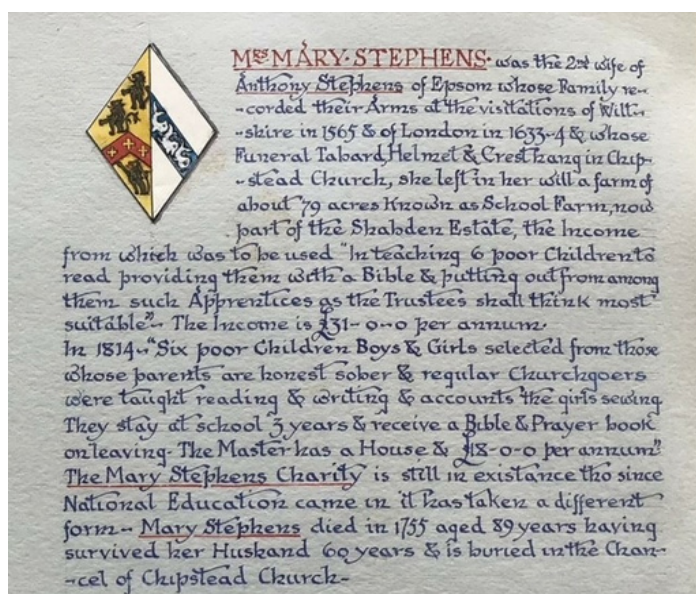




St Margaret's Church



Extracts from WI History of Chipstead, held in Surrey Archives



Join Us This Sunday
Second Sunday of Lent
 With Revd. Hannah Gordon

8.45am: BCP Holy Communion
10.15am: Service of the Word
Readings:
 Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
 Mark 8: 31-end

Junior Church and Young People start in church and then move down to the Orchard, where activities run alongside the main service and finish at 11.15am.

Reminder:
Midweek Holy Communion
Wednesday 28th
Feb 11 am

Help!

A request for help from Dewi Bowen Williams

Has anyone seen a missing volume of the WI history of Chipstead circa 1940? It used to be in a large glass display cabinet in St Margaret's Church. It was still in the church when Revd. Blair-Fish was in the parish. It would have black and white photos, and probably be a similar size to the pages of its sister volume displayed above. We know it had a larger picture of the Old School House farmyard than in this picture and a picture of Flint Cottage amongst other Chipstead buildings.

It would be a sister volume to this volume, which is kept with other WI material at Surrey History Centre. The text and pictures would be on thick scrapbook paper, probably a similar size to the above photographs (arranged: landscape rather than portrait). The glass display case was where the piano presently stands. Maybe you remember someone taking this volume for safe-keeping. If the volume still exists, then it can be found.

King Nebuchanezzar said to the faithful prophet Daniel, that his God was "a revealer of secrets" Daniel 2:47 King James Bible.

Please contact admin@smchipstead.org if you have any information.

Morning Prayer
09:15 am Every Tuesday and Wednesday

Revd. Tim Bateman



Revd. Tim Bateman was a member of our church family from 2005–2012 when his dad was our Rector and was married here in 2013. He has since been ordained and came here as a visiting priest during our interregnum in 2022. He is taking up a new post as the Rector of St Peter's, Farnborough from next Tuesday. Please pray for Tim and Claire and their children as they begin this exciting new ministry.



LoveWorks

Many thanks to all who have contributed food/toiletries to the Food Bank in the past. Last year Chipstead gave enough donations to fill 473 large green crates and we were the largest contributor to the local Bank! Donations are still urgently needed so please will you continue to bring them, either by way of the red box in Church or directly to the Rugby Club on Thursday mornings between 11.30 and 1.30. Thank you so much!

Parish Office

Deborah is in the Parish Office every Wednesday, between 10am and 1pm. Do drop in for a chat and refreshments.

Monthly Drop In Sessions with Hannah

20th February	18th June
19th March	16th July
16th April	17th September
21st May	15th October



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10am - 11:30am

In the parish office

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Diary Dates



With Bishop Rosemarie and Dr Elaine Storkey

St Bede's School, 64 Carlton Rd, Redhill,
Saturday 2nd March, 9.30am to 4pm

Maundy Thursday



8pm, Thursday 28th March

Joint Holy Communion Service at St. Margaret's Church. You are invited to come and share in the meal Jesus gave us, relive the story of Jesus and his disciples on his last night, and experience foot washing.



Messy Palm Sunday

With the Messy Church Team

St Margaret's Church 'Orchard' on
Sunday 24th March 3–5pm



Lent

Hannah will be running the Lectio Course which is 5 sessions

Hannah has chosen it because it is a way of praying with the Bible and the five week course has an introduction, a video, a discussion and a practical activity and it is suitable for all ages. It will run on Sunday evenings, starting at 5pm for 90 minutes.

Each session is an hour long so that gives time for refreshments beforehand.

Location: Orchard.

The last one will be 17th March.

Reminder week two of the Lectio Course this week in the Orchard from 5pm to 6.30pm

Watch and Pray: Sign up for daily emails here

<https://www.churchofengland.org/fai-th-calling/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/watch-and-pray-lent-reflections>

Or download the App for iOS or Android from the usual places!



There are two books available at the back of church the green one is for adults and the orange one for children. If you would like one and are not able to come to church please contact the admin office.

SO WHAT IS LECTIO DIVINA?

Whilst I was creating the screens for this weeks service, the video for the first week happened to be on the laptop and I watched session one, a link to which can be found below.

https://www.24-7prayer.com/podcast_series/the-lectio-course/

It was beautiful and Pete Greig has one of those voices that reminded me of a warm summers day as he spoke and cradled his very battered bible, I was transported off into prayerful peace!

Pete started by talking about a painting by British painter Francis Barraud titled 'His Master's Voice' Nipper (1884 – September 1895), also known as the RCA Victor dog, was a dog (believed to be a terrier mix) from Bristol, England, served as the model for a 1898 painting. It was an interesting comparison as Barraud painted him listening to a record, and the voice that came from the speaker, was actually that of Mark Barraud (his brother) who had recorded his voice on some cylinders, and passed these onto Francis, so Nipper was not only listening to his master's voice, he was listening to his dead master's voice, which is how HMV the record company found its name!

So as Nipper recognised his master's voice, we must learn to recognise the acoustics of God's voice.

Lectio Divina, is about prayer, a slow pace and with imagination turning the Bible into a conversation with God.

Pete described the following four areas as a fluid dance move, more of a helpful guide, not a rigid structure.

Lectio/Read the text

Meditatio/Mediate upon the text, allow your mind to explore the meaning

Oratio/Pray the text, turn thoughts into prayer

Contemplatio/Contemplate the Lord, move your focus away from the text and onto Christ himself

The video then finished with an interview with Contemplative Nun, 'Sister, Mary Magdalen,' who described Lectio Divinia as a personal encounter with Christ guaranteed.

Pete is the author of 'How to Hear God', which explores the story of Christ's playful, poignant conversation on the road to Emmaus, Pete draws deeply from the insights of a wide range of Christian traditions. He weaves together the evangelical emphasis upon hearing God in the Bible and the charismatic commitment to hearing God in the prophetic, with the contemplative understanding of God's 'still, small voice' within.





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*"Let justice roll down like
waters and righteousness
like an ever-flowing stream"*

Amos 5:24

Week 2: St Martha's House, the Diocese of Jerusalem

St Martha's House is a Day Care Centre for Christian women in Bethlehem, in the West Bank. It was established in May 2010 to provide loving care to elderly women, mainly widows who live alone. Many of them can no longer manage to live alone independently and they are often isolated and lonely. In Palestine, an elderly Day Care Centre is not financially supported by the Palestinian Authority. No welfare systems such as state pensions, healthcare or social services exist in Bethlehem to provide a safety net of support.

St Martha's House aims to monitor and respond appropriately to the age-related personal and healthcare needs of those who they see week by week. They aim to provide a dignified life for those who have no means of support, to provide a place for social and recreational leisure activities that will support the psychological welfare of the elderly and will help them to overcome social isolation.

St Martha's House's mission is to help the elderly Christian women in their local area who lack financial and family support. They take their name and inspiration from Martha, Lazarus' sister. St Martha's House provides a safe and a caring environment where there are no worries about where the next meal is coming from or if they will see anyone that day. The women all say they enjoy coming to spend time with their friends and all the extra activities they are able to take part in.

The Christian population in Bethlehem has shrunk from 29% 100 years ago to



Bishop Christopher with Laila Asfoura who runs Martha's House (both left) joined by supporters and the women who go there every week.

less than 2% now. Many people have left the area and the whole of the Holy Land, especially young people, and those who remain are left alone with no one to care for them. The Martha's House project not only helps elderly women but also the younger population by easing their responsibilities looking after their parents and this helps them to stay in their homeland.

Currently there are 30 older women who go to St Martha's House, they come from different Christian denominations (Catholic, Orthodox and Lutheran) and from different regions (Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour). St Martha's House is open four days a week and has seven



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The women at Martha's House enjoying a fun activity involving balloons and sticks.

staff. When it began it relied upon the help of volunteers in order to achieve its vision of serving and helping women who found themselves in need. Several of those who started as volunteers of them are still part of our staff team now.

A Day at St Martha's House

Early in the morning the mini-bus driver and their assistant pick up the guests from their homes. When they arrive, they sit together in the dining room and have breakfast and a hot drink. They chat with each other and then they gather in the living room and pray. After this there are several activities on offer such as physical exercises or having a health education talk. Sometimes volunteers visit and offer the elderly women self-care such as cutting and dying their hair. Some like to do embroidery and craft work, other days they like to play bingo and cards. Some days it is enough to be able to sit around the TV or to share their stories and chat. After a busy and fun morning, they are served a choice of healthy lunches and snacks.

The House has an excellent garden, lovingly tended to by the gardener, Edward. There are lemon and olive trees and various herbs including basil, mint and thyme, which produce excellent harvests. Edward also grows other vegetables, such as courgettes, tomatoes, cucumber, and green beans. The guests are encouraged to help with picking and preparing the produce for cooking. This is then used to make delicious snacks and meals.

Whenever the budget allows, the staff try to arrange for outside activities such as picnics and journeys in the area or to other cities such

as Jericho. A medical crew from the Palestinian Medical Relief Society comes to St Martha's to do health checks, such as blood pressure and blood glucose tests and they also look after the women's dental health. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society also visits, and they teach the staff activities which they can use to keep the women physically and mentally healthy and happy, including using music for stress relief.

St Martha's House is still able to operate during the conflict in the Holy Land, providing an invaluable lifeline and a slice of normality for those who attend. At first many were scared to leave their homes, due to social unrest, demonstrations and armed roadblocks. Now all of the women are back and the staff and volunteers are trying to do activities with them to cheer them up and make them forget the horrors and worries about their families and friends. Now, more than ever, St Martha's House is crucial in keeping those who attends from sliding into depression and loneliness. St Martha's House gives them a place to be amongst friends and support each other. Those who manage the Centre cannot change the situation but they can make it a bit more bearable.

It costs £57,000 a year to provide this essential service for these elderly women, a lifeline for those who would otherwise be isolated at home. Might you be able to give £40 to cover the costs for a week for one guest? This would help St Martha's to ensure that more isolated elderly women could attend, there are six on the waiting list at present. Please pray for the work of St Martha's House at this difficult time for Israel and Gaza and the surrounding areas and this about whether you can help to keep this wonderful resource going.

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