

The Buzz

October 2022



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Monthly information for the Parish of Ifield

Thought for the Month



Did you know that we are told in the bible 365 times to not be afraid? One for every day of the year. And yet, we're human, and sometimes that is really hard for us to do. Fear and uncertainty and confusion seems to be a part of being human, and many of us felt that heightened with the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 2. After all, she had been such a constant for so very long. Born in the 1920's, the same year that John Logie Baird undertook his first public demonstration of a television, she lived through so many key events in our recent history, and, although we knew she was slowly becoming older and more frail, it still came as a shock to us that someone so very there was gone. Her very public role meant that the ceremonies surrounding her mourning and death all played out on the public screen, which of course for so many of us also brought our own losses and griefs into our thoughts.

Queen Elizabeth herself of course was never meant to be on the throne. Rumour has it that for many years as a child after the abdication of her uncle and coronation of her father, she prayed earnestly for a brother to take her place in the line of succession. There must have been many times in her own life that our queen felt fear with the sheer weight of her responsibilities as monarch – yet as her many Christmas messages to the nation demonstrated, she was sustained by a devout faith in God, which seems to have been her constant in an ever changing and sometimes difficult and confusing world.

So how do we move from our own complicated feelings, to a sense of hope? How do we move to a place where we are able to not be afraid? In one of her Christmas messages, the queen quoted one of my favourite passages in the Bible. It comes from the book of Lamentations, which is talking about the exile of the Israelites, who were away from their land, and from their temple, and all that they had seen as constant and unchangeable. The writer acknowledges how painful this experience is, but then, astoundingly, he goes on to say this –

“Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning – great is your faithfulness”.

Perhaps that is what we remind ourselves of when life seems unsettled. That life may be complicated, that grief comes, that heartache may be part of the human condition – but that God promises to meet us where we are at with his compassion and his faithfulness. That may not stop us being afraid, but we can rest in the arms of the one who has big enough arms to carry the fears and the confusions and the worries of the whole world. May you be blessed this month by the love and kindness of the Queen’s King.

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SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET’S

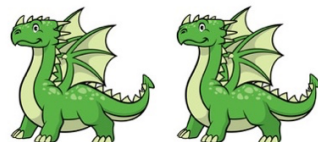
1 st Sunday	8.00 am 11.00 am	Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist
2 nd Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	FIISH for young families Sung Eucharist
3 rd Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
4 th & 5 th Sundays	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist
Wednesdays	9.30 am	Said Eucharist

Sunday School on 1st, 4th and 5th Sundays

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



PARISH HOUSE GROUPS



Mondays 10.30 am Tree House, Rusper Road
(please contact Jill Bell on 521699 for details)

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

MUSIC WORKSHOP DAY

SATURDAY 15TH 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.

FILM AND SOCIAL EVENING

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 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 9th October.



FSW in Action

The core of our work has been supporting families who are finding the current climate incredibly stressful and challenging. We have been assisting families in financial hardship with the provision of school uniform for the new year and helping many families who are new to FSW with applications for relevant benefits. We are also working with a number of Ukrainian refugee families.

One parent got in touch recently to thank Becky, our local Crawley practitioner, for her support:

"We are all in agreement of how lovely, kind and amazing you have been. We will be forever grateful, we all need you in our lives, thank you so much for all your help. We do not know where we would be without your so special help and support."

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

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

TREASURE, SAFEGUARD & CARE FOR CREATION

Saturday 1st October 2022 10am - 4pm

St. Mark's Church, St. Mark's Lane, Horsham RH12 5PU

 St Mark's Church, Holbrook
Knowing Christ and making Him known

Free tickets - donations welcome to A Rocha UK
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/treasure-safeguard-and-care-for-creation-tickets-40023324717>

NEWS FROM THE EASTER TEAM

Current particular needs for the basket in church are for biscuits and tinned fruit, but essentially anything and everything except pasta!

Forthcoming collections: Tues 8th November at the Scouts Fireworks
Saturday 12th November on the Parades

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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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