

St Margaret's Church





#### Sunday, 2nd March

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, 'Your Kingdom Come'** 

#### 9am Morning Praise 10.15am Holy Communion with Baptism

Children and Youth groups to run alongside this servce, everyone starts off in church 3-5pm Messy Generosity

#### Contact Us

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## The week ahead

Tuesday 4th March 9.15am Morning Prayer

#### Ash Wednesday 5th March

9.15am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion with Ashing followed by refreshments 10am to 1pm Parish Office Open

Please do drop in for tea, coffee, cake and a chat.

#### Friday 7th March 07:15am to 7.30am

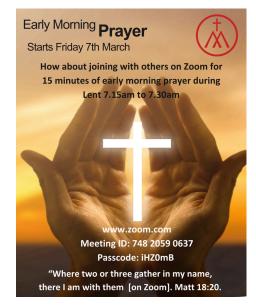
Zoom Morning Prayer

www.zoom.com Meeting ID: 748 2059 0637 Passcode: iHZOmB **9.30am to 11.15am** Maggies Song in the Orchard 6pm to 7.30pm Friday Youth in the Orchard

## Lent

#### Said Holy Communion

service will be held 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



## **Electoral Roll**

A church electoral roll is a list of people who are officially part of the church and eligible to vote on important decisions, like choosing church leaders or influencing the direction of church activities

#### Why you might sign up:

- 1. Have a Voice: Signing up lets you vote on key decisions, like who leads the church or what the church focuses on. It's your way of helping shape the church's future.
- 2. **Be Part of the Community:** It shows you're a committed member of the church, strengthening your connection to the church family.
- 3. **Stand for Roles:** If you want to take on a leadership role, such as becoming a churchwarden or helping with church decisions, you need to be on the electoral roll.

Every six years, each parish is required to create a new Electoral Roll to ensure it's up to date. **This means everyone has to reapply—even if you were on the previous roll**, you need to fill out a new form. **New members are also welcome to sign up during this time.** 

- This notice was first posted on Monday, February 3rd, 2025.
- The new roll will be finalised by March 16th, 2025.
- The form is attached to this email, is also available in the church or you can request one by emailing the administrator at <a href="mailto:admin@smchipstead.org">admin@smchipstead.org</a>
- Once you've filled out the form, you can either leave it on the desk in the parish office or send it to the administrator.

It is not compulsory to join or rejoin, but is an opportunity to make sure you're officially part of the church community.

## ChurchSuite - Communication Tool

Church Suite is a software application that as part of our efforts to streamline our databases and communication systems will help church staff and volunteers stay organised, communicate efficiently, and manage church activities effectively.

Key features include:

**Membership Management**: Allows churches to store and manage details about their members, including contact information

**Communication**: Helps churches stay in touch with members through email newsletters, group messaging, and event notifications.

We would appreciate it if our church family and community members would provide their personal details and give us permission to contact you via email, phone, or SMS. Your information will be stored securely and in compliance with our Privacy Policy, which you can view on our website.

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If you decide that you would rather the church not hold any information about you then the weekly newsletter is available on the website.



As the weather warms up and the skies brighten, St Margaret's monthly walk will recommence on Friday, 4th April. We'll meet at the lychgate at 10:30 AM and set off for a leisurely, circular walk through the surrounding countryside. The walk typically lasts about an hour at a relaxed pace, and we'll finish back at St Margaret's for coffee.

We hope to see you there! Eve

3 June \*

(\*optional session exploring the faith perspective)

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

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 Founded in 17% Registered Charity No: 311999



## Mary Stephens Foundation



We can provide support with academic costs such as:

- School uniform
- Books
- Sporting equipment
- Study materials
- School & residential trips

We are an educational charity for children living in Hooley, Chipstead or Netherne.

For more information contact Susie Grover marystephensfoundation@gmail.com

# CHALL ins for 40 This Lent, support your local food bank and give back instead

## of giving something up

## HOW TO TAKE PART

Every day during Lent (5 March to 17 April), put an item aside to donate to Loveworks food banks. You can do this on your own or get a group together to participate. Every item donated will make a difference to someone living locally who needs our help.

DROP DONATIONS TO: Chipstead Food Bank Every Thursday at Chipstead Rugby Club from 11.30am to 1.30pm by the Meads Car Park St Margaret's Church, Wednesday between 10am and 1pm or Sunday between 9am and 11.30am



## ITEMS TO DONATE

- Tin corned beef or ham
- Tin fruit or vegetables
- Microwave snacks cup-asoup/instant noodles/instant pasta Jars of cooking sauce
- Tin meat casseroles
- Tin custard or rice pudding
- Breakfast cereal
- Biscuits
- Tin pulses
- Tin potatoes

Please note that we do not need pasta at this time.

EVERY ITEM DONATED HELPS SOMEONE IN DESPERATE NEED. THANK YOU!

## CAN'T GET TO THE SHOPS?

MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION HERE



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