

# The Buzz

May 2023

Monthly information for the Parish  
of Ifield



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## Thought for the Month



The coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May will contain a strong Christian element. The anointing of the King has echoes of a christening or the ordination into religious orders, with the monarch being symbolically touched with holy oil on the head, chest and hands. This was considered such a sacred moment that, in 1953, the television cameras were not allowed to film it at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It seems likely that this will again be the case.

Anointing has its roots in the Old Testament, with the prophet Samuel anointing Israel's first king, Saul. In this country it can be traced back to the coronation of King Edgar by St. Dunstan in 973. The outward and visible act of anointing signifies an inward grace: we pray that God would bless and set apart King Charles to serve the people of our nation and Commonwealth with humility and joy.

The oil used to anoint the King is one of the most sacred and mysterious parts of the ceremony - and a new quantity has been prepared. To reflect modern sensitivities, this oil will not include any ingredients from animals. The "chrism oil" was consecrated earlier this year by the Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on the site where it is believed Jesus died and was buried.

The new oil includes olive oil scented with a mix of essential oils, sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli and benzoin, with orange blossom also added. It also has a royal family significance, partly using olives grown on the Mount of Olives at the Monastery of Mary Magdalene, which is where the King's grandmother, Princess Alice, is buried.

Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, welcomed the use of oil from the Mount of Olives, saying: "This demonstrates the deep historic link between the coronation, the Bible and the Holy Land." He added: "From ancient kings through to the present day, monarchs have been anointed with oil from this sacred place."

The coronation service will be steeped in centuries of tradition and rich in Christian symbols and values. As we prepare to witness this historic occasion let us pray for our new King and Queen and wish God's blessing upon them.

*Jill*

## SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8.00 am 11.00 am	Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	FIISH for young families Sung Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist
Wednesdays	9.30 am	Said Eucharist



## 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](mailto:jo@bridgeham.com) for detail



In his April newsletter, the Director, Martin Auton-Lloyd, writes: “The recurring challenge is the difficulty in accessing support services because the demand is so high that children are really struggling, especially young ones, as a result of the Covid lockdowns and having missed out on school and preschool activities. At the same time, like so many

of us, parents are worn down by the constant challenges of the cost-of-living crisis. This is why those of us that are fortunate enough to have supportive relationships, warm homes and enough to eat need to continue to support those who struggle.”

For more information, or to donate, please visit: [familysupportwork.org](http://familysupportwork.org)

# PCC ELECTIONS

At the Annual Church Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April the following were elected:

Parish Wardens: Andy Ironside and Kevin Lawler

Deanery Representatives: Mary Pedlow, Trevor Strutt

New PCC Members: Jo-Ann Silk, Clare Wilson, Nicky Wood

## 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

Current needs are for shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, nappies sizes 4/5/6, toilet paper and UHT milk.

Please leave items in the basket in church or contact [sue@ifieldparish.org](mailto:sue@ifieldparish.org) for collection.

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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

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