



Dear Everyone,

Please find details below of events happening this week.

22nd May - Sixth Sunday after Easter

Online 8am BCP Communion with Revd. John Wates leading and presiding, Canon Andrew Britton preaching
Onsite 10am Morning Worship with APCM Madeleine MacCallum leading and Canon Andrew Britton preaching.
Onsite 10am in The Orchard - Ignite and Children's Groups

A reminder that:

St Margaret's annual church meeting (the APCM) will be taking place during the service in church this Sunday

This year, Ray King, our churchwarden for the past three years, is stepping down so we have to appoint new churchwardens and this year we have three candidates for the two posts: Sally Bowes, Jenny Smith, and Ian Thirlwall. We will hear from all three as to what they think they can bring to the role and then there will be a ballot. This will take place at 10am, followed by worship and then the rest of the meeting when we look back over the last 12 months.

The new PCC and sides persons will also be elected.

Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you are on the electoral role or not, but you can only vote if you are on our electoral roll. There is a list in the porch which you can check alternatively please contact Sally Bowes, details below. In addition, anyone wishing to see the Annual Report and Accounts please contact Sally, so she can send you an electronic copy. For anyone unable to access a copy this way, a few copies in paper form will be available at the back of church this coming Sunday.

Sally Bowes, PCC Secretary email: secretary@smchipstead.org or telephone: 01737 554511

Diary Dates

Youth - Wednesday 25th May 3.15pm to 5.15pm onsite in The Orchard which gives us more room for noise, games, and even a quieter space for being creative and doing homework (if they want to)! for ages 11+



Thursday 2nd June 11am Morning Worship celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

St. Margaret's Church will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with a service to include bells and the flag at 11am on Thursday 2nd June. This will be followed at noon by planting a Platinum Jubilee Oak on the Green. This will have a plaque stating: "Planted on 2nd June 2022 to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd on behalf of the communities of Chipstead, Hooley, Mugswell and Netherne". There will be refreshments afterwards.

Loveworks Food bank would be extremely grateful for any donations, you can leave them in the 'big red box' by the entrance or at the Rugby Club on Thursdays between 11am and 1pm. Advanced notice: there will be no food bank collection on Thursday 2nd June as the Rugby Club will be engaged in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Collection will resume weekly after that date.

Loveworks expressed their sincere gratitude for all items donated by the congregation of St Margaret's.



Life in a parish church...

It has been another busy week in the life of St Margarets and Revd. John Wates took a wonderful 'Thanksgiving' service for the late David Harrod followed by afternoon tea in the Orchard. It was a glorious sunny afternoon, and the smell of pink peonies and white stocks fragranced the air. It was a true celebration as the family had sadly only been able to have a very quiet and reserved service for their father, with only three of them able during the height of the pandemic, so this was an opportunity for everyone to gather together to remember David. I am sure the resident bats were awoken from their slumber by an extremely rousing rendition of 'Jerusalem' ably accompanied by the talented 'Frank Foxen' on the organ. John was also heard playing his trumpet. The happiness in the church was palpable.

Later during the week, I was delighted to catch up with Pauline Kelly, who asked me to please publish the following invitation to you all 'You are warmly invited to a Thanksgiving Service for Pam Jarrad on 17th July 2.30pm at St. Margarets Church, Chipstead, followed by afternoon tea in the Orchard. Please can you let us know if you hope to come and contact Pauline Kelly (Pam's daughter) on 07811360474 or email paulinesandrakelly@gmail.com to help us with numbers catering.'

This weekend, The Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate, came to visit us and carry out the 'Articles of Enquiry' which is an annual inspection with Ray King our Churchwarden. This involved making sure all our documentation is up to date, that we have the appropriate licenses, and that equipment, for example the fire extinguishers has the appropriate certification. As a church we have to carry out a lot of general annual maintenance and obtain certificates endorsing everything is good working order. This includes the church, the Orchard, the PAHall and Mugswell Hall. There are also other elements included which look at mission statistics, clergy wellbeing, safe-guarding, and an anti-racism charger and registers to name but a few. It is a good sense check each year.

Tomorrow sees our annual APCM, and this year as you already know we are looking for two Churchwardens.

The office of Churchwarden dates from the 13th Century and is one of the earliest forms of recognized lay ministry. The primary function of the office at that time seems to have been taking care of the Church building and its contents, including the responsibility of providing for the repairs of the nave, and of furnishing the utensils for divine service.

Churchwardens are 'lay officials' who have been in charge of the routine running and maintenance of parish churches in perpetuity. They were more commonly known as fabric wardens before the sixteenth

century and were elected to their positions by other members of the laity (a body of people not in orders as opposed to the clergy).

The Churchwardens had custody or guardianship of the fabric and furniture of the church, and even today, they are the legal guardians of the church's moveable goods, such as moveable furniture, plates, and ornaments. They are required to keep an accurate, up-to-date inventory of these items.

In the course of time other duties were added, and Churchwardens became regarded in some respects as the local officers of the Bishop of the diocese, responsible to him for the proper carrying out of their responsibilities. Throughout their long history, Churchwardens have provided an excellent example of the advantages of lay participation in the life and work of a parish.

This week I leave you with words from Roald Dahl, 'Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world.'

Wishing you all a very happy week
Deborah