

## NOTICES CONTINUED

### In church this week –

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b> <b>Advent Carol Service</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Little Dragons</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist Service</b> <b>Open Door</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Little Dragons</b>

### ***Crawley Writers' Circle Poetry Trail' Light and Life in Crawley'*** ***March 2024***

Crawley Writers' Circle are planning a poetry trail in the town in connection with Wordfest Crawley. Anyone who enjoys writing poetry is invited to send poems for inclusion to [crawleywriterscircle@gmail.com](mailto:crawleywriterscircle@gmail.com). The deadline for receiving poems is midnight 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Poems may also be handed in at Crawley Writers Circle, Crawley Creative Writers meetings or to any member of Crawley Writers' Circle.

#### Terms and Conditions

1. Poems must loosely fit the theme 'Light and Life in Crawley'.
2. All poems must be 'family friendly' and suitable for a public space.
3. Poems must be not more than 14 lines long ( 20 with spaces)
4. Poems may be in a language other than English if a translation is provided – this will be verified.
5. Authors must have some connection to Crawley.
6. Up to five poems may be offered for consideration. Not all poems may be used, but at least one poem from each author will be included if suitable.
7. No remuneration will be offered as this is a community project.
8. Copyright remains with the author.

## 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 11 am to enable people to use this building individually for private prayer.

Please do look at our website  
[www.ifieldparish.org](http://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".

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

#### Advent Sunday

**Services next Sunday:**  
*Advent 2*

**Parish Communion (9.30 am)**  
**FIISH Service (11.00 am)**

#### For our prayers

The Parish: Beaumont Close, Binstead Close, Birdham Close and Birkdale Drive, Brighton Road, Brisbane Close and Brock Road

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Paula Holt, Arthur and Doris Pattenden, Lydia, David Baker, Maureen Clifford, Charlotte Bacon, Daphne Goodwin, Sally Windsor, Ray and Pam Budd, Tina Fell, Richard Whitehouse, Lucy Millar, Pete Barton, Pat Hollis, Ann Swaine, Susan Maries, John Boero, Tina, Gordon, John Penalver and Linda Pudney

The Departed: Roy Bovis

Year's mind: Ken Adamson, Dilys Whorwood, Mary Hope and Marie Charman

Baptism: Aston Soper

## NOTICES

**Brenda Ward wishes to thank everyone who bought a Snowman. £100 was raised for the Easter Team.**

**Love Christmas 2023** promoting kindness and connection across our community and to reach those who are struggling or alone so they can experience the joy and hope that Christmas promises. Please use the link below (or go to [www.churchcrawley.com](http://www.churchcrawley.com) and select Love Christmas 2023) to nominate a friend or neighbour to receive a Box of Kindness. Deadline for nominations Friday 1st December.

**Love Christmas 2023.** Any **donations** towards Love Christmas would be gratefully received, all of which will be match funded. This can also be done via the above link. And if you would like to join the team to help pull this off, details can be found on the same link

**Over 53,000 households across Sussex are living in fuel poverty this year.** The escalating cost of living and soaring energy bills are forcing families into a distressing dilemma: choosing between warming their homes and putting food on the table, or covering crucial expenses such as shoes and clothing.

Can you consider sharing your winter fuel allowance with those local families who are facing the greatest hardships?

**Please give directly online following this link:  
[www.justgiving.com/campaign/stw23](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stw23)**

Or send a cheque payable to Family Support Work to Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN1 6AA.

**Family Support Work: [www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)**

**Open Door – 1st Wednesday of the month – 10.15 am to 12 pm.**  
Open Door is an opportunity to meet with others, drink coffee and chat - everyone is welcome whether you come to church or not.

Bring your knitting, your dominos, your puzzles but most importantly bring you - a warm welcome awaits!

**Easter Team Foodbank.** I shall be making just one more delivery before Christmas - TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER - so if you're able to give a few items, Easter Team will be extremely grateful as donations from all sources have been dropping off quite a bit recently.

Most needed: Gravy granules and stuffing (pre-Christmas only)  
Tinned meat /fish Tinned fruit Custard

Thanks everyone, your continued support is SO appreciated 🙏  
Many thanks for your continuing support 🙏  
[sue@ifieldparish.org](mailto:sue@ifieldparish.org)

**Flowers** - we are considering a new scheme where people can donate towards the flowers for a particular Sunday in the year (not including the weeks of Lent or Advent) in dedication to a departed family member and/or friend. If you would like to be a part of this scheme please speak to Patricia Upham-Hill. The name of the person can be put on the news sheet on the week of the donation if you would like. If you would like any further information please speak to me or Patricia. Christine

**For more information on Save West of Ifield please refer to this website: [www.savewestofield.co.uk](http://www.savewestofield.co.uk)**