

The Buzz

May 2022



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

Thought for the Month



Sing a song of May-time.
Sing a song of Spring.
Flowers are in their beauty.
Birds are on the wing.
May time, play time.
God has given us May time.
Thank Him for His gifts of love.
Sing a song of Spring.

May Day has been a traditional day of festivities throughout the centuries. It is most associated with towns and villages celebrating springtime fertility and revelry with village fetes and community gatherings. Traditional English May Day rites and celebrations include Morris dancing, crowning a May Queen, and celebrations involving a Maypole, around which traditional dancers circle with ribbons.

Traditionally, May Day was the halfway point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice. It was also rooted in agriculture. Springtime festivities filled with song and dance celebrated the crops in the fields starting to sprout. Cattle were driven to pasture, special bonfires were lit, and people decorated the doors of their houses with yellow May flowers.

The coming of Christianity brought agricultural feasts such as Plough Sunday (the first Sunday in January), Rogationtide, Harvest Festival, and May Day. Since May 1 is the Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James, they became the patron saints of workers. Seeding has been completed by this date so farm labourers could be given a day off.

Originally, the Maypole was a living tree chosen from the woods with much merrymaking. Ancient Celts danced around the tree, praying for good crops and fertility. For younger people, there was the possibility of courtship. If a young woman and man paired by sundown, their courtship continued so that the couple could get to know each other and possibly marry six weeks later on Midsummer Day. This is how the "June wedding" became a tradition.

May Day is a day of unity and rebirth - a day when we come together as a community to celebrate life and to thank God for all his good gifts.

Here's wishing you all a joyful May Day 2022!

Jill

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

1 st Sunday	8.00 am 11.00 am	Said Eucharist Non-Eucharistic Service
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

Current guidelines are that masks must be worn in church.



Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 11:30 - 16:00

May Queen Parade leaves

St. Margaret's School, Ifield at 11am Fayre opens at Ifield Barn Theatre -11.30am

Proceeds to...

St. Margaret's Church Building Fund & Ifield Barn Theatre

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.

Next Delivery Tuesday 3rd May

Items currently most needed are:

Tea	Tinned meat
Coffee	Tinned fruit
Biscuits	Long life milk

Please leave in the basket by the church door or contact me sue@ifieldparish.org

Thank you 🙏



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	Diocesan Lent Course
Thursdays 7.30 pm	Ian Edgson 552662	Please check	The Shack (book and movie)



We are delighted to announce that, after our recent recruitment process, we have appointed seven new family support practitioners to new areas of Sussex. This will bring the total number of practitioners to 20 and enable us to support hundreds more families over the coming years.

Here is one of the thank-you letters received after a recent family weekend away:

"I don't even know where to start, there are no words to fully explain how grateful I am for the weekend we've just had with FSW thanks to the team. It was such an amazing experience for both myself and my little girl who is 3, we both made some fantastic friends who we will be spending a lot more time with. Just having the chance to watch Rosie play so freely with all the other children was so wonderful to see, and the range of activities was unbelievable, there wasn't a moment she wasn't engaged in something. She brought home some amazing creations and prizes. It was the first holiday we've had and it has given us lots of wonderful memories that I know we will treasure forever."

FSW are able to run events like this thanks to your support.



HELP US TO WIN THE TESCO VOTE

From 1st April - 30 June 2022 we are one of three charities hoping to win the Community Grant at Crawley branches of Tesco. PLEASE help us by collecting blue tokens and helping us win £1500!



- Tesco Extra Hazelwick Avenue**
- Tesco Express, Peterhouse Parade, Pound Hill**
- Tesco Express Downland Drive**
- Tesco Express, Plaistow Street, Lingfield**
- Tesco Express, Hyde Drive, Ifield**
- Tesco Express Haslet Avenue**
- Tesco Express Betts Way**



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CHARITY NO 285337 A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE REGISTERED NO 1648903 REGISTERED OFFICE:
GARTON HOUSE 22 STANFORD AVENUE, BRIGHTON, BN1 6AA

LITTLE DRAGONS

**It's church, it's messy, it's for little ones,
their parents and carers!**

Starting 9th May 2022

9 till 10.30am

St Margaret's Church, Ifield

Every Monday in term time



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or email ycofficer@ifieldparish.org for further details

WHO'S WHO IN IFIELD PARISH

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REST DAYS

Please note that Friday is our Rector's rest day and our Curate's rest day is Monday

PLEASE NOTE

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

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