



The Buzz

July 2023

Monthly information for the Parish
of Ifield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Thought for the Month



WELCOME DOMINIC!



I am sure we will offer the warmest of welcomes to Dominic, who having been made a deacon at Chichester Cathedral starts his ministry here with us from this Sunday.

Dominic can introduce himself in a moment, but I wanted to say a few words before he did so.

A deacon's role is exciting and daunting in equal measure. Those who joined Dominic and his friends and family yesterday at the Cathedral heard these words from the ordination service which describe what the role is all about:

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

So, no small undertaking there then!

I have absolutely no doubt Dominic will be an asset here in St Margaret's and will inspire us to new and exciting things. But, and it's a big but, we must, as Jill reminded us last month, not expect him to be an extra pair of hands and we mustn't expect him to say 'yes' to everything – well not for the next few months anyway!! Because the reality is very different: Dominic is primarily here to learn, through a combination of continued academic study and in-work experience. This will limit the time available for him to contribute to the parish. Similarly, having Dominic here is likely to make me busier, in the short term anyway. Please set your expectations of what he and I can do for a while at that level and give the curacy time to blossom. We should also be mindful that he is a self-supporting minister and will still need to work to pay the bills!

But now I will let Dominic introduce himself and ask that you hold him in your prayers as he begins his ministry here with us.

Yours in Christ

Christine

A MESSAGE FROM DOMINIC



My call to ordination began in my teens and slowly grew until I could not ignore it anymore. I first trained as a Reader in the Church of England at St Augustine's College of Theology, but it was clear God wanted more. Having forged a career in the NHS I went back to St Augustine to complete my bachelor's degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission part-time and am now looking forward to serving my curacy with Christine and the people of St Margaret of Antioch Ifield, Crawley as a self-supporting minister. I believe God is calling me to encourage other people to encounter Christ through God's sacramental presence, to minister, to form new relationships between the Church and community and to walk alongside people as we progress together in our journey of faith. Together we serve Christ and I would ask that you pray for me and all those recently ordained.

Dominic

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

1 st Sunday	8.00 am 11.00 am	Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist
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



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 for details



Our first Dalesdown residential weekend of the year took place at the end of April. We welcomed 10 families for the whole weekend and several more for the Saturday. This year we were very excited to be able to offer all families a chance at archery, which was by far the most popular activity of the weekend! Families also enjoyed basketball, messy play, various craft activities and the always hotly-contested bingo session. The weekend was a huge success and wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support from our funders, our staff who gave up their weekend, and all the volunteers who helped behind the scenes. We will return to Dalesdown in September and are already looking forward to it.

For more information, or to donate, please visit: familysupportwork.org

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

The next delivery to the foodbank will be on Tuesday 27th June.

In addition to everything else, current special needs are for nappies (sizes 5, 6 and 7); long-life milk; cereal.

Please leave items in the basket in church or contact sue@ifieldparish.org for collection.

WHO'S WHO IN IFIELD PARISH

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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

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