now.

It should be stressed that all of the above will be kept under review and will be removed once it is felt safe to do so.

The Lord's Prayer Bible Study has been postponed and will take place after Easter.

Wednesday Said Eucharistic Services from Ash Wednesday this service will take place weekly.

Easter Team Foodbank: Many thanks to those who contributed to the last delivery.

Ian Edgson will be doing the delivery on, TUESDAY 8th MARCH so in the meantime please leave donations in the church basket or contact Ian edgsoni@btinternet.com

Current Needs:

Long life milk, large boxes/bags cereal, especially porridge, tinned meat, boil in the bag rice, nappies - all sizes.

Thank you for your continued support - the surge in fuel prices will affect us all but especially those who already have little. Praying for a bumper boot load in 3 weeks time and for the local outreach on Parade Day this Saturday 🙏

Community Walk taking place on Sunday 13th March at 2 pm leaving from St Margaret's church, 2 hours across the fields.

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