



St Margaret's Church



Photo Credit: Kim Honey, taken in the 'Paradise Garden' at Wychcroft.

Sunday, 9th February

We invite you to join us for our Sunday services, led by Revd. Hannah Gordon, Rector. The theme this week is **'The Lord's Prayer, Teach us to Pray'**

9am **Holy Communion**
10.15am **All Ages All Together in the Orchard**

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The week ahead

Saturday 8th February

9.30am to 4.30pm
Vision Day at Wychcroft

Tuesday 11th February

9.15am **Morning Prayer**

Wednesday 12th February

9.15am **Morning Prayer**
10am to 1pm
Parish Office Open
Please do drop in for tea, coffee, cake and a chat.

Friday 14th February

9.30am to 11.15am
Maggies Song in the Orchard
6-7.30pm **Friday Youth** in the Orchard

Electoral Roll COMPLETE REVISION

Every six years, each parish must create a new Electoral Roll to ensure it accurately reflects the current situation.

Everyone will need to re-apply;

members on the previous roll need to apply to be included – inclusion is not automatic. New people can also apply during this period.

The notice was placed on Monday 3rd February 2025 and the roll will be completed by 16th March 2025. Forms are available in church and we will email everyone soon.



You will all know our talented and lovely Worship and Music Director Libby Egwuba. She has been part of St Margaret's for over 18 years, and has been at the centre of many changes in church. We are so blessed to have the benefit of her skill, time and deeply prayerful nature. I want to let you all know that she will be taking a sabbatical from St. Margaret's for 9 weeks, starting after she has preached on 16th February and returning to us on Sunday 27th April which is just after Easter. She won't be contactable for work by email or phone during this time.

The word sabbatical comes from the same root as sabbath; which is both a command and a spiritual discipline! I cannot stress enough that Libby is not leaving us, nor taking a holiday, but is instead setting time apart for God to rest, to restore and to seek God's direction.

This is an exciting time for Libby but also for us, as our gifted musicians step up and lead across our services. We will also still see Adolph, Renel and Dayton, when Adolph's shifts allow.

Please pray for Libby to have a restorative period of sabbatical and for us as we also discern God's leading. If you have any questions please call me.

I close with Pete Grieg's sabbath blessing:

May this day bring Sabbath rest to my heart and my home.

May God's image in me be restored, and my imagination in God be re-storied.

May the gravity of material things be lightened, and the relativity of time slow down.

May I know grace to embrace my own finite smallness in the arms of God's infinite greatness.

May God's Word feed me and His Spirit lead me into the week and life to come. Amen

With every blessing, Hannah

The Bereavement Course

If you've been bereaved, either recently or some time ago, you're not alone. This six session course, based on a series of short films and discussion groups, will help you in the process of working through grief and loss.

Tuesdays 3:00-5:30pm
 22 April
 29 April
 6 May
 13 May
 20 May
 27 May Break
 3 June *

For more information and to let us know you would like to come please contact Claire
pastoral@smchipstead.org

The Orchard at
 St Margaret's Church

(*optional session exploring the faith perspective)



During Lent, we will hold a **Said Holy Communion** service every Wednesday, starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, through to April 16th. The service will take place from **10:00 AM to 10:30 AM**, with refreshments available afterwards. We invite you to join us for a time of reflection and worship during this Lenten season.

C.A.M.E.O.

Come And Meet Each Other
for refreshments and activities

**2-4pm on the third
Monday of the month**

20th January 2025
17th February 2025
17th March 2025

In Hooley Village Hall
St Margaret's Road, CR5 3RB



For information contact Fofo
fofo.lappin@gmail.com

FRIDAY YOUTH

17 JAN
31 JAN
14 FEB
28 FEB
14 MAR
28 MAR

6-7:30PM IN THE ORCHARD



Email Josh to find out more...
youth@smchipstead.org

Are you living
with the loss of
a loved one?

Monthly drop-in
**Bereavement
Café**

@
The Orchard,
St Margaret's Church,
Church Lane, Chipstead

Tuesdays
2:30-4pm
18Feb
18 Mar
15 Apr
20 May
and every 3rd
Tuesday of the
month thereafter

Come to the **Robins' Café** - a
relaxed, safe place to share,
laugh, cry and talk to others who
understand how you're feeling.



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CHIPSTEAD FOOD BANK

We are open to receive donations
EVERY THURSDAY
at **CHIPSTEAD RUGBY CLUB**
from **11.30 to 13.30**
by the Meads Car Park

All donations collected go to
www.Loveworks.org.uk
a local food bank charity providing emergency
food provision and working towards preventing
food poverty recurrence

More families than ever are now in crisis, your
donations provide help for people in need

In 2023 we collected 434 full crates
of non-perishable goods, that went directly to
people in trouble

Many thanks for your continued support!

Messy Church @St. Margaret's

Join us for all-age activities, community and a chance to
eat together at tea-time!



2nd February 2025

2nd March 2025

27th April 2025

22nd June 2025



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH CHIPSTEAD, CR5 3RD



HELP WANTED



Your churchyard needs you! We
are looking for volunteers to
help maintain the churchyard
on a Wednesday morning
between 9.30am and 12 noon.
Refreshments provided.



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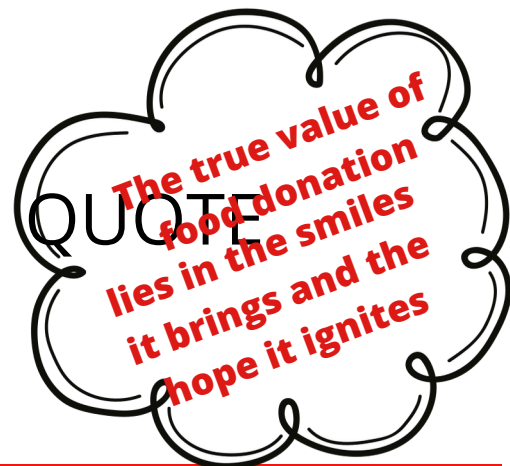
Loveworks

Improving the lives of local people through food

February 2025

FOOD BANK UPDATE

In January, the demand for our food banks continued with 27 new referrals received. Loveworks gave out 211 parcels, helping 536 local people who would have gone hungry without this support. We also continue to give out utility top ups, ensuring that those really struggling can put on their heating at this time of year.



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

No one should go hungry. Please help us if you can.



Donate food



Make an online donation or set up a monthly at loveworks.org.uk.

We are in need of new volunteers to join our friendly team.



Please email info@loveworks.org.uk to find out how you could help.

URGENTLY NEEDED

This month we are in great need of:

- Tinned meat (ham/corned beef)
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Breakfast cereal



[Find your nearest donation point at loveworks.org.uk](https://loveworks.org.uk)

We cannot help those who need us without the support of our community. Thank you for making a difference!

OTHER NEWS



This wonderful produce was grown at the Loveworks allotments by our volunteers. These fresh vegetables really enhance what we provide to our food bank users. We are also incredibly grateful to [Buckland Nurseries](https://www.bucklandnurseries.co.uk), who this month donated seeds and compost, allowing us to grow more fresh food. Thank you Buckland Nurseries for your continued support.



info@loveworks.org.uk



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Reigate Deanery Quiet / Prayer Day



12 April 2025
Wychcroft
9.30am – 3pm
Lunch included



'Christ Centred, Outward Focused'

The Ven. Greg Prior (Archdeacon of Croydon) will be leading the Quiet Day.

Join us in the beautiful surroundings of Wychcroft in Bletchingly to spend the day in quiet reflection, worship and prayer.

Refreshments provided throughout the day. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Cost: Minimum charge of £25. Cost to Deanery is £43 – attendees are welcome to pay the full cost.

Payment can be made to:

Reigate Deanery Synod

Nat West Bank plc

Sort code 54-30-36

Account number 23566582

Spaces are limited. All are welcome. Please contact the **Reigate Deanery Secretary** (reigatedeanery@gmail.com or 01737 210785) no later than **Wednesday 26 March 2025** to book your place and to confirm your payment.

The Ven. Greg Prior (Archdeacon of Croydon)

Greg was born in 1968 in South Africa and is a proud African. He was ordained Deacon in 1995 and Priest in 1996. He spent 7 years of ordained ministry in South Africa and has regularly returned to the continent of his birth to participate in training and discipleship.

Greg became Vicar of All Saints with Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, a two church parish, in September 2004 and has seen it transformed into a growing, vibrant and culturally diverse Christian community, representing more than 14 different nationalities.

Greg was Area Dean of Wandsworth and served as Acting Archdeacon of Wandsworth in 2021 while The Venerable John Kiddle was on Sabbatical.

Greg enjoys spending time with his wife, Judith, and their three children, Rebecca, Sarah, and Nathan. He is a keen Chelsea supporter and enjoys watching rugby, "especially when South Africa are playing." He enjoys listening to a wide variety of music styles and plays the guitar, saxophone and sings.

Greg was installed as Archdeacon of Croydon on Sunday 4 December 2022.