



# The Buzz

September 2022



THE CHURCH  
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## Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

### Thought for the Month



I always feel that September is a month of new beginnings, and often new beginnings come after something else comes to an end. A few weeks ago children and parents geared up to the end of term, the end of the school year, perhaps even the end of schooling for some! Perhaps a period of employment ended before the summer break.

As different things come to an end, new beginnings will be ahead – new classes, university, college, retirement, moving to a new house, new relationships, a new job with new challenges and I am sure you can think of many more, perhaps some you are experiencing yourself.

I wonder how many of these things, however exciting they may be, actually fill us with apprehension or anxiety, and how many we run towards with excitement and vigour, or perhaps a mixture of both.

Yet each new day has the opportunity for something new, something exciting, a new chapter to embrace. A chance to invite God into those new beginnings, and to ask Him for his strength, support, encouragement and guidance.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*  
(2 Corinthians 5:17).

This verse, written by Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, is an incredible promise for all who choose a new beginning, a fresh start, in Jesus Christ. A promise for anyone, not those who have it all wrapped up and sorted, or know the bible chapter and verse, or those who are 'perfect' in every way, but for anyone to come and be a new creation in Jesus Christ.

Change can be scary, can be daunting, can feel like stepping into the unknown, but in Christ we are changed and continue to be changed as God works both for us and in us. What an incredible gift that is, a gift for the here and now, for us to receive. God longs to do a new thing in all our lives.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all every blessing for this month ahead as you reflect on the endings and look forward to new beginnings.

Every blessing,

*Christine*

Rector

# 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

## HARVEST FAMILY SUPPER

Saturday 24th September, 6pm

Please join us for this family event. The meal will be home cooked cottage pie (with vegetarian/vegan and gluten free options) followed by dessert. There will also be a quiz for the whole family and a silent auction\*. Tickets are now available - adults £5, children under 11 £3 - from the Parish Office or Chris and Jill Bell. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

*\*In a silent auction, bids are submitted on paper rather than in person. The highest bid for each lot is announced on the night.*

Please think about what you can offer, e.g. baby-sitting, a cake, ironing, afternoon tea, gardening, decorating, a meal, nails, a week in Bermuda ! etc. Then please provide the following information:

Your name, telephone number, email, promise offered, reserve price (if any) and either give it to Chris Bell, or place it in the 'Silent Auction Promises' box near the north door. Alternatively you can email your promise to [jcbell@mac.com](mailto:jcbell@mac.com) with the subject line "Auction Promise".

Please submit your promises no later than Saturday 17th September so they can be included on the bid sheet.



## PARISH HOUSE GROUPS

Mondays 10.30 am Tree House, Rusper Road, from 5<sup>th</sup> September  
(please contact Jill Bell on 521699 for details)

Tuesdays 7.30-9.30 pm from 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. (No sessions 25<sup>th</sup> Oct & 1<sup>st</sup> Nov) and resuming 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Study Course: The Reason for God. Venue may vary. Please contact Jo Strutt [jo@bridgeham.com](mailto:jo@bridgeham.com) for details.

# **A COMMUNITY FUN EVENT**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 2.00 PM**

On the green between Ifield Barn Theatre and St. Margaret's Church

Outdoor games – bring a picnic

# **FILM AND SOCIAL EVENING**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.00 PM**

Come and watch Operation Mincemeat in great company, have a chat, a drink and a wonderful buffet. Joint fundraiser for St. Margaret's Church and Save West of Ifield. Tickets (£12.50, including the buffet and soft drinks) available from Martin Stone. Please book no later than Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

# **MUSIC WORKSHOP DAY**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Please save the date for this event which will run from about 9.30am until about 3pm. During the day we will have the opportunity to learn about the place of music in liturgy, preparation of the hymns for the next four weeks and begin looking at how we can build a choir and a band. More details will follow.



There has been a real increase in need for our work recently, and most of our practitioners have full caseloads as well as full waiting lists. We are finding more frequently that parents are struggling to support their children within the education system, particularly if their child has additional needs.

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

# **AMBERLEY-ARUNDEL SPONSORED WALK**

Jane Binmore and Jill Bell plan to take part in this 8.7 mile circular walk to raise funds for FSW, which has been postponed until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September due to the excessive heat on the original date. A sponsorship form can be found on the table in church and any donations you feel able to give will be much appreciated.

# NEWS FROM THE EASTER TEAM

Current particular needs for the basket in church are for soup (especially cuppa soups), tinned meat and fish, and sanitary towels.

## 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

## IFIELD PARISH WEBSITE

[www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)

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Please send any updates for the October 2022 issue to Jill Bell  
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