

NOTICES CONTINUED

In church this week –

Wednesday 16 th March	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Said Eucharist Service Lent Lunches
Friday 18 th March	6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Younger Youth Group Older Youth Group

Forthcoming Events

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.savewestofifield.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".

13th March 2022

Lent 2

Services next Sunday: **Family Service (9.30 am)**
Lent 3 **Sung Eucharist Service (11 am)**

For our prayers

The Parish: Hyde Drive, Ifield Avenue, Ifield Drive and Ifield Green, Honeysuckle Lane, Ifield Road and Ivanhoe Close

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Richard Aldridge, Jean Bovis, Mark and Julia Upton, Pat Hollis, Jill and Mike Charman, David Talbot, Yvonne Schultz, Paula Holt, Arthur and Doris Pattenden

The Departed: Maureen Williams

Year's mind: Albert Humphrey, Victor Neal, Mervyn Daniel, Ralph Harris, John Shrives, John Boud, Francois Lyssens and Marina Causer

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Crawley Open House has sent us a thank you for the £149.15 raised during our Christmas Collections. For more information please see the notice board in the porch.

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.

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.**

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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.

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

Easter Team Foodbank: Easter Team pass on their thanks for the last delivery of your generous donations, they were very gratefully received.

The increase in demand across Crawley continues as the cost of living starts to pinch with people in work but on low incomes struggling to make ends meet.

Also, the amount of donations coming in at the moment has decreased so please do continue to support if you can and spread the word to friends, family and neighbours if you feel able.

Next delivery Tuesday 22nd March.

Currently in short supply:

Tinned potatoes

Tinned meat

Tinned vegetables (not peas)

Cereal

Tea bags

Rice.

Thank you 🙏

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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