

The Buzz

July 2022



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

Thought for the Month



In my family, we love dragons and all the associated mythology, so coming to St. Margaret's and learning about her story was fantastic! St. Margaret, who we commemorate this month, was reportedly executed for her faith after undergoing a series of trials – one of them being when Satan, in the form of a dragon, swallowed her up, and the cross she wore irritated the dragon so much that she was able to escape alive.

We're not sure how true some of the stories about St. Margaret are – but we do know she was a saint who suffered under Roman rule and was prepared to follow Jesus – even to death. That sometimes sounds extreme to us, in a land where we can safely follow our faith, but the reality is that this is the truth for so many of our brothers and sisters, where faith in Christ can be punished by death. I wonder what we would do in the same situation? I'd like to think I would be willing to face torture and death, but I'm not sure.

We don't face quite such dramatic choices here, but in so many ways we are called on to witness to our faith, even when doing so might be uncomfortable or painful. It's a challenge sometimes to tell unbelieving relatives that we are praying for them, or to invite a friend to church, or to refuse to take part in something we know isn't right. Perhaps it's about making a choice not to gossip, or not to join in with negative comments. Whatever it is, it's not always easy.

What a reassurance it is to know that God's strength is greater than we can possibly believe or even imagine! Perhaps this July, as we focus on our Patron saint, we can pray – for our persecuted brothers and sisters across the world, and for ourselves, that God would give us the grace and strength to witness to him in our everyday lives.

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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

A VISIT FROM BISHOP RUTH SUNDAY 10TH JULY



The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager will preside and preach at St. Margaret's at 11 am

ST. MARGARET'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 17TH JULY



Please bring a picnic to share (and a chair or rug to sit on) after the 11 am service as we celebrate the festival of our patron saint

NEWS FROM THE EASTER TEAM

Current needs for the basket in church are for non-perishable food (please no pasta), longlife milk, coffee, deodorant

Our next collection on the shopping parades will be on Saturday 20th August



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	The Lord's Prayer
Thursdays 7.30 pm	Ian Edgson 552662	Please check	The Shack (book and movie)

A NEW HOUSE GROUP!

To be led by Ines Manning and hosted by Mary Pedlow, starting soon on a Thursday or Friday morning. If you would like to be part of this, please speak to Ines or Mary, or contact Jill Bell on 521699, email reader@ifieldparish.org stating which day would suit you best.



We are looking forward to welcoming many of our families to activity days this summer. As family budgets get tighter it is so important that we keep offering this kind of support to families. For some of our children the only days out they will get this summer will be events such as ours.

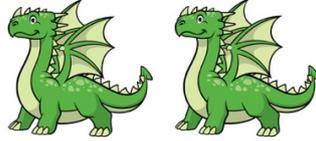
7 new members of staff joined us at the beginning of May and we are thrilled that we now have a team of 20 family support practitioners covering almost every part of Sussex. Our new colleagues are now building up their caseloads and getting to know their new areas.

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



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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